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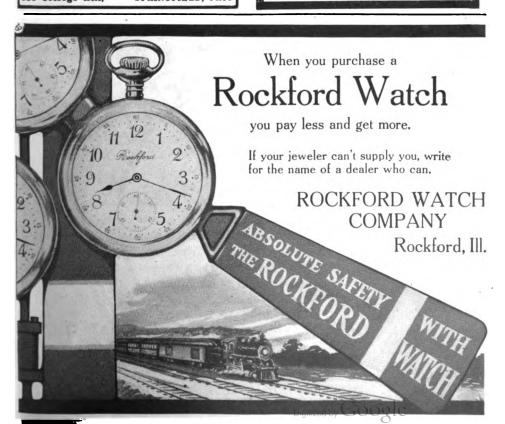
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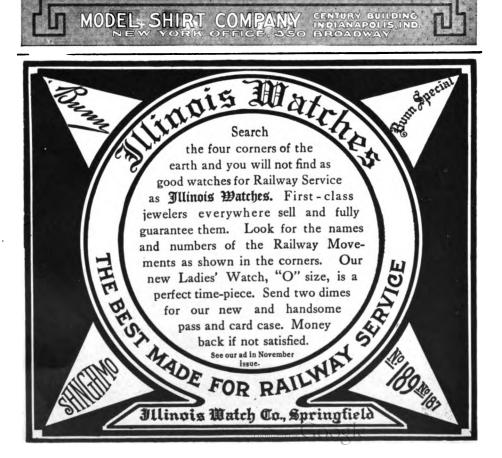
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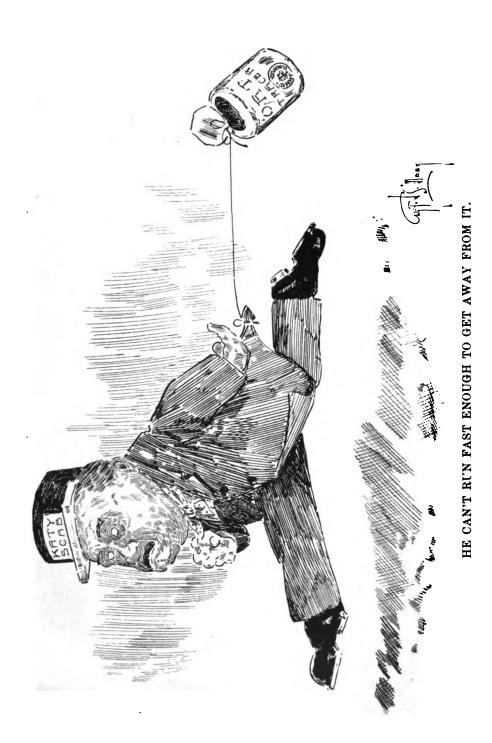
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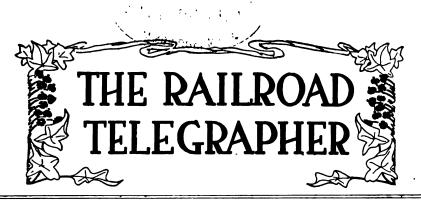








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THE BOND QUESTION.

PPLICATIONS for stock in the proposed bond company continue to come in, but, as was to be expected, the financial depression, which resulted in throwing many members out of work and made others feel insecure in their positions, temporarily retarded the work of organizing the proposed company, but now that conditions are gradually improving, the work will be taken up with renewed energy with a view of carrying it to a successful conclusion.

Many requests have been received from members throughout the country that the manner of paying for stock in the proposed company be changed so as to permit subscribers to pay five dollars per month until the full amount subscribed is paid up, and as this request has become quite general, this arrangement will be made.

A local chairman on the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, in a letter to the Editor, very aptly describes the situation in regard to the proposed bond company in the following manner:

"One of the best opportunities ever offered any class of workingmen for genuine, active, practical co-operation, is now before the telegraphers. Twenty-two years ago we took the first step in this direction when we organized the O. R. T.; ten years ago we took the second step when we organized the Mutual Benefit Department; that both of these steps were practical and have been eminently successful all are aware, and we now have before us the third step in practical co-operation in the bond company. This proposition is plain, practical business, and yet it is strictly co-operative. This third step in co-operation comes to us after we have seen the success of the second step, which is the Mutual Benefit Department, which now has a surplus of nearly a quarter of a million dollars, and it is to the membership to take hold and make the bond company our third grand success in practical co-operation."

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SUBSCRIPTION BLANK.

Under the new arrangement, whereby members can subscribe for stock in the proposed company by making the nominal payment of five dollars per month, it puts subscriptions within the reach of every member of the Order, and every member who is interested in the proposed company should promptly file a subscription for stock

in the proposed company. As has been stated in these columns before, this matter is up to the membership, and if they desire the proposed company organized, it will be necessary to indicate that fact by subscribing for the stock in order to make its organization possible.

MR. L. W. QUICK, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.: I herewith enclose for for as first payment on subscription for shares of stock in the proposed Bond Company, to be organized and incorporated by members of The Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and hereby agree to remit the balance due on said subscription, in installments of five dollars per month until the full amount of this subscription is paid. If this remittance and those made hereafter, in accordance herewith, are accepted, it is under the condition that if for any reason said Bond Company is not organized, the full amount of any and all remittances made by me on account thereof are to be returned to me without any deductions whatsoever. CONDITIONS. I understand: That it is proposed to organize a Bonding Company, with capital stock of not less than \$250,000; stock in said company when organized to be of par value of \$10.00 per share: subscriptions to such stock to be accepted only from members of THE ORDER OF RAILROAD TRLEGRAPHERS in good standing. No one individual to be allowed to subscribe for more than fifty shares of stock. Subscriptions to be payable as follows: Five dollars to accompany the subscription blank, and the balance to be paid in regular monthly installments of five dollars each. All money to be returned to remitter, if for any reason the proposed company is not organized.

(Signature) (P. O. Address)

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T is an old saying that "Murder Will Out." It will be remembered that the strike on the Santa Fe Railway began on December 8th, 1900. The Editor recently received a letter reading in part as follows:

"I desire to call your attention to a circular letter of old origin, which dropped into my hands a few days ago, and a copy of which was sent to many employes of the C., M. & St. P. and C. & N. W. Railways at that time, which goes to show the part the so-called telegraph college takes in promoting the class of telegraphers in the country."

The circular referred to is on the letterhead of The Valentines' School of Telegraphy, and reads as follows:

JANESVILLE, WIS., Dec. 8, 1900.

DEAR SIR—We are authorized by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company to announce its desire to employ a large number of telegraph operators. The opportunity is a good one. If you know of any operators who wish to take advantage of it, they should address J. M. Barr, Third Vice-President, Great Northern Building, Chicago, mentioning our name. Transportation will be furnished to all those who are given employment. This

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communication is the result of a personal interview between Mr. Barr and a member of this firm. In applying for employment, this letter may be inclosed, if so desired. Please let us know if you can do anything in the matter. Yours truly,

(Signed) VALENTINES' SCHOOL OF TELEGRAPHY.

RAILWAY STATISTICS.

N March 31, 1908, there were approximately 345,000 fewer employes working for railroads in the United States than were at work on October 1, 1907, according to statistics prepared for the General Managers' Association. The statistics include actual figures of employes discharged by seventeen roads, having a mileage of 71,782. The percentage of decrease runs from 15 per cent to 25 per cent. The roads from which the statistics were taken are: Lake Shore, Michigan Central, Burlington, Chicago and Northwestern, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, Alton, Baltimore and Ohio, Erie, Chicago, Lake Shore and Eastern, Chicago Terminal Transfer, Chicago Junction, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, New York, New Haven and Hartford, New York Central, Southern Railway and Missouri Pacific.

When the so-called financial depression came on and many telegraph offices were closed, an effort was made in some quarters to attribute the closing of the offices to the new Federal Nine-Hour Law. The object in doing so was very apparent, as it was thoroughly understood that the railroads would make an effort to have the nine-hour law repealed, which effort was made at the last session of Congress and which failed. It is very clear that the attempt to create the impression that the nine-hour law was responsible for the closing of many offices was for the purpose of attempting to create dissatisfaction with that law in the hopes of being able to accomplish their purpose of having it repealed. Everyone who has given the matter any thought realize that the nine-hour law was not responsible for the closing of any station, but, on the contrary, that it was responsible for keeping many men at work who would otherwise have been thrown out of a position under the guise of the "Financial Depression." When the foregoing figures are taken into consideration, it will be appreciated that there were fewer telegraphers actually thrown out of work than any other class of railroad employes, which fact can be attributed to the operation of the nine-hour law, which created many new positions and thereby furnished employment for many who would otherwise have been thrown out of work.

HEARINGS ON THE NINE-HOUR LAW.

BRIEF account of the hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission on the applications of thirty-five systems of railroad for an extension of time, was published in the March issue of THE TELEGRAPHER. The official record of that hearing makes interesting reading, extracts from which will be published from time to time, as space permits.

The following is taken from that record:
BEFORE THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

IN THE MATTER OF HOURS OF LABOR OF RAILWAY TELEGRAPH OPERATORS.

Washington, D. C., Thursday, February 27, 1908, 10 o'clock a. m.

The Commission met at 10 o'clock a. m Present, Commissioners Knapp (chairman), Clements and Cockrell.

APPEARANCES.

A. D. Bethard, Assistant General Manager, M., K. & T. System.

B. L. Birkholz, New York, representing Mr. A. C. James, Vice-President, El Paso & Southwestern, El Paso & Northwestern, etc.

S. W. Brown, General Superintendent, M. C. R. R., Detroit, Mich.

C. H. Gaunt, Assistant General Manager, and Evans Browne, of Britton & Gray, attorneys for the A., T. & S. F. Ry. System.

W. Y. Brownlee, General Transportation Manager, Grand Trunk Ry.

B. B. Carroll, Private Secretary to First Vice-President, C. of Ga. Ry.

Robert J. Cary, New York Central Lines west of Buffalo.

Lucian H. Cocke, General Attorney, Norfolk & Western Ry.

- M. S. Connors, General Superintendent, representing Hocking Valley Ry., T. & O. C., Kanawha & Mich., Zanesville & Western and Marietta & Columbus.
- J. C. Culkins, General Chairman, M. C. R. R., Albion, Mich.
- R. P. Dalton, General Superintendent, C., C. & L. R. R., Chicago, Ill.

John L. Davis. Superintendent of Telegraph, Chicago & Eastern Illinois.

William G. Dearing, General Attorney, L. & N. R. R.

William Duncan, General Attorney, Wheeling & Lake Erie R. R. Co. and Wabash Pittsburg Terminal Ry.

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- B. F. Frobes, Oregon Short Line R. R. J. A. Gordon, General Superintendent,
- representing Receiver Judson W. Harmon, C., H. & D. Ry.
- C. R. Gray, Second Vice-President, St. L. & S. F. R. R.
- G. H. Groce, Superintendent Telegraph and Signals, O. C. R. R., Chicago, Ill.

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- T. F. Heminger, General Chairman, O. R. T. System Division, No. 46, C. of Ga. Ry. Co.
- H. A. Herbert, of Herbert & Micou, Seaboard Air Line.
 - F. H. Janvier, Lehigh Valley R. R. Co.
- M. J. Johnson, General Chairman, Order Railroad Telegraphers, C., B. & Q. R. R., Anselmo, Neb.
- J. F. Justice, General Chairman, O. R. T., C., C., C. & St. L. Ry. Telegraphers.
- G. E. Kipp, representative of Telegraphers, L. S. & M. S. R. R. Co.
- Geo. W. Kretzinger, Grand Trunk Ry., Monon Ry., Central Vermont Ry.

Alexander R. Lawton, General Chairman, Order of R. R. Telegraphers, N. & W. Ry., Troutville, Va.

L. L. Lewis, Counsel for receivers of the Seaboard Air Line Ry., Richmond, Va.

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Chas. Seldon, Superintendent B. & O. R. R. Co.

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- E. L. Stump, General Chairmar Union Pacific Telegraphers.
- H. D. Teed, Superintendent St. L. & S. F. Ry.
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- E. N. Van Atta, General Cha & O. R. R. System, Division No. of Railroad Telegraphers.
- J. Q. Van Winkle, C., C., & Co.

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Claude Waller, General Counsel, N. C. & St. L. Ry. Co., Nashville, Tenn.

W. C. Walstman, Superintendent of Telegraph, N. & W. Ry. Co.

W. P. Webb, Local Chairman, O. R. T., Southern Ry. Co.

T. P. Whittlesey, General Manager, S. A. L. Ry. Co., Norfolk, Va.

Chas. A. Wickersham, President and General Manager, A. & W. P. R. R. and Western Ry. of Alabama.

John G. Wilson, General Attorney, B. & O. R. R. Co.

B. A. Worthington, First Vice-President and General Manager, Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash Pittsburg Terminal Ry.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, please give your attention. The various petitions which have been filed with the Commission, nearly thirty in number, for an extension of time within which to comply with the Act of Congress of March 4, 1907, commonly known as the "Hours of Labor Law," have all been assigned a hearing this morning; at least all those containing such allegations as show any possible cause for granting an extension. This course was practically unavoidable, because the earliest of these petitions was not filed until the seventh of this month. Many of them have been filed within the last few days, several yesterday, and two this morning, while all of them must be disposed of before the fourth of March. It is apparent, therefore, that the time which can be allowed for oral hearing must be very limited, and therefore it is desired that each case be presented as briefly and as directly as may be, in order to bring to the attention of the Commission the special grounds upon which relief is sought.

The Commission has not undertaken to determine what facts will or may be regarded as good cause for extension, but it has decided that it is not good cause to show that the enforcement of the nine-hour law or the thirteen-hour provision should not be required at certain stations or classes of stations merely because the number of train orders handled at those stations is very few and in many cases quite in-

significant, and therefore it is a needless expense to employ such additional men as may be necessary to comply with the law, and at the same time keep the stations open as at present. In our judgment, concurred in by all the members of the Commission. that is purely a question of legislative policy, and for the Commission to hold otherwise would be for the Commission not to administer this law but to make another one.

'I take occasion to make this statement at this time to remind you that it is hardly worth while to go into questions which really involve the expediency or the reasonableness or the justice of this enactment.

The statement which is described in the most of those petitions was perfectly well known to Congress when this law was enacted, and no distinction is made or can be found in the language of the statute between those stations where the number of train orders is large and those stations where the number of train orders is small. As it appears, however, that certain conditions are common to many, if not most of the roads whose petitions are before us, we have advised one of the interested parties who assumed to speak for many others that we would hear a preliminary statement relating to general conditions, with the view of understanding the situation from that point of view, and in order to economize time and facilitate the disposition of the several cases, and when that statement is concluded we will take up the different petitions in the order in which they were filed, unless some reason appears for changing that order. Mr. Gray, you will be heard.

STATEMENT OF C. R. GRAY,

On Behalf of the St. Louis and San Francisco R. R. Co.

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, the carriers have asked me to make a brief preliminary statement of the conditions which prompt us to ask for an extension of the taking effect of this law.

Since its enactment, and so recently as to have not yet appealed to us in its full force, there has taken place a marvelous depression in the revenues of all the carriers. Each company will no doubt make a statement of its condition, and the Commission will pardon me if I refer briefly to three or four who are geographically located southeast, southwest and middle west, so as to indicate very clearly this condition of which I speak.

Here is one carrier starting in in October with a gross revenue of \$3,694,447.90, representing 12.1 per cent increase over the preceding years, a natural increase considering the conditions of the southwest through which the lines of this carrier extend.

In the month of November these gross earnings decreased to \$3,204,192.49, representing an increase of only 2.7 per cent over the preceding year.

The next month, December, these earnings decreased to \$2,858,717.46, a decrease under the preceding year of \$448,769.15, or a decrease of 13.6 per cent under the preceding year.

The following months, January, 1908, the earnings decreased to \$2,712,585.26, a decrease of \$494,902.07, or a decrease of 15.4 per cent under the preceding year.

For the month of February we have three weeks. The earnings amounted to \$1,752,-117.00, a decrease of \$495,770.00, or 22.5 per cent.

The net operating revenue of this carrier has decreased for November 24.1 per cent and for December 39.7 per cent. In no possible way has it been found reasonable or practicable to decrease the operating expenses in any wise compared with this tremendous slump in earnings.

The following table is a recapitulation of the figures to which I have just referred:

A SOUTHWESTERN RAILROAD.

	Increase	
	or	Per
	Decrease.	Ct.
Oct., 1907.\$3,694,447 90	\$405,981 55	12.1
Nov., 1907. 3,204,192 49	83,104 47	2.7
Dec., 1907. 2,858,717 46	448,769 15	13.6
Jan., 1908. 2,712,585 26	494,902 07	15.4
Feb., 1908		
(3 weeks) 1,752,117 00	495,770 00	22.5

NET OPERATING REVENUE.

					Per
				Decrease.	Ct.
Oct.,	1907.\$	1,054,853	30	\$125,996 02	10.7
Nov.,	1907.	889,979	45	282,673 20	24.1
Dec.,	1907.	746,687	22	490,613 60	39.7

Another carrier in the southeast has come down since October from \$1,387,384.00 increase over the previous year of 9 per cent, another equally fair and reasonable increase, with the growth of the population and of the business, to a decrease in December of 11 per cent and a decrease in January of 22 per cent, as shown by the following table:

A SOUTHEASTERN RAILROAD.

October, 1906	
Increase Per cent	
November, 1906 November, 1907	
Decrease Per cent	
December, 1906 December, 1907	
Decrease	
January, 1907	
Decrease	.\$ 316,587 00

Another carrier in the middle west has decreased from \$5,399,800 in October to \$4,647,665 in January. The same carrier shows a decrease for the three weeks of February of \$359,024, or over 10 per cent.

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Per cent.....

Commissioner Clements: Ten per cent as compared with what?

Mr. Gray:	As	comp	oared	with	the	same
period of last	year	. Th	ie cor	nditio	ns o	n this
road is show	n by	the	follo	wing	tabl	e:

period of last ye		
road is shown 1	-	
	Gross	Net
	Earnings.	Earnings.
October, 1906\$	5,339,800 00	\$1,879,753 00
October, 1907	5,855,470 00	1,765,459 00
Increase\$	515,670 00	
Decrease		\$ 114,294 00
Nov., 1906	5,028,773 00	\$1,818,427 00
Nov., 1907	4,931,092 00	1,273,393 00
Decrease	\$ 97,681 00	\$ 540,034 00
Dec., 1906		\$1,884,139 00
Dec., 1907	4,882,886 00	1,358,724 00
Decrease	\$ 243,996 00	\$ 525,415 00
Estimated-		
January.	1907	\$4,849,801 00
January,	1908	4,647,665 00
Decrea	se	\$ 202,136 00
Three weeks o		
February	, 1907	\$3,373,265 00
		3,014,241 00
Decrea	se	\$ 359,024 00

An eastern carrier shows in October gross earnings of \$7,250,369, an increase over the previous year of 6.6 per cent, while in January, 1908, those gross earnings have decreased to \$4,623,228, or a decrease of over \$2,500,000, and the decrease under the preceding year on this carrier for December was \$1,039,443, and for January \$1,267,930. The condition on this road is shown by the following table:

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE.

TOTAL OF EXALTING REVER	. 0 5.
October, 1907	\$7,250,369 00
Increase	449,479 00
Per cent	6.6
November, 1907	6,575,002 00
Increase	
Per cent	2.0
December, 1907	5,092,505 00
Decrease	
January, 1908	4,623,228 00
Decrease	1,267,930 00

NET OPERATING.

	Decrease.
October	.\$ 112,085 00
November	. 388,846 00
December	. 1,213,846 00
January	. 1,041,459 00

The carriers will present their application before this Commission (save in one or two instances) upon one or more of the following theories:

First-That the necessary force of additional operators can not be obtained, either because of actual scarcity of competent men, or because they could only be secured by taking them from some other railroad. to the latter's detriment.

Second-That although additional men might now be obtained in the instance of some of the carriers they would depart for other fields of endeavor as soon as the business depression ceases and this would place the carriers in disobedience of the law at the very time when the quickening of business would make it imperative that the letter and spirit of the proviso be obeyed.

Third—That sedulous efforts have failed in discovering additional available operators.

Fourth-That the carrier is without financial resources sufficient to comply with the law.

Fifth-That compliance with the law under the present conditions would not additionally safeguard the public, as many offices and blocks would have to be abolished in order to comply with the Act, and not overburden the carrier financially. And this would operate to the detriment of the country's traffic through delays to trains and the consequent slow movement of all business and all cars.

All calculations to insure equitable results must be based on normal and not upon the present extraordinary conditions; not the operators temporarily available under this marvelous condition, but the operators that were available and can be shown to have been available during a period of normal business.

No manager, however far-seeing or prudent he may have been, could anticipate such a slump as has followed the last three or four months, and adjust his operating conditions to meet it. In the face of heavy decreases in gross earnings, every expedient has been resorted to in order to reduce current expenses, and as an inevitably natural result, it has borne unfairly upon many classes of labor. The injection of this arbitrary and wholly unremunerative expense will assuredly result in further aggravating this regrettable condition.

No man can foresee the magnitude of this depression or its duration. If given a reasonable extension, some of the carriers now hopeful of weathering the storm could reasonably within six months show conclusively that the expense comprehended in this statute would involve them in financial disaster.

No such other condition ever confronted the carriers. Previous depressions have come slowly, and could be anticipated. As I have shown by these figures, and as will be shown by other gentlemen as they follow, the present condition has come like a thunderbolt. In one instance a western carrier has depleted its clerical force in the last two months over 750 men. Shops are idle or working upon the very shortest time. Every man possible has been taken out of the service; and yet with all those expedients, the decreases in net earnings are greater by far than the decreases in gross earnings on any railroad in this country.

I ask the Commission to kindly consider these matters; that this is a condition which could not possibly have been foreseen by Congress, could not have been foreseen by any one, and if this unusual and arbitrary amount is injected into our expenses, as I say it will have to be met somewhere. It is bound to bear unfairly upon some class of employes.

The other thing that we wish permission to show is that this is unproductive, unremunerative, and that this Commission in its fairness will have to devise or will be asked to devise revenues to meet it. We shall have to have, and later will ask an increase in rates to offset this charge.

That concludes my remarks. I simply wish to put these general facts before the Commission.

The Chairman: Assuming that all you say is true, are not those considerations to be addressed to the Congress and not to this Commission?

Mr. Gray: Is that a question, Mr. Chairman?

The Chairman: If conditions have arisen, which as you say are unforeseen, but which are common to all the roads, is not that a reason for some legislative relief, not contemplated by any discretion reposed in this Commission?

Mr. Gray: In reply to that question I will say on behalf of the carriers that it is our intention to prosecute before Congress measures to relieve them, but that in the very nature of the case is accompanied by delay, and it was in the opinion of the carriers contemplated that this Commission in its wisdom would be able to meet such an unforeseen condition as this.

The Chairman: Very well, we will now proceed to take up the various petitions in the order in which they were filed, and the first is that of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.

STATEMENT OF DANIEL WILLARD.
Second Vice-President of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.

Mr. Chairman—In the matter of the application of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company for an extension of time to comply with "An Act to promote the safety of employes and travelers upon railroads by limiting the hours of service of employes thereon," I desire to submit the following:

The Burlington Company, as stated in its application for hearing operates nearly 9 000 miles of railroad, much of it located in the thinly settled portions of the West, and in connection with the operation of its road it has maintained and operated until quite recently about 1,000 telegraph offices. Of the total number of offices above mentioned, 546 have been kept open day and night, and to accomplish this, in the majority of cases, only two operators have been employed at each station or office, each man being ostensibly twelve hours on duty. As a matter of fact, however, each operator is relieved from duty one full hour for meal

purposes, and it is provided in the wage schedule that in case such hour can not be given, because of some unforeseen emergency, the operator is to be paid an extra hour whether any work is performed during that time or not.

As was stated in the application, to maintain on the same basis all of the offices which were open at that time would require the employment of about 500 additional men, because the law which becomes effective March 4th requires that three operators be employed, in a large number of cases, where now two men are found to be sufficient. It was believed at the time the application was filed that it would be a matter of much difficulty to obtain the additional number of telegraph operators needed by the Burlington Company to meet the requirements of the new law. The matter has been gone over very carefully, however, since the application for hearing was made, and because of the very considerable shrinkage in business which has taken place in the last three months, it has been found possible and practicable, under existing conditions to close, absolutely, one office which has heretofore been kept open twelve hours a day, and ten offices which have heretofore been kept open twenty-four hours per day. It has also been found practicable to discontinue the night offices at sixtythree stations. The changes above mentioned released and made available for other stations eighty-four telegraph operators. Further, at 112 telegraph offices heretofore maintained twenty-four hours per day, it was found practicable, under existing conditions, to close the office six hours during the twenty-four-hour period, so that two men working nine hours each, as permitted by law, could continue to perform all the necessary duties at those stations. In addition to the changes above referred to, it was found necessary to employ 115 additional telegraph operators, ninety-seven telephone operators and twenty-three helpers, or briefly, the compliance with the law has required the employment by the Burlington Company of 235 additional employes at an estimated annual cost of about \$160,000. It may be said in this connection that the public will be put to no inconvenience by the closing of the offices above mentioned. The additional men required have been provided, and the Burlington Company is now prepared to put the law in effect on date required, and it is only proper to say that, in view of all this, the Burlington Company now withdraws its request for relief, so far as same is based upon what appeared at one time to be the probable difficulty of procuring the required number of men.

While, as has been stated above, it will be possible and practicable for the Burlington Company to comply fully with the law, under existing conditions, with the employment of only 235 additional men, it should be remembered that in order to accomplish this, many offices have been closed for either a portion or the whole of the twentyfour-hour period, which it will be necessary to reopen when business conditions again assume normal, or at least past proportions; and the Burlington Company now asks that the Interstate Commerce Commission, under authority granted to it in the law entitled "An Act to promote the safety of employes and travelers upon railroads by limiting the hours of service of employes thereon," grant a permanent suspension of the law so far as it applies to the 176 stations included in the lists which have already been filed with the Commission, and posted at the various stations, in compliance with the Commission's order.

The Burlington Company believes that the duties of the telegraph operators at the stations named are so light and relatively of so little importance, that it is wholly unnecessary from any consideration of the safety of the traveling public, to require the employment of an additional man in offices where two men are now able to perform all the duties required, in less than one-half, and in many cases less than onefourth, of the hours they are supposed to be on duty. The company has had data carefully compiled in support of the above contention, and it has arranged such data so as to show graphically, so far as may be, the duties performed by each operator, and the time so required. The officer who compiled this information is here in Washington, and if the Commission desires, he will be at their service to explain the matter fully and in detail.

If the amount of business offered the Burlington Company today was the same as handled by it in October, it would not be possible, or at any rate practicable, to close the offices above mentioned, and in that event it would have been necessary to employ at least 176 telegraph or telephone operators more than have been employed. and at a correspondingly increased expense.

The Burlington Company, as has already been stated, has arranged to comply fully with the law in all its aspects, upon the date when it becomes effective, and it makes no protest against any portion of the law, except that particular portion which limits the hours which telegraph operators may be employed at offices open continuously day and night, and it is willing to concede that it may be possible that the safety of the traveling public will be better conserved by the employment of three operators at certain offices where heretofore two operators have performed the duties. The Burlington Company believes it has taken a broad and liberal view of this matter, and it has arranged to so equip sixty-two per cent of its offices now open day and night, and it asks no relief from the Commission at this time, so far as such offices are concerned. It feels very strongly, however, that a just consideration of the interests of the traveling public and of its employes does not require, nor does it justify, the employment of a large number of additional men, to-wit, 176, at the offices mentioned in the lists filed, and it submits that the employment of such additional men, and the increased expense incident to such employment, can only be justified, if justified at all, as it was by one of the gentlemen who spoke in that connection before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House of Representatives, at the hearing granted by it on the 5th inst., at which time he said, among other things:

"The record of the debate also shows that it was not only for public safety that the law was enacted, but it was with a kind consideration of the comfortable convenience of the men themselves."

And it is evident that this phase of the question has occurred to the honorable members of this Commission, for it is noted that in the report of the Commission in the matter of the application of the Georgia Southern & Florida Railway Company for an extension of time to comply with this same Act, that the following language is used:

"To extend the time allowed for compliance at this class of stations, for extension in this case logically involves like extension in all similar cases, would practically nullify the law during the period of postponement as to a large percentage of the employes for whose benefit the law was enacted, * * * * *"

The Burlington Company desires to call attention to the fact that the enacting clause of the Act under consideration reads as follows:

"An Act to promote the safety of employes and travelers upon railroads by limiting the hours of service of employes thereon."

And that no mention is made therein of a desire or purpose to show by legislation "a kind consideration for the comfortable convenience" of any class of railway employes, nor is there anything in the enacting clause to indicate that the law was enacted for the direct "benefit" of a certain class of employes, the Burlington Company has no case; but if the law was framed, as stated in the enacting clause. for the purpose of promoting the safety of the traveling public, then the Burlington Company feels that it is entitled to relief under the last proviso of Section 2 of the Act. The relief which the Burlington Company seeks with reference to the stations referred to is permanent and not temporary, or rather is permanent so long as the service requirements at those stations remain substantially as they are at present. It is believed that the enforcement of the law at such stations as mentioned, means simply that one class of employes is being specially favored, and if so, at the direct expense of some other class of employes presumably equally deserving or at the expense of those who for hire make use of railroad facilities.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to add just a word more in conclusion, suggested by the remarks that you made at the opening of this session.

The Burlington Company seeks relief to this extent, that in order to comply with the law, as it will be necessary, when business increases, we can see that it will increase our annual expense about \$125.000 a year, in addition to the annual increase of \$160,000 a year which we have already provided for, and against which we make no protest.

I wish to call attention to this, which I think is a fair statement of our position, and a fair contention on the part of the railroads.

If it can be shown that the full application of the law as it reads will actually conserve in all particulars the safety of the traveling public, the Burlington Company has no case, and its petition ought not to be granted, even though a full compliance with the law would increase the Burlington's expenses very largely, but not to the point of confiscation. On the contrary, if it is a fact, as has been stated by the chief spokesman of the beneficiaries under this law. that in the Act is also included legislation not contemplated in the enacting clause, but which was for the comfortable convenience of one class of railway employes, which fact seems to have been recognized by this Commission in its order in the Georgia-Florida case, and if the Burlington Company can show to the satisfaction of this Commission that the application of the law to the particular stations referred to in our list, 176 in number, would not promote the safety of the traveling public in the slightest degree, but that it would very greatly add to the Burlington's cost of operation, and to the benefit of a particular class of employes. then I think the public should know that fact, and no less important a body than this Commission should advise the public of that fact.

We did appear before the Interstate Commerce Committee at the Capitol with reference to this particular matter. We did think that perhaps the Commission would take the position that it could not grant the relief. We appeared before the Committee and we were told that the bill was framed so that the relief which we desire could be granted by this Commission, and that we should come here, and we have come here. Now if the Commission takes the position that the relief can not be granted, we will have to bear the burden, but in the end the people who pay the freight and pay the passenger fares, will have to carry this burden which is brought about by this legislation; and if the people feel that they are paying many millions of dollars a year for the purpose of having the safety of the traveling public better conserved, and if it is not so conserved, and if this Commission is satisfied that it is not so in certain particular cases, then I submit that the people ought to know it.

The Chairman: Mr. Willard, does not what you say amount to an argument to use almost your own words, for a permanent or at least an indefinite suspension of this law as to the 176 stations you name?

Mr. Willard: Yes.

The Chairman: Do you think this Commission has any such authority?

Mr. Willard: Possibly I could have disguised our position by asking for an extension, which I think this Commission has authority to grant, and then afterward expecting to get a further extension; but as we really ask a permanent suspension I use those words. I do not try to disguise our motives. I do not know that this Commission has that power, but certainly somewhere the railroads should be heard; somewhere they should be able to say what this law does, and that it does not accomplish the thing in its entirety that it was intended to accomplish, so far as indicated in the enacting clause.

The Chairman: It is certainly very difficult for me to see anything in this law which contemplates any possible inference from its language of an indefinite suspension of this law.

Mr. Willard: I grant that point, Mr. Chairman, but if it is a fact that the operation of the law is, as we think as applied

to those particular stations, then at least that fact ought to be known, and based upon that fact we certainly would have the right to make such applications to somebody, and we have been told at the Capitol that we should make that application here.

I wish to add a word further, Mr. Chairman, for your information. I have had statements prepared, graphically and otherwise, showing the duties of the various operators referred to. The officer who compiled this information has certified to the correctness of it under oath, and he is here, and I would be glad to file with the Commission the statements which we have prepared, and I offer them now for that purpose.

The Chairman: Well, Mr. Willard, while the Commission should and does regard with the greatest respect whatever has been said by a Committee of Congress, we of course are not responsible for what the legislative branch of the Government may at this time say. I have taken occasion to examine carefully the Congressional Record which shows the proceedings in the House at the time this bill was under consideration. Doubtless you are all familiar with the subject, but I may take a moment perhaps to refer to it again.

As this bill passed the House, it had no relieving clause in it whatever. It was a hard and fast rule. It passed the Senate with some provision of this character inserted, and then the bill went to conference. The conferees were unable to agree, and the House conferees reported back to that body their inability to agree and the reasons for it, and thereupon they were instructed by a vote of the House not to recede from their position, and a second conference was ordered. Finally, there was a subsequent report to the effect that unless some concession of this sort was made the bill would fail altogether, as the Senate would not altogether recede from its proposition, and then this very limited and narrow provision was agreed upon. Then followed some debate in the House upon that report before the bill was passed, in which it was made very plain that this Commission was not intended to be given any general dispensing power. Attention was drawn to the difference between the language in this bill and the corresponding provision in the safety appliance law. The Chairman of the Committee of the House, in a speech of considerable length, called attention to those differences in language, and that the Commission could under this provision grant a postponement only in some special interest, or because of some peculiar condition of emergency.

Now, whatever may have been more recently said, of course, is not for me to criticise or comment upon; but there is the record of their declaration at the time this bill was under consideration, which, as I read it, shows conclusively the full understanding of this situation, and the deliberate intention to make this law applicable at stations, without reference to the amount of train orders handled, and, therefore, I again suggest that the argument you make seems to me one that might very properly be addressed to the legislative branch of the Government, but that it does not, as I view the matter at present, indicate a state of facts contemplated by this law, or authorizing this Commission to grant an extension.

Mr. Willard: I am very sorry to know that that was the conclusion of the Commission itself; but yet it seemed to us that even so, if our contention was sound in opinion of the Commission we might at least be favored with an expression from that body to that effect. It seems unfair and unjust that the railroads should be put to a very large additional burden for the ostensible purpose of accomplishing one thing, but really for the purpose of accomplishing something else. It seems as if that fact ought to be understood in some way. Is that all. Mr. Chairman?

The Chairman: Yes, unless Mr. Perham has some question he desires to ask you or some statement that he may wish to make at this time.

Mr. Perham: Not at this time.

The Chairman: Have you any questions to ask Mr. Willard?

Mr. Perham: Not at this time.

Mr. Perham: Mr. Chairman, may I be permitted to make some general statement in behalf of the employes?

The Chairman: We will hear you.

STATEMENT OF MR. H. B. PERHAM,

On Behalf of the Railway Telegraphers.

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Commission, in regard to the general statement that was made by the gentleman who first spoke, Mr. Gray, I desire to say that I am here representing the employes generally of that class, the telegraphers employed on railroads in the United States. and I have here as associates gentlemen who represent the employes directly, who are here to furnish us details in regard to the particular cases that might be brought up for discussion before this Commission. I am also equipped with applications for employment from a large number of men, sufficient to fill every new position created in the United States by this law when it becomes effective, and we will file with the Commission, with your consent, the applications for employment, showing that we are able to meet the requirements of the law.

I notice that it has not been claimed, as far as the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad is concerned, that the company is unable to meet the expense, but the claim is that it would be an increase in the operating expenses. We all anticipated that at the time. We are ready, if need be, to meet the argument in relation to the particular cases at the 176 stations that have been specified. We can do that if it is necessary to do so. There can be no such contention in regard to getting the number of men as far as the 176 stations are concerned. We have applications for that number of positions from the men in the cities traversed by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. I thank you.

The Chairman: Mr. Willard, have you anything further to present on behalf of the company you represent?

Mr. Willard: I think not, Mr. Chairman, unless there is some question you would like to ask.

The Chairman: I suppose the names of the 176 stations appear in your petition?

Mr. Willard: Yes.

The Chairman: Segregated from any other stations?

Mr. Willard: Yes, and the information which we have compiled has special reference to those particular stations, and the affidavits support the statements, showing the number of hours employed in the telegraph work and other duties, and we have also letters from the superintendents stating the additional duties performed at the various stations besides the telegraph duties. I have that information under oath, and Mr. Rice, an officer of the Burlington Company, will be at the service of the Commission, if desired, in that connection.

The Chairman: Apparently, Mr. Willard, the general statement of fact you make is not disputed by Mr. Perham?

Mr. Willard: I judge not, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: There appears to be no issue of that kind?

Mr. Willard: We have been able, as I stated, to secure sufficient men to comply with the law, and we withdraw that portion of our request based upon that fact.

The Chairman: You are then in this attitude: You can obtain such additional men as may be necessary to keep your offices open as you now contemplate, and comply with the law?

Mr. Willard: I am not able to speak of the future, but we have been able so far to comply with the law.

The Chairman: For the present?

Mr. Willard: We expect, if business requires the employment of additional men, we will have greater difficulty in getting that number than we have experienced in the past, but so far as conditions now are, we will be able to comply with the law.

The Chairman: Does not what you say then really come to this, that at these 176 stations the number of train orders handled is so small, and the entire duties of your employes at those stations are so light and so easily performed, that you ought not to be required to employ additional men?

Mr. Willard: Precisely; and if I may say so, instead of conserving the law, that is, instead of promoting the safety of the traveling public by the employment of additional men at those stations, we go so far as to say that directly the opposite result would be obtained, because it would mean the employment of a large lot of new and possibly inexperienced men; and without doubt the average standard of efficiency of all our men would be reduced by the employment of these new men; and we feel that in no possible way can the interests of the traveling public be affected for the better, or be better conserved by the employment of additional men at the stations we have mentioned.

The Chairman: You do not, as I understand you, take the position that full compliance with the law by the employment of the additional men would increase the hazard of the public in traveling over your road?

Mr. Willard: Yes, if you please, I will go that far, and say that the employment of a large number of young and inexperienced men at such stations as those I have referred to would increase the hazard rather than otherwise.

The Chairman: Then are you not virtually saying that the Congress was mistaken in its expectation that this law would promote the safety of the traveling public?

Mr. Willard: If your honor please, that is exactly what I wish to say.

The Chairman: Do you think it is the duty of this Commission to cross the limits of the legislative branch of the Government?

Mr. Willard: I would not undertake to explain to this Commission what its duties are, but I do hope this Commission will give expression to its views concerning the Burlington's petition in some manner.

Commissioner Clements: Well, stripped of all else, your frank statement of your application here is based not upon the idea that you ask a temporary exemption or extension of time under the language of the law in which to comply with it, in the expectation that six months or twelve months from now the conditions will be different, and that there may be good reason for putting on these additional men, but it is that if the same conditions continue, you

would then ask for another extension, and in effect it would be a modification of the law, would it not?

Mr. Willard: Possibly you are right, Mr. Commissioner. We seek temporary or permanent relief, where the conditions are such as we have explained them.

Commissioner Clements: There would be just as much reason to grant the extension at those places?

Mr. Willard: I hope there will be more reason, because I hope it will be much more difficult in a year to get the required number of men, and that we will be confronted with perhaps greater difficulties in that direction a year from now than we are today.

The Chairman: Well, it does not appear that there is any substantial disputed fact in the case of your company?

Mr. Willard: I hope not, Mr. Chairman. The Chairman: And that being so, it is a question for the Commission to decide?

Mr. Perham: Mr. Chairman, I desire to state, so that there need be no misapprehension in regard to the ability and the desirability of these men who are now seeking employment, there are many hundreds if not thousands of men who have had at least ten years' experience in the railroad service, who are now out of work and who desire to get employment under this nine-hour provision of the law.

Mr. Willard: Mr. Chairman, if you will grant me permission, I should like to make one statement pertinent to what has just been said. The record of the Burlington Company shows that during the last twelve months it has discharged from its employment 396 telegraph operators because of unsatisfactory service; in some cases intoxication, in others insubordination, incompetency, and for various reasons which made them unsatisfactory; so that if these men have not secured employment, there are today substantially four hundred telegraphers out of employment because they were unsatisfactory to the Burlington Company. If the same ratio exists all over the United States, that would account for some 8,000 telegraphers out of employment; and if it is true that there are that number of railway telegraphers out of employment, it

by no means follows that they are all men of such a standard of ability that it would be proper or wise to employ them in the positions which we have under consideration.

INCREASED COST OF LIVING.

HE Bureau of Labor, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, has just issued its annual report on wholesale prices in its Bulletin No. 75. The present publication gives wholesale prices for 258 representative staple articles for the year 1907, completing a series of prices for the eighteen years 1890 to 1907.

The report shows that wholesale prices, considering the 258 commodities as a whole, reached a higher level in 1907 than at any other time during the eighteen-year period The average for the year 1907 covered. was 5.7 per cent higher than for 1906; 44.4 per cent higher than for 1897, the year of lowest prices during the eighteen-year period; and 29.5 per cent higher than the average for the ten years from 1890 to 1899. Prices reached their highest point during the eighteen-year period in October, 1907, the average for that month being 1.2 per cent higher than the average for the year 1907 and 2.8 per cent higher than the average for December, 1906, the month of highest prices in 1906.

Of the 258 articles for which wholesale prices were obtained, 172 showed an increase in the average price for 1907 as compared with 1906, 35 showed no change in the average price for the year, and 51 showed a decrease in price.

When the commodities are considered by groups, all of the nine groups showed an increase in price in 1907 as compared with 1906. For farm products taken as a whole this increase was greatest, namely, 10.9 per cent; for food, 4.6 per cent; for cloths and clothing, 5.6 per cent; for fuel and lighting, 2.4 per cent; for metals and implements, 6.1 per cent; for lumber and building materials, 4.9 per cent; for drugs and chemicals, 8.3 per cent; for house-furnishing goods, 6.8 per cent, and for the miscellaneous group, 5 per cent.

While the general average of wholesale prices for the year 1907 was higher than

the average for 1906, the tendency upward did not continue throughout the year, for after the high point was reached in October, there was a heavy decline in November, and a still further decline in December, the average for that month being 35 per cent below the October average. This heavy decline in the latter part of the year was quite general, the prices of 132 of the 258 articles in December being below the high point of the year and of 46 lower than in any other month of the year.

RELATIVE WHOLESALE PRICES OF COM-MODITIES, 1890 to 1907. [Average price for 1890-1899=100.0.]

Year.	Relative price of all com- modities.	Year.	Relative price of all com- modities.
1890	112.9	1899	101.7
1891 `	111.7	1900	110.5
1892	106.1	1901	108.5
1893	105.6	1902	112.0
1894	96.1	1903	113.6
1895	93.6	1904	113.0
1896	90.4	1905	115.0
1897	89.7	1906	122.5
1898		1907	120.5

RELATIVE WHOLESALE PRICES OF COM-MODITIES FOR EACH MONTH IN 1907 BY GROUPS.

Averag	e price	for 189	0-1899=1	00.0.]	
Date.	Farm products.	Food, etc.	Cloths and clothing.	Fuel and lighting.	Metals and im- plements.
1907.	-				
January	129.0	117.0	123.2	135.8	147.9
February	134.6	118.2	123.9	136.6	149.1
March	135.4	116.7	124.6	135.5	148.8
April	136.5	113.9	125.3	132.1	148.6
May	139.9	113.8	125.9	132.6	148.8
June	144.2	115.2	126.9	131.2	148.1
July	140.5	114.9	128.0	132.9	146.9
August	141.0	115.3	128.3	134.1	142.7
September	145.5	117.4	129.2	135.2	140.8
October	144.4	123.5	128.8	139.9	135.4
November	128.9	122.8	128.2	139.9	133.3
December	128.3	120.8	127.1	133 6	129.8
Average, 1907.	137.1	117.8	126.7	135.0	143.4
Date.	Lumber and building materials.	Drugs and chemicals.	House furnishing goods.	Miscel- laneous.	All com- modities.
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Four hundred and eighteen new members were initiated into the Order during the month of June.

Cigar Makers' Union, No. 208, of Kalamazoo, Mich., calls attention to the fact that the Lillies Cigar Company, of that city, which was formerly a union shop and manufactured the La Azora cigar, has now moved its plant to Detroit, Mich., and is conducting a non-union shop.

The Western Electrician publishes the following: "Judge Clark, of the Hendricks County Circuit Court, at Danville (Ind.), has rendered a decision holding that the service of summons by telephone is not legal. His argument is that errors are too liable to occur in reading a summons over a telephone. For this reason he has set aside a judgment taken by default because of telephone service."

The Grand Secretary and Treasurer is in receipt of a remittance of 20 cents in postage stamps mailed from some office on the Keokuk & Western Railroad on July 6th, which was accompanied by one of the printed notices from the Mutual Benefit Department, regarding delinquency for the May assessment, but there was nothing enclosed with the remittance to show who it was from, which information is desired.

The International Steam Engineer makes this pertinent inquiry: "Can a man in business afford to patronize another who is conspiring to put him out of business?"

It then proceeds to answer the question in this manner:

"Hardly. But that's what union workingmen are doing every day. There is not a man or woman who buys an article which is not union made that is not thereby patronizing an enemy who is in business to put him out of business. Look in your clothes, you unionist who reads this. How many union labels do you find there? And how many dirty 'scab' garments have you on? The answer is the best test of your unionism."

It is stated that a division official of a certain eastern railroad has been circulating the January and February numbers of the Atlantic Monthly over his territory, requesting the telegraphers thereon to read an article contained in them, entitled "Confessions of a Railroad Signalman." The official also requests that after they have done so that they endorse their initials on the book. Just what the purpose of this request is, does not appear on the surface. The article in a way reflects upon railroad organizations, but does so in such a smooth way, that unless the reader grasps the full meaning of the article he may lose sight of this fact. The request to endorse their initials on the article is looked upon by many who have read it as a trick to get them to endorse the sentiments contained therein.

The Rock Island (Illinois) Argus of July 2 contains the following: "A peculiar swindle was uncovered this morning in the court of Justice G. Albert Johnson, when J. W. Howard was arraigned before the justice on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Howard, it seems, has been 'coining' money at the expense of a number of young people desirous of learning shorthand and telegraphy, which he claimed to teach. Mrs. Mary G. Mitchem paid him \$25 to secure for her son a six months' course in the two studies and after two or three lessons, during which time the lad began to fear that the teacher did not

understand the system himself, he quit the lessons and Mrs. Mitchem had Howard arrested. The others flocked in with their testimony to the effect that they, too, had been worked for different sums from \$2 to \$5. He represented to some of his victims that he was going to string wires from his rooms to the homes of the different ones who were studying telegraphy. He worked along several different lines and was doing a good business up to the time that Mrs. Mitchem filed her complaint. Justice Johnson bound him over to the grand jury under bonds of \$300."

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of May, 1908, shows that there were 36,317 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during that month; that there were 558 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Imbeciles, 2; feeble-minded, 11; epileptics. 1; insane, 15; loathesome or dangerous contagious diseases, 127; paupers, 1; likely to become public charges, 230; mentally or physically unsound, 25; contract laborers, 93; accompanying aliens, 10; under sixteen years of age, unaccompanied by parent. 1; criminals, 5; prostitutes and procurers, 13; without passport, 7; under

provisions of Chinese exclusion act, 7. The report also shows that there were 234 aliens returned by the immigration authorities after landing. The total number of aliens landed in the United States during the month of May, 1907, was 184,886.

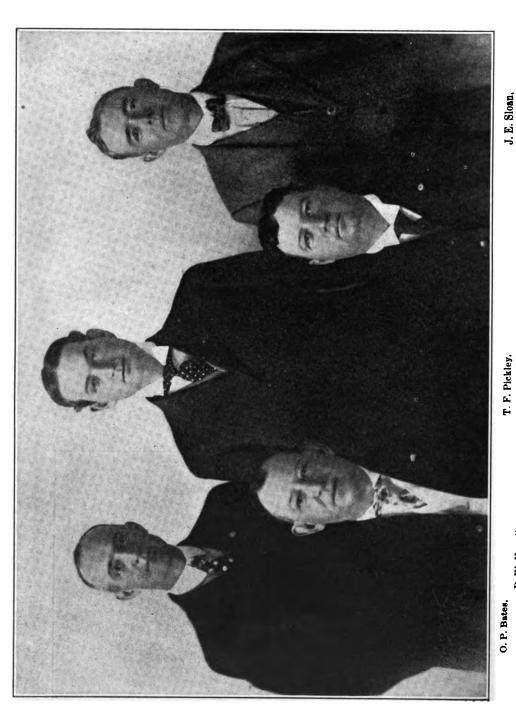
A division correspondent of one of the large systems of railroad writes the Editor as follows:

"Will you please insert an editorial in the journal urging the members to assist the division correspondent in securing news for the write-ups. Our journal is one of the best magazines in the country, and I believe that every member should assist you in keeping up the correspondence. The members seem indifferent in some cases, and I am sure a few remarks from you on this subject would help out very much."

The Editor has found from experience that the members are very much interested in the Fraternal Department, which contains the division notice, and they should be willing to assist in making that department as interesting as possible by keeping their division correspondent informed of all changes and other matters of interest in their respective localities.



O. R. T. MEMBERS-C. & N. W. RY., BONESTEEL, S. D.



W. H. Lester, Gen'l Ok'm.

D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l. S. & T.,

PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. Harry Miller, a boy. To Bro. and Mrs. C. A. Payne, of Dewey, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. V. Moore, of Chico, Cal., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Meyer, of Delphi, Ind., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. J. Farrell, of Titicut, Mass., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. R. Davis, of Roy, N. M., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. E. Rice, of Somerset, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. Whitlock, of Mc-Call, La., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Wm. Dillon, of Somonauk, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. E. Rowan, of Bidwell, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. D. Porter, of Rose Pine, La., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. G. Griffin, of Bradley, S. D., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. F. Dietz, of Hanover, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. L. Fuller, of Bakers Mill, Fla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. A. Hurin, of Danville, Ind., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Z. R. Hook, of Manhattan, Kas., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. B. Neely, of Kenney, Ill., twin girls.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. M. Butler, of Norwood, Mass., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. R. Stewart, of Chicago, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. A. Spencer, of Marfa, Tex., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. M. Rogers, of Register, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. G. Rodman, of Graham, Ky., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. John E. Bernard, of Cromwell, Ia., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. W. McLeod, of Roblin, Man., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. O. Ledbetter, of Pelham, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. N. S. Costello, of Avoca, Minn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. E. Hoffman, of Bengingers, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. D. Matthews, of Milford, Mass., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. G. Maulsby, of Cogers, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. O'Neil, of South Bramtree, Mass., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. J. Evans, of Concord Jct., Mass., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. A. Mignault, of LaFayette, R. I., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. L. Robinson, of Jacksonville, Fla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. M. Cunningham, of Confluence, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. J. Grauvogel, of St. Croix Falls, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. O. Chapman, of Mountain View, Cal., a girl.

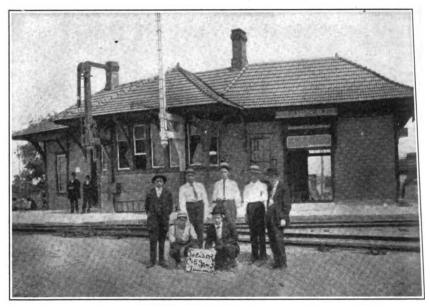
To Bro. and Mrs. E. R. Bowker, of North Sudbury, Mass., a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEG-RAPHER:

Bro. C. E. Dodge, of Div. 130, to Miss Lizzie Stoltz.

Bro. J. A. Ownsby, of Div. 6, to Miss Pearl Hixon.

Bro. P. J. Dionne, of Div. 89, to Miss Marie Pellitier.



B. F. Grace.
 E. Hobbs.
 A. C. Tanner.
 J. J. Bowen.
 C. Grantham.
 M. T. Spinker.
 W. C. Hite.

O. R. T. GROUP-C. & E. I. RY., TAMMS, ILL.

Bro. Blaine Dickman, of Div. 2, to Miss Grace Burkett.

Bro. R. F. Berkeley, of Div. 138, to Miss Edith Mollman.

Bro. J. E. Boss, of Div. 40, to Miss Rebecca Johnson.

Bro. Edw. Stout, of Div. 130, to Miss Alice Stephenson.

Bro. D. C. Smart, of the Grand Division, to Miss Edith R. Wood.

Bro. Grover C. Harris, of Div. 32, to Miss Myrtle Lucile Melton.

At Elma, Minn., Bro. Merritt, of Div. 6, to Mrs. Leonora Stevens.

At Philmont, Pa., Bro. J. A. Dechant, of Div. 102, to Miss Ella Freas.

At La Plata, Mo., Bro. G. A. Logan, of Div. 2, to Miss Beulah Bailey.

At Niles, Ohio, Bro. N. A. Shriver, of Div. 33, to Miss Alta Hoffman.

At Van Buren, Me., Bro. G. A. Dunphy, of Div. 83, to Miss Lois Clark.

At Corry, Pa., Bro. L. R. Tiffany, of Div. 110, to Miss Susie Kepple.

At Delmar, Ill., Bro. J. T. Sacra, of Div. 138, to Miss Bertha Bolen.

At Kenly, N. C., Bro. J. E. Jones Div. 132, to Miss Oda Aycock.

At Downington, Pa., Bro. W. S. Hes Div. 9, to Miss Eleanor Donahay.

At Davenport, Ia., Bro. F. W. Mu of Div. 126, to Miss Addella Bley.

At Spokane, Wash., Bro. D. A. Saun of Div. 70, to Miss Alice Shipman.

At Fort Fairfield, Me., Bro. C. S. Bt of Div. 83, to Miss Maud S. Smith.

At Glenwood, Ia., Bro. H. A. Schroof Div. 130, to Miss Dorothy Murph

At Chapman, Kas., Bro. LeRoy O. of Div. 6, to Miss Roena E. Whitel

At Kirksville, Mo., Bro. C. Larimo the Grand Division, to Miss Besse W

At Durham, Kas., Bro. Walter A. strong, of Div. 126, to Miss Alma C.

At New Rochelle, N. Y., Bro. Christman, of Div. 37, to Miss Mon

At Mays Landing, N. J., Bro. Horner, of Div. 84, to Miss Olive 1

At Downers Grove, Ill., Bro. Brower, of Div. 130, to Miss Mabel inson.

At Hingham, Mass., Bro. John Phillips, of Div. 89, to Miss Mary Margaret Hennessy.

At Cheyenne Wells, Colo.. Bro. Gordon Brawner, of Div. 6, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Kerr.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Scranton, Pa., Bro. E. J. Devney, of Div. 92.

At Pana, Ill., Bro. Earl Morrison, of Div. 93.

At Wingo, Ky., Bro. N. J. Rhodes, of Div. 93.

At Renovo, Pa., Bro. John Prosser, of Div. 110

At Walworth, Wis., wife of Bro. R. E. Sizer, of Div. 23.

At Alpine, Tex., daughter of Bro. L. B. Starns, of Div. 53.

Mr. H. H. James, father of Bro. J. H. James, of Div. 110.

At Offerman, Ga., infant son of Bro. E. F. Hull, of Div. 132.

At Rich, Miss., infant son of Bro. T. C. Rowland, of Div. 93.

At Wayzata, Minn., infant son of Bro. D. E. Hale, of Div. 76.

At Nunez, Ga., little son of Bro. E. S. Youmans, Jr., of Div. 46.

At Hull, W. Va., infant daughter of Bro. J. S. Gormley, of Div. 14.

At Lewellen, Neb., infant daughter of Bro. W. B. Ross, of Div. 6.

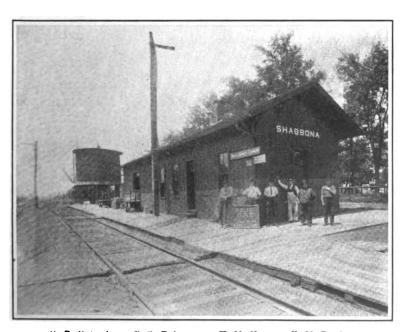
Miss Blanche Brown, eldest daughter of Bro. R. A. Brown, of Div. 35.

At Water Valley, Miss., little daughter of Bro. B. A. Dunlap, of Div. 93.

At Grand Rapids, Minn., Maude B. Torrey, sister of Bro. F. C. Torrey, of Div. 70.

At Detroit, Mich., Sister Maude I. Mc-Vean, of Div. 2, wife of Bro. D. W. McVean, of Div. 2.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.



O. B. Ostewig. C. O. Rabourn. H. M. Kaut. E. M. Barden. C. M. Cook (pumper). Fred Gulden (helper).

OUR O. R. T. MEMBERS-C., B. & Q. RY., SHABBONA, ILL.

WANTED.

Present address of Daniel A. Boyd. Important. Write me at Townsend, Mont.
X.

Present address of H. S. Rohr, last heard of in Washington, D. C., April, 1907. Write your Trenton pal. "L," Jamaica, L. I.

Present address of H. K. Williams, last heard of was working G. N. Depot at Harlem, Mont. J. E. WRIGHT, Wright, Iowa.

Present address of H. K. Willams, formerly of Kidder, Mo.

R. O. WILLIAMS, 105 North Akard St., Dallas, Tex.

Present address of C. A. Sullivan, last heard of working at San Pablo, Cal., for So. Pac. Any information will be greatly appreciated. F. S. Powell, Newman, Cal.

Present address of W. C. Moreno, last heard of at Sims, Cal. "MO," if you see this, write your mother. Anxious to hear from you. Mrs. M. Moreno, Newman, Cal.

Present address of Wm. Hughes, last heard of left Washburn, Tex., for Chicago. Mrs. John Hughes,

373 N. 11th St., Columbus, O.

Present address of Denny Crowley and H. C. Penny, worked for Postal at New Orleans and Houston, Tex.

L. F. YOUMANS, Oakley, Kas.

Present address of W. H. Whitaker, train dispatcher. "WH" if you see this, write; would like to hear from you.

JOHN W. LOEBER, Ellicott City, Md.

Present address of J. O. Holton, last heard of with S. A. L. at Henderson, N. C. "H," if you see this, write me; news for you. E. D. FLOWERS, Smithfield, N. C.

To know the whereabouts of James Trice, last heard of at Waterloo, Iowa. Notify his mother, Mrs. Hudson, Bardwell, Ky., or the undersigned. A. J. Wilson,

I. C. Ticket Office, Cairo, Ill.

Present address of C. L. Taylor, last heard of with I. C. Ry. at Memphis. Anyone knowing his whereabouts write me.

J. W. MARTIN,

C., R. I. & P. Yd. Office, Shawnee, Okla.

Present address of H. A. Davis, las heard of at Stanley, Iowa, on C. G. W. May, 1906. Also present address of R. A Paquette, worked on C., B. & Q., Sherida: Division, in 1907. Last heard of workin in St. Paul for "Q" about March, 1908.

H. E. KEAS, Pierce, Colo.

Present address of John R. Whitehea tall and slender, dark hair and eyes, aborthirty years of age; last heard of at Wheeing, W. Va., about 1904. Will greatly oblighis people by communicating with me. It portant.

M. H. York,

Union Ticket Agent, Bristol, Tenn.

The following members desire to echange souvenir postal cards with otl members:

J. T. Stone, Penola, Va.

F. C. Minor, McLean, Ill.

D. S. Armas, Sawmill, N. C.

N. L. Hensley, Lindsborg, Kas.

John W. Loeber, Ellicott City, Md.

A. M. French, State Road, Ohio.

C. C. Hood, 432 Reynolds St., Augu Ga.

G. H. Eckman, 455 South Quee St., l caster, Pa.

C. C. Pence, 1244 Talbot Ave., B dock, Pa.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card No. 30420, Cert. 458, Divisio for term ending June 30, 1908.

Card No. 27682, Cert. 5689, Grand for term ending June 30, 1908.

Card No. 19363, Cert. 736, Division for term ending June 30, 1908.

Card No. 10582, Cert. 1282, Division for term ending June 30, 1908.

Card No. 34410, Cert. 1655, Divis for term ending June 30, 1908.

Card No. 33106, Cert. 1590, Divisifor term ending June 30, 1908.

Card No. 24262, Cert. 2048, Divisio for term ending June 30, 1908.

Card No. 5523, Cert. 79, Division for term ending June 30, 1908,

Card No. 12947, Cert. 468, Division 7, for term ending June 30, 1908.

Card No. 19530, Cert. 372, Division 32, for term ending June 30, 1908.

Card No. 11347, Cert. 188, Division 43, for term ending June 30, 1908.

Card No. 122, Cert. 397, Grand Division, for term ending June 30, 1908.

Card No. 13611, Cert. 1603, Division 76, for term ending June 30, 1908.

Card No. 19233, Cert. 1975, Division 53, for term ending June 30, 1908.

Card No. 32742, Cert. 67, Division 103, for term ending June 30, 1908.

Card No. 277, Cert. 5352, Grand Division, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card No. 2076, Cert. 212, Division 88, for term ending December 31, 1908.

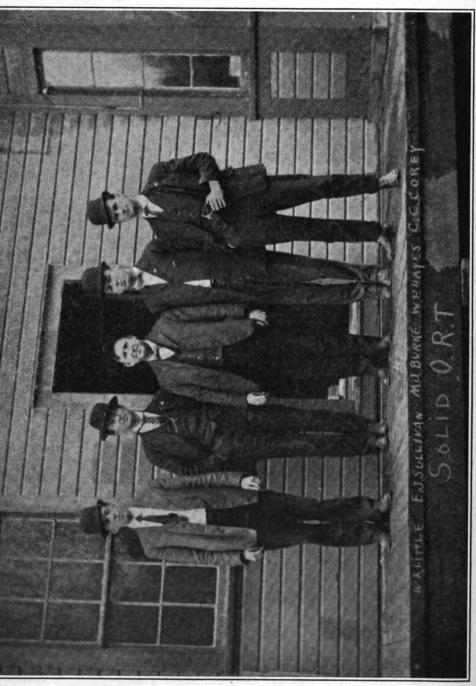
Card No. 3482, Cert. 5352, Grand Div., for term ending December 31, 1908.

NOTICE.

Lost or Stolen—Card case containing O. R. T. cards favor P. J. Hanegan, Cert. 14, Division 118. Notify R. M. Henderson, Secretary Division 118, Marysville, Ohio, if found.



E. F. Reiter. A. R. Buckles. A. L. Pierson.
O. R. T. MEMBERS-BIG FOUR RY., HARPER, O.



O. R. T. GROUP-D. & H. RY., CORINTH, N. Y.



He who hesitates is lost.

Eight-hour workday sure to come.

It seldom pays not to pay your debts.

The eight-hour workday must be universal. Aim for that goal.

Science, invention, progress and humanity have decreed the universal eight-hour day.

There should be moderation in conservatism as well as in radicalism and everything else.

Next to the family the trade union is the highest exemplification of the gregarious instinct.

The dentists are forming a union, There's no reason why they should not pull together.

There are many kinds of "memory methods," but no one has ever invented a scheme which will help a man forget.

Some members are so proud of their perseverance that they keep on "sticking at it" even when they know they're wrong.

A grievance, however just, is not a perishable article—it will keep long enough to receive calm, careful and collective consideration.

There are many different kinds of members. Some are good, some no good, some fair and some indifferent. Which class do you belong to?

The fact that some four million American citizens believe that organization upon a protective basis is advantageous, should have some weight with the balance of American workmen.

No member of a labor organization would think of electing their employer to an official position in their union—but they do not hesitate to elect him to make the laws of the country.

In 1900 the International Association of Machinists spent over \$3,000,000 in establishing a nine-hour day. Last year the International Typographical Union spent over \$3,000,000 in establishing an eight-hour day.

If all wages were cut one-half, consumption would also be reduced one-half, and business would fall off just that much. If all wages therefore were doubled, consumption would be doubled and business boom accordingly.

The Grand Trunk Railroad put in effect recently a pension system, claimed to be the most comprehensive and one of the most generous in the country, embracing every employe of the railroad in the United States and Canada. The railroad will finance the scheme, not levying any assessment on employes.

It seems strange that the harder a man works for the interests of the order, that there is always someone ready to give him a knock at every opportunity. We don't mind it so much now, however, as we have been jabbed in the ribs so often that we don't feel good unless we get poked once in a while.

The Federal Grand Jury at Cleveland, O., recently returned indictments against eight contracting companies and firms on the charge of violating the eight-hour labor law in connection with government work in that Federal district.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company has issued an order prohibiting its operators from reading on duty, and any slave caught in the act will be dismissed. We are rapidly arriving. How do you vote this fall?

"Always be ready to fight, and you will not have to fight. To be ready enough merely to make a fuss and either back down or get licked is not the way to carry on the work of an organization successfully. The price of peace is preparedness for emergency."

Thompson's colt, which swam a river of clear water to drink from a mudhole on the other side, is admitted to have been a fool. How much more intelligence do we display by selling our labor seven days per week for simply enough to buy the necessities of life?

If you want an honest opinion of how good a union man you are, examine your clothes, and if the label is on every piece you need have no shame in declaring yourself. If you are only half union you need not be proud of your membership, as it reflects no credit on you.

The membership of the A. F. of L. increased, during the past fiscal year, 200,000. What excuse has the Manufacturers' Association to offer now for their continuous tirade that the workingmen of this country are realizing the rottenness (?) of the movement and leaving it in droves.

Perhaps the attacks organized labor is receiving from the decisions of the Supreme Court are a good thing for labor organizations after all. It has awakened a determination politically that will unite the membership more firmly as a potent factor.

This can be of no other effect than to add prestige to the labor movement with those who are seeking political honors. It more firmly establishes the bond of sympathy in the ranks of the wage earners. It shows that law-makers in the past have not been too friendly to labor's interests.

The unions of labor aim to improve the standard of life; to uproot ignorance and foster education; to instil character, manhood, and an independent spirit among our people; to bring about a recognition of the interdependence of man upon his fellowman. We aim to establish a normal workday; to take the children from the factory and workshop and give them the opportunity of the schools, the home, and the playground. In a word, our unions strive to lighten toil, educate their members, make their homes more cheerful, and in every way contribute an earnest effort toward making life the better worth living. achieve these praiseworthy ends, we believe that all honorable and lawful means are justifiable and commendable, and should receive the sympathetic support of every right-thinking American.

"It is easier and more satisfactory to deal with the unit of labor than it is with the individual laborer," declared Herman Justi, of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association, discussing the South's labor problem before the Kentucky State Development Society.

"By helping organized labor to see clearly you can accomplish more," he said, "than by fighting it, and the sooner you learn to realize this one important fact the better for you as individuals and the better for the industry in which you are engaged.

"All talk of wiping out organized labor is not only idle, but it is a grievous mistake. Organized labor has come to stay, and while you may demoralize organized labor and defeat it for a time, you can depend upon it that the laborer everywhere is not any more likely to go back to the conditions that once prevailed and to the unscientific systems that were once in force than you are going back from your electric light to the tallow dip."



THE CIRCUS RESCUE.

IB and I met at the pier the circus boss just returned from England, and before the cab had landed us at the Broadway office we had consented no engineer a brand-new deal, two-fold in incentive. First, we were to escort a ap-bang animal show around the southsestern circuit, penetrating the home of the frijoles and tortillas, and wrench from the dildish grasp of the Aztecs enough crude silver to pay expenses. We were to go to Chihuahua, and possibly farther. Secandly, we were to pick up a troupe of bullighters and Mazeppa-like dons for a big wild west show. The latter was the real object, only we wished to invade the firesides of the Montezumas in an off-handed manner, with our mission slightly disguised.

"Well, everything went along in the rut of dull routine until after we left El Paso. Then the curiosity of the mestizos, who form one-half of the population of Old Mexico, and who, by the way, are in a state of slavery but slightly removed from the conditions after the Spanish Mayflower tripped into the coast, began to furnish us with annoyance.

"A sun-kissed peon, with a large quantity of agrardiente concealed about his person, came to our showtent and tried to bite his way by the rotund Vermont man without crossing our palms with silver. That's argely metaphor, as we let them in for what they had, except the alcalde, who entered deadhead. 'Take what you can,' was our motto, but the halfbreed forestalled a shake-down by explaining, in badly-fractured English, that he had a message for Don Hidalgo Tiberio, which he would only deliver in return for a front seat. It was written by an Americano, he said, who was in Quelta, an adjacent town.

"It seems there were four 'poor devils.' all Americans. They were in Quelta, the letter said, waiting to be sent to the salt mines for life. Now a man who knows Mexico would rent the salt mines out to his dearest enemy and live in hades—if he owned both. The letter was a brief one, the writer merely stating his prospects, and saying he had heard from his guards of Smith's presence in Chihuahua. He begged Tiberius to rescue him if he had any love for the children of the Star Spangled Banner.

"Tib knew Spanish more or less, chiefly less, but he carried a gilt-headed cane that would make up the difference in effect on the average alcalde and a quick trot to the halls of justice gave him an insight to the situation. It seems Murphy, the writer, and his friends had been foolish enough to hire out as a train crew on the Central, and that their train, near Quelta, had run over a big bug's hired man. Now, the average peon, after absorbing all the visible supply of aguardiente, will hunt all over the map for the most outre place in which to sleep off his Alice-blue rabbits, and nothing appeals to his sordid imagination so much as a busy railroad track when it comes to the trundle beds.

"The upshot of it all was I hustled back to El Paso, where we had some green-room effects of a new opera stored, and as fleet-footed as possible I hiked back to Chihuahua, accompanied by two big trunks. Meanwhile Tib had sent our bill-poster to Quelta to hang up a few valentines, advertising the coming of the show, and incidentally to slip into Murphy's hand a note of minute instructions.

"This done, Tib tried to get me to go north and sit on the farther bank of the Rio and await the last curtain. Of course, I wasn't for that, and he blessed me and said we would probably wind up as salt miners. Then he directed me to throw some hardware and cartridges into the cages, and on Saturday morning, with two closed animal wagons, we started for Quelta. We had one man who could drive chain-lightning, let alone the most erratic Mexican mule, and, best of all, we could trust him.

"It took us a day to cover the short stretch over the rotten roads, but at last we arrived at Quelta amid a Toltec buzz of excitement, and pitched the side-show tent, as if preparing for the Sunday performance.

"'My plans are built like a watch, and if it don't happen in five minutes I've missed fire,' groaned Tib, as we unlocked the covers to the carts.

"Then it happened. First we heard a yell; then half a dozen champagne bottles opened in quick succession, and the little chapel bell began ding-donging exicitedly.

"Next, with fierce panting, four men burst through the chaparral that came up to the rear of our tent and plunged inside the white walls. I had just time to notice they were haggard and unkempt, and then in a second the wooden covers were down to allow them to enter the cages, and then snapped back in place again.

"'I'm afraid, Billy,' declared Tib, calmly, as he began sorting out some posters, 'that the rest of the show won't arrive in time for tomorrow's performance.'

"Just as he said this a bevy of villagers, headed by our trusty driver, Collins, burst through the canvas, yelling and brandishing carbines and other impedimenta.

"Four men escaped from the soldiers, Mr. Smith, and I told the guards I thought they came this way,' panted Collins, with an expressive wink.

"'What?' roared Tib, in Spanish. 'Law-breakers escaped! Free passes to the brave men who capture 'em. I believe they did pass this way behind the tent in the brush. I heard a crashing and thought it was a mule. My lion growled fiercely. Hark! He is growling now!'

"The gang paused in running away to hear the growl, and Tiberius standing near Murphy's cage, hissed: 'Growl, you villain, growl!' "And thereat a most blood-curdling roar came from Murphy's den, and the others, to make sure, began to throw in a series of yells that would cause a Bowery gallerygod to go home, and through sheer envy take lessons. The crowd fell back in a wave; it simply swept 'em off their feet, sir. To cap the climax, Collins cried: 'Don't let 'em get excited, Mr. Smith! Remember the three men mauled to death in El Paso!'

"After they'd gone, Tib turned to me and grinned. 'I think we'll win the trick. And isn't that Collins a jewel?'

"Now, each cage was divided by a grating of bars, and in each cosy nook was one of the comic opera suits I'd brought from El Paso. In designing these animal makeups Tib had made use of air chambers, so that when a man got tucked into one and the bicycle pump had been agitated for padding, you had a real, life-like beast, with muscles standing out liike barnacles on a forgotten dredge. Of course, at the best it was a fierce counterfeit, and when the quadruped forgot and stood on his hind legs, the effect was simply stupendous. First Tib ordered Murphy to slip into the lion's pelt, and Murphy was mad. He said he was Irish, and would pose as a harp, but never as an emblem of Merry England. Tib talked to him like a hired man to a sick horse, and at last the metamorphosis was effected. Then the others were speedily transformed into a black bear, a tiger and a hyena, respectively.

"After they had struggled into their masquerades and Tib had used the pump on the air-pockets we dropped the covers to get the tout ensemble.

"Tib snapped the barricades in place in a jiffy, and said, stiffly: 'I never give a performance unless I have all my animals. These are but the advance wagons and tent. If the others do not arrive I can not exhibit.'

"'But, senor, I have tickets. I have invited my friends. As alcalde I shall command you to exhibit tomorrow to prove you are not a humbug,' cried the intruder.

"'That comes of profanity, Murphy,' groaned Tib, after the alcalde left us. 'I brought these suits along as a safeguard, so

that if any one should get a peep the fleeting glance would not arouse suspicion. Now, hang it all! we've got to give a performance to placate the mayor. For if we don't we can never leave town. So you've got to learn your wild-wood lessons, my lads.'

"Then the unthankful beasts began to protest, and Murphy and Reynolds wanted to be the tiger and sleep, but Weisman swore he'd claw the linings out of anyone that disturbed his feline ease. Burke, the bear, didn't know what kind of a noise to make, and it took Tib ten minutes to teach him to say 'woof' in a bruinesque manner. Then we took each one in turn and gave the key, and made him practice his call of the wild so there would be some individuality. Then we waited for the mayor.

"I can't see in the bloody thing,' growled the lion as the party swept inside.

"'Fear them not, senors and senoritas. For though they rage and writhe in anger. they know their master's voice. Look out, Burke, pull in your left leg!' the last in 'They never dream of incurring my displeasure. Nero, here, your excellency, ate three men and two women before he was brought low in captivity, and has added a choice collection of thumbs and fingers to the total since then. The villagers near his wild, free home called him Ah-Gree-Dah, which, being interpreted, means, He-Who-Eats-Men-Gladly. Growl. Murph. Ah, not so loud. Even a lion has limitations.' And the sound of the Irishman buying freedom with a series of bulllike bellows swept by me and caused the chocolate populace without to shudder.

"'Now we come to the hyena, the most treacherous of all beasts,' continued Tib, skillfully drawing the spectators away from Murphy's cage, as that animal, I observed with horror, tried to scratch his left shoulder-blade with a most unlion-like contortion. 'His record was kept for three years by my head trainer as to the number of digits he has chewed off, then the task was given up because of its monotony. So, not too near, senors and senoritas—not too near. See him show his teeth in vain—show your teeth, Reynolds—repining for his native lair. Note his antipathy to Nero,

the monarch of the Abyssinian wild, for he hates and dreads his roar. Roar, Murph.'

"But Nero, in desperation to escape a flea, began to clamber to his hind legs, and Tib saw the move just in time to jump to the bars and smite him on the nose.

"'Damn ye!' mumbled Nero.

"'By all the saints! It sounded as though he spoke!' gasped a little, dried-up senorita.

"'Ahem! His long association with men has given his hoarse growl an almost human quality,' said Tib, his face going a bit white. 'Or maybe it's because of the men he has eaten. Down, you devil! Down!' he cried, jumping to the hyena's cage and striking him with his cane to distract their attention. Reynolds was lying quiescent at the time, and at the blow promptly raised his head in amazement. 'Snarl!' hissed Tib, in English, and Reynolds made good with a long-drawn hoot that sounded like a barn-owl suffering with diphtheria.

"'These idiots will see their finish yet, Billy,' cried Tib to me, in disgust. 'It's them to the salty brine all right, I guess.'

"This caused the quartet to overdo it as they attempted to cinch freedom by cunning acting. None of them had ever read nature stories, however, and only Tib's ready cane and warning: 'Back! Back! Not too near!' saved the day. 'Where I can approach with impunity,' he explained, turning easily to the alcalde, 'you would feel their cruel fangs. Ah, bite, would you?' This to the bear, who was lying perfectly quiet, and Tib gave him a poke that brought a cloud of dust from his flanks, whereat he raised his paw to straighten his head, that now was at right angles with all the laws of nature.

"'Behold the lion about to spring!' shrieked Tib, thrusting into the ribs of the king of the forests and thus bringing him into a more reasonable posture.

"'Fer th' love iv-o-o-o-gh!' spoke and snarled Murphy, in his rich brogue.

"'Wonderful!' gasped the alcalde and his followers.

"But I never heard a lion use such a delightful Irish accent before or since in giving his howl of rage.

"'Now we come to the Royal Bengal tiger, bought by me from the sultan of

Skowhegan for \$10,000,' rattled Tib, rapidly, drawing his auditors to the second bin. To his horror he found the royal stretched out on his stomach, legs straight behind, while the head, turned upside down, stared complacently at the top of the cage. 'Notice the wonderful elasticity of his neck,'—and snap! Tib had reached in and turned the head-piece into place. It simply swept 'em off their feet, sir. It didn't need a naturalist sharp to detect that the tiger was abnormal in some respects.

"Thanks, mate, growled Weisman. 'The dust--'

"But the lion and the hyena promptly came to the rescue and drowned the visitors' exclamation of wonder in a series of prolonged yells that put crimps in my tympanums even out at the entrance.

"'Ah, he purrs, senors. He purrs, senoritas. Purr, Weisman. At last he is in good humor,' cried Tib. Then in sotto English: 'Group your legs, you would-be suicide! Cluster yourself! It's no use, Billy,' cried Tib to me. 'I would have saved them if I could, but they won't have it so;' and all the time he was pointing dramatically at the bear. 'Kindly throw something at Murph. He's about to stand up.' I tossed a tent-peg, that didn't do the harp a bit of good, and his muttered curse was only drowned by Tib's addressing the bear.

"Well, sir, it was the most sweaty fifteen minutes I ever put in. You see, if the game was discovered, we were in as bad a box as the fugitives. And when the sight-seers began to file out I felt as limp as a rag.

"'I shall come again when the whole menagerie is here,' declared the alcalde, on leaving. 'Wonderful and marvelous!'

"'Scene first and curtain,' panted Tib, closing the tent-flaps leisurely, while I shoved bottles and fodder to the animals. In three seconds their disgusted faces were slipped free from the head-pieces and were busy with food and drink.

"Then we held a council of war and decided we would leave immediately while the alcalde and other citizens were having their siestas. And the way Collins and a dozen peons emulated the Arab in striking that tent was a caution. From the natives we learned the guards had got no trace of the

fugitives, and that Chihuahua was being searched by inches. Tib accordingly decided to skirt the town and make for the Rio.

"We got away from Quelta all right, and whenever we met any of the home people we stopped and inquired for the missing caravan, while the inmates of the wagon let off a few howls to heighten the effect. By night we were abreast of Chihuahua and drove slowly north until morning. when we got a change of mules. Then we crept nearer freedom, but never appearing to hurry, and on the second night out we allowed the four men to ride on top of their homes in their underclothing. But with the sun they again put on their trimmings and hopped inside. By this time Tib and I were nearly dead for want of sleep; for although we let Collins slumber every little once in a while, we dared not quit our posts. At last we neared the Rio, and the men wanted to take off their suits and make one dash for it, but Tib said nay. On inquiring from a halfbreed we at last learned we had only a few miles to make.

"'Now let's go through with a rush,' I suggested wearily.

"'We'll have to,' replied Tib. 'I see the glitter of their shields.'

"And looking back I made out a party of horsemen galloping a mile in our rear, while the sunlight played brightly on something they carried in their hands.

"With a yell to the mules we bumped and tore along, the heavy wagons swaying fearfully as we went down a decline. Nearer and nearer crept the pursuers, their shouts now reaching us, but before they could get within shooting distance we caught the glimmer of the Rio, where, in the dry season, the stream is a mere trickle. Smash went the head cart against a boulder, and a wheel was broken into toothpicks. Then in a second we were all out, making for the rock-studded stream, while the soldiers coming up dismounted and began to take pot-shots at us.

"They had got wind of our game some way, and did not seem to be greatly surprised at beholding four fierce denizens of the jungle scrambling, wading and swimming through the stream, each armed with a rifle or revolver.

"I reached home-base first, closely followed by Collins. And, sir, I shall never forget that spectacle. There was the lion, unable to loosen his head-piece, swearing profusely in rich Celtic as he sent back shot for shot. There were the hyena and tiger, very chummy, using revolvers. And in the rear, in the midst of the danger zone, old Tiberius was ruining his show-clothes by supporting the bear by the scruff of the neck. I howled to the lion, and he fiercely turned and went back to assist my patron. Once they got Burke ashore we found a neat bullet-hole through his neck, but no arteries or large veins were cut. And I didn't feel a bit bad when I saw that two of the enemy needed the kind care of a physician when they rode away. But, incidentally, we lost one of the best animal shows that was ever foolish enough to leave the States.—By Hugh Pendexter in Iowa Unionist.

THE RUNAWAY.

OULD they put her in the asylum," she wondered, "if they caught her?"

Folks would surely think she was crazy.

She stopped at the stone wall to rest, and looked back timorously at the old familiar scene.

Far behind her stretched the meadows. a symphony of olive and green in the late fall. Here and there the sunken boulder stood soldiery golden rod, or berry bushes clothed now in scarlet and gold. At intervals in the long slope stood solitary trees, where fluttering, brittle leaves fell in the gentle, chill air. In summertime she remembered well the haymakers resting in the shade, and the jug of ginger water she made for the men was kept there to be cool.

She seemed, as she sat there, to remember everything. The house was all right, she was sure of that; the key was under the kitchen door mat, the fire was out in the stove, and the cat locked up in the barn.

She held her work-hardened hand to her side, panting a little, for it was a good bit of a walk across the meadow, and she was

eighty years old on her last birthday. The cows feeding looked homelike and pleasant.

"Good-bye, critters," she said, aloud; "meny's the time I've druv' ye home an' milked ye, an' I allus let ye eat by the way, nor never hurried ye as the boys done."

With a farewell glance she went on again, smoothing as she walked the scattered locks of gray hair falling under the hood, and keeping her scant black gown out of the reach of briars. Across another field, then through a leafy lane where the wood was hauled in winter, then out through a gap in a stump fence, with its great branching arms like a petrified octopus, to the dusty high road.

Not a soul in sight in the coming twilight. John, the children and the scolding wife, who made her so unhappy, would not be home for an hour yet, for East Mills was a long drive.

Down the steep hill went the brave little figure, followed by an odd shadow of itself in the waning light, and by the tiny stones that rolled so swiftly they passed her often and made her look behind with a start to see if a pursuer was coming.

"They'd put me in the asylum, sure," she muttered, wildly, as she trudged along. At the foot of the hill she sat down upon an old log and waited for the train.

Across the road, guarded by a big sign. "Look out for the engine!" ran two parallel iron rails, which were to be her road when the big monster should come panting around the curve.

At last the dull rumble sounded, a shrill whistle, and she hurried to the track, waving her shawl to signal.

This, in the conductor's vernacular, was a crossroads station, where he was used to watch for people waving articles frantically. The train stopped, and the passenger was taken aboard. He noticed she was a brighteyed old lady, very neat and precise.

"How fur?"

"Boston."

"Git there in the morning," he said. kindly, waiting for the money, as she opened a queer little reticule, where, under her knitting, wrapped in a clean cotton hand-kerchief, was her purse with her savings of long years—the little sums Sam had sent

her when he first began to prosper in the West, and some money she had earned herself by knitting and berry picking.

At a crossroad, as they went swiftly on, she saw the old sorrel horse, the rattling wagon, and John with his family, driving homeward. She drew back with a little cry, fearing he might see her and stop the train, but they went on so fast that could not be, and the old horse joggled into the woods, and John never thought his old Aunt Hannah, his charge for twenty long years, was running away.

At Boston a kindly conductor bought her a through ticket for Denver.

"It's a long journey for an old lady like you," he said.

"But I'm peart for my age," she said, anxiously; "I never hed a day's sickness since I was a gal."

"Going all the way alone?"

"With Providence," she answered, brightly, alert and eager to help herself, but silent and thoughtful as the train took her into strange landscapes, where the miles went so swiftly it seemed like the past years of her life as she looked back on them.

"Thy works are marvelous," she murmured often, sitting with her hands folded, and few idle days had there been in her world where she had sat and rested so long.

In the day coach the people were kind and generous, sharing their baskets with her and seeing that she changed cars right and her carpet-bag was safe. She was like any of the dear old grandmas in Eastern homes, or to the grizzled men and women, like the memory of our dead mothers as faint and far away as the scent of wild roses in a hillside country burying-ground. She tended babies for tired women and talked to the men of farming and crops, or told the children bible stories; but never a word said she of herself, not one.

On again, guided by kindly hands through the great bewildering city by the lake, and now through yet a stranger land. Tired and worn by night in the uncomfortable seats, her brave spirit began to fail a little. As the wide, level plains, lonely and drear, dawned on her sight she sighed often. "It's a dre'ful big world," she said to a gray-bearded old farmer near her; "so big I feel e'ermost lost in it, but," hopefully, "across them deserts like this long ago Providence sent a star to guide them wise men to the East, an' I hain't lost my faith."

But as the day wore on, and still the long monotonous land showed no human habitation, no oasis of green, her eyes dimmed, something like a sob rose under the black kerchief on the bowed shoulders, and the spectacles were taken off with trembling hand and put away carefully in the worn tin case.

"Be ye goin' fur, mother?" said the old farmer.

He had bought her a cup of coffee at the last station and had pointed out on the way things he thought might interest her.

"To Denver."

"Wal, wal; you're from New England, I'll be bound."

"From Maine," she answered; and then she grew communicative, for she was always a chatty little old lady, and she had possessed her soul in silence so long and it was a relief to tell the story of her years of waiting to a kindly listener.

She told him all the relations she had were two grand-nephews and their families. That twenty years ago Sam (for she had brought them up when their parents died of consumption; that takes so many of our folks) went out West. He was always adventurous, and for ten years she did not hear from him; but John was different and steady, and when he came of age she had given him her farm, with the provision that she should always have a home, otherwise he would have gone away too. Well, for five years they were happy, then John married, and his wife had grown to think her a burden as the years went on, and the children, when they grew big, did not care for her; she felt that she had lived too long.

"I growed so lonesome,' she said, pathetically, "it seems I couldn't take up heart to live day by day, an' yit I knowed our folks was long-lived. Ten years back, when Sam wrote he was doin' fair an' sent me money, I begun to think of him; fur he was allus generous an' kind, an' the gratefulest

boy, an' so I began to save to go to him, fur I knowed I could work my board for a good many years to come. Fur three years he ain't hardly wrote, but I laid that to the wild kentry he lived in. I said bears and Inuns don't skeer me none, fur when I was a gal up in Aroostuk kentry there was plenty of both, an' as fur buffalers, them horned cattle don't skeer me none, fur I've been used to a farm allus. But the lone-someness of these medders has sorter upsot me and made me think every day Sam was further off than I ever calc'lated on."

"But what will you do if Sam ain't in Denver?" asked the farmer.

"I hev put my faith in Providence," she answered simply, and the stranger could not mar that trust by any word of warning.

He gave her his address as ne got off at the Nebraska line, and told her to send him word if she needed help. With a warm hand-clasp he parted from her to join the phantoms in her memory of "folks that had been kind to her, God bless me," and then the train was rumbling on.

But many of the passengers had listened to her story and were interested, and they came to sit with her.

One pale little lad in the seat in front turned to look at her now and then to answer her smile. He was going to the new country for health and wealth, poor lad, only to find rest in the sunny land, but his last days brightened by the reward for his thoughtful act and kindness.

"She probably brought those boys up," he thought, "and denied her life for them. Is she to die unrewarded, I wonder? There can not be any good in the world if that be so." He thought of her, and took out his purse; there was so little money in it, too, every cent made a big hole in his store; but the consciousness of a good deed was worth something. "I mayn't have a chance to do many more," thought the lad, buttoning his worn overcoat.

He slipped off without a word at a station and sent a telegram to Denver.

"To Samuel Blair"—for he had caught the name from her talk—"your Aunt Hannah Blair is on the W. and W. train coming to you." It was only a straw, but a kindly wind might blow it to the right one after all. When he was sitting there, after his message had gone on its way, she leaned over and handed him a peppermint drop from a package in her pocket.

"You don't look strong, dearie," she said; "aint ye no folks with ye?"

"None on earth."

"We're both lone ones," she smiled, "an' how sad it be there ain't no one to fuss over ye. An' be keerful of the drafts, and keep flannels allus on your chist; that is good for the lungs."

"You are very kind to take an interest in me," he smiled; "but I am afraid it is too late."

Another night of weary slumber in the cramped seats and then the plain began to be dotted with villages, and soon appeared the straggling outskirts of a city, the smoke of mills, the gleam of the Platte River, and a network of iron rails, bright and shining, as the train ran shrieking into the labyrinth of its destination.

"This is Denver," said the lad to her, "and I'll look after you as well as I can."

"I won't be no burden," she said, brightly.
"I've twenty dollars yet, an' that's a sight of money."

The train halted to let the eastward-bound express pass, there was an air of excitement in the car, passengers getting ready to depart, gathering up luggage and wraps, and some watching the newcomers and the rows of strange faces on the outward bound.

The door of the car slammed suddenly, and a big-bearded man with eager blue eyes came down the aisle, looking sharply from right to left. He had left Denver on the express to meet this train. His glance fell on the tinyblack figure.

"Why, Aunt Hannah!" he cried, with a break in his voice, and she—she put out her trembling hand and fell into the big arms, tears streaming down the wrinkled face.

"I knowed Providence would let me find ye, Sam," she said, brokenly, and no one smiled when the big man sat down beside her and with gentle hand wiped her tears away. "Why, I've sent John \$20 a month for five years for you," he said, angrily, as she told him why she ran away, "and he said you could not write, for you had a stroke, and was helpless, and I have written often and sent you money. It's hard for a man to call his own brother a villain."

"We wun't, Sam," she said gently, "but just forgit; and I wouldn't be a burden for ye, fur I can work yit, an' for years to come."

"Work indeed! don't I owe you everything?" he cried. "And my wife has longed for you to come. There are so few dear old aunts in this country, they're prized, I tell you. Why, it's as good as a royal coat-of-arms to have a dear, handsome old woman like you for a relative."

Then he found out who sent the telegram and paid the lad, who blushed and stammered like a girl and did not want to take it.

"I suppose you want a job?" said the big man. "Well, I can give you one. I'm in the food commission business. Give you something light? Lots of your sort, poor lads, out here. All the reference I want is that little kindness of yours to Aunt Hannah."

"Here's the depot, Aunt Hannah, and you won't see 'bars and injuns,' nor the buffaloes; sunniest city you ever set your dear eyes on."

He picked up the carpet-bag, faded and old fashioned, but not a bit ashamed of it, though it looked as if Noah might have carried it to the ark.

They said good-bye, and the last seen of her was her happy old face beaming from a carriage window as she rolled away to what all knew would be a pleasant home for all her waning years.—The Standard.

UNCANNY: A MATABELE YARN.

YCLING in Rhodesia, I arrived one sultry morning at the outskirts of a small native stadt, and seeing a huge banyan tree growing near, I wheeled my machine across the turf to rest in the shade of its wide-spreading branches.

Scarcely had I made myself comfortable when I noticed the ruins of what appeared to be an old homestead. My fancy was

stirred by the sight of this outpost of civilization set amongst the kraalls and habitations of kafirdom. Something uncanny about the place held my attention, and my interest was so strongly aroused that, before leaving, I strolled across the veldt to satisfy my curiosity and discover, if possible, something of what the building had been in the past.

On closer inspection, I gathered that some settler had made a home there, but for a short time only, for, in a country where time avails little, and the modern hustling methods are unknown, a man adds to his domain as prosperity shines upon him, and as his family increases in numbers. The growth of underwood in some places had reached a very substantial height-so much so that I had to force my way beneath it to reach the back of the building. You can picture my surprise when I saw on the further side of this decayed homestead, almost covered by weeds and grasses, a white slab of rock, set up as a headstone, with this inscription rudely carved thereon:

"Harry and Eve Fulton,
"May 1st, 1837.

"One in Life and Death-Beloved."

There was something so weird and uncanny about the solitary grave, even as the bright sunlight filtered through the leafy arches of the trees which flourished around it, that I unconsciously shivered and returned hastily to my machine, to get away from the spell of the cerie ruins.

Not a soul in the village was garrulous enough to tell me what tragedy had taken place here, and it seemed to my awakened suspicions that no one wanted to give me any information.

All day long the recollection of the morning's episode damped the ardor of my spirits, and I recall little of the beauteous scenery through which that day's cycling carried me, for my thoughts continually dwelt upon the fate of those two whose lives had ended there together on the self-same day.

In the evening, I halted at a small farmhouse, about eighty miles north of my previous night's lodging-place, where I asked for shelter for a few hours until the moon rose, when I might be enabled to gain the village I desired to visit for a few days. As hospitality is customary and open-handed amongst the Dutch, and strangers are ever welcome, seeing they are like "ships that pass in the night," affording the only means of communication with the affairs of the world outside, it is scarcely necessary to add I was welcomed, and soon quite at home.

Supper over, the whole household repaired to the wide stoop; pipes were lit, and conversation soon became general. The gray-headed old grandfather appealed much to my fancy as a type now fast vanishing from amongst the original Boer settlers who first trekked into the unknown north, and who, when not engaged in warring with the natives around, were eking out a precarious existence by herding cattle and tilling the soil. Having been ever since a boy fond of hunting yarns, I endeavored to draw him out so far as his early youth was concerned, and I can picture the enthusiasm which suffused his face whilst he recounted a thrilling hunting story, the sparkle of his eyes, and the heaving of his breast as he related the history of his life during the dark days of the early Matabele raids.

The conversation of the company ceased; pipes died out, and all threw their chairs forward to catch the soul-stirring words which fell from the man's lips. Time was forgotten as we listened intently to the narration of many thrilling incidents, the last more exciting than its predecessor, and it was only when coffee was sent in by the mistress of the house with the native servants that we became aware of the great inroad that time had made into the stilly night, and that morn was fast approaching.

Whilst drinking our coffee, and looking out over the land now slumbering in the light of a lovely moon, I recalled to mind the lonely sleepers at whose last resting place I had stood early that morning. Hardly conscious of my words, I casually asked my host, when bidding him farewell, whether he could throw any light upon what had so peculiarly affected my thoughts all day. Instead of replying in the negative, as I had half expected, he remained strangely silent for several moments.

"My lad," he said, "for well-nigh sixty years I have never spoken to anyone about that sad, sad story, and now, on the threshold of another life, you, a perfect stranger, recall what I thought would never again be told down here, but, seeing that my silence might be misunderstood, if you care to listen, I shall tell what I know of that forsaken homestead."

Old Brand was visibly agitated, and all saw that this memory of the past still held much sorrow for him. Silently we resumed our seats, awaiting the story which would reveal a mystery which had so long been hidden.

"Harry Fulton was a typical rooinek—just out from Home, a merry, plucky young fellow, full of energy, and possessing the cocksuredness of a Britisher as to his own abilities. The square chin, and a tightening of the lips at certain times, bespoke an obstinate spirit, but that was only observed by few.

"When Harry first started as a Colonist, and began to farm, he resided with my own people, with whom he was soon a prime favorite. He and I became bosom friends, and, as is but natural for young folk who are continually thrown into one another's company, and where counter attractions are few, Harry fell in love with my sister, Eve—as fine a maid as ever stepped God's earth.

"Having now another link which bound him to the country of his adoption, Harry spent some time in riding about the district to settle upon a suitable spot for a home for his bride. He came across the banyan tree you passed this morning, and, after viewing its wide-spreading branches and stately height, he decided that a house built close by it would make an ideal homestead.

"Harry's plan matured rapidly, for he well knew that the erection of a charming cottage for Eve and himself meant little trouble where labor was both plentiful and cheap. At that time there were many natives, male and female, who would be only too glad to earn a little extra money. Since then the country has been opened up, the Rand exploited, and we now have to pay as much for a month's wages as would

have provided for a year's services at the time about which I speak.

"The cairn of a Matabele witch doctor was the only obstruction which he could see would require removal; but, of course, he would soon have that shifted! On his return home, Harry sketched out the plan of the house with the assistance of the native missionary, whom he deputed to engage suitable labor to remove, as a preliminary step, the old witch doctor's grave.

"With eagerness, scarce concealed, to complete everything as soon as possible, he rode down next evening with Eve, to show her the site of their future home. When they arrived at the spot, Harry was greatly surprised to see that the mound of stones was untouched. On questioning the teacher, he was told the men had been engaged, but that when they had been made aware of the nature of the work they had to do, nothing could persuade them to perform it, and threats were of no avail against the superstition with which this grave was enveloped. A warrior witch doctor had been buried there, and all who slept beneath this tree never slept there again—so said the natives. This grave was one of the most sacred resting places of their religious leaders, and one and all absolutely refused to lift a finger towards desecrating it, affirming they would rather suffer death than assist in dismantling the tomb. pleaded they, 'the baas would not compel them to remove these stones when he knew how great a man lay buried there?' But the baas thought otherwise; he required that place, and no other, for his future 'Really,' said he to Eve, as they discussed the affairs of the day across the dinner table, 'I believe these kafirs wish to frighten us. What's in this nigger's grave? -an old shrunken body, crumbled, maybe, into dust long years ago!' As she seemed to agree with him, in spite of the fact that my father sided with the natives, affirming that it would only cause trouble if the tomb were disturbed, Harry determined to have his own way.

"The natives, however, stood aloof—even after a most heated interview between Harry and the chief of the tribe. The latter, when he realized that the former was not to be moved by any arguments, earnestly entreated the hot-headed youth not to commit so wanton a deed, ending up his appeal with a covert threat that woeful luck would descend on the head of him who dared disturb the old witch doctor's last resting place. The chief besought Fulton to choose another site, but the more the white-headed umlakhsa entreated Harry, the more determined the latter became to build where he wished.

"At various times we had chatted over native superstitions, and it was evident that neither Harry nor Eve had much sympathy with them; they could neither comprehend nor even tolerate them. Both were very young—that is the only excuse for them. In the end Harry told the chief he was going to build where he wished, and if his (the chief's) people would not render assistance, well, he would get others who would. The old chief gravely saluted, but, with shaking head, added that the lad would rue the day he performed such a sacrilegious deed.

"When matters had reached this acute stage, Harry opened his heart to me, and asked me to use my influence with some of the neighboring chiefs to procure labor. To his utter amazement, I counseled him to refrain from the rash deed, and to take the old native's advice. Never seemed anyone so upset as poor Harry was that morning. 'Oh, fiddlesticks!' retorted he, 'you surely do not credit these old wives' fables? Has my own chum even given over his faith to witchcraft?"

"'No; I have not,' I replied, 'but I have not been born, and lived from childhood, amongst the natives without adding my amen to friend Shakespeare, when he says, "There are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in our philosophy," and one thing I do know, and that is that a native will not brook interference with the objects of his superstitions; so better leave them alone. Take my advice, and don't disturb the old heathen. Let his bones crumble in peace.'

"Alas! would that he had listened to the reasonings of all around, but, in the first fierce fire of love's ardor, he determined he would not be balked. He contrived to hire some Hottentots, who had no scruples about witch doctors, under whose power they had never come.

"Fulton, now that his mind was made up. soon had the ground leveled, and, during my absence on a hunting trip, he made substantial progress towards the completion of his future home. Well, to make a long story shorter, the house was at last finished and furnished-the latter operation an easy task for two such loving folk as Eve and Harry. As far as the eye could judge, the cottage was an ideal abode for the happy couple, who were married at the time of the next Nachtmaal. Moreover, I noticed that their bedroom was situated just over the spot where the grave had been. 'Sleeping on top of the miserable old scoundrel,' as Harry mockingly laughed, 'will make our slumber all the sounder.'

"The wedding festivities passed off with great success, and, the honeymoon trip over, the young people took up their residence in their new home.

"During the first night-so Harry related to me next morning-he awoke suddenly out of sleep with a fearful start. It seemed to him as if a spear point was pressing against his throat. Gasping for breath, he opened his eyes. All was clear as daylight, for the harvest moon's rays flooded the room, and he clearly saw the figure of a huge Matabele warrior standing over himself and his wife. The expression of ferocity on the murderous and scarred face was enough to shake Harry's courage for the moment, and all he seemed capable of doing was to observe that the gaunt creature was motioning him to go away or -the unmistakable action of the spear showed him what would follow.

"Harry, however, was no coward, and he attempted to push away the weapon. To his amazement, he grasped at nothing. Eve awoke at this moment, and when she saw the apparition clothed in its warlike paraphernalia, and observed the motions of the death-dealing instrument, she shrieked aloud with terror, aroused the servants, and then fainted away. Harry jumped out of bed, searched the house within and without; the servants, thoroughly scared out of

their senses, swore that the baas had been mistaken—no one could possibly have entered the building.

"Poor Harry was at his wits' end, for it took him several hours to bring Eve out of the swoon into which the fright had sent her, and he was dumbfounded when he discovered that her story of what she had seen was identical, to the merest details, with his own experience. Eve firmly declared she would not live another day within the house—until the mystery was solved she would remain with her own people. Harry's obstinacy, however, was never greater than then, and he swore he would get to the bottom of the trick which had been played upon them by some of the natives.

"Harry accordingly drove his wife over to my father's house, and, after explaining what had occurred, announced his intention of returning to his own home and living there until he had made it free from ghostly visitants for Eve's sake.

"Ere Fulton left for his own farm, I begged of him to remain with us, but without ayail. 'If the niggers thought they would frighten him with such a trick,' he persisted, 'he would soon disillusion them. That was his home, and an Englishman's home was his castle. He would bore a hole through anyone who came prowling round his bed at nighttime.'

"That night Harry slept with a loaded revolver ready for use. 'Hanged if I'm going to be stabbed by a damned nigger,' said he, 'but, by Jove, what a blood-curdling countenance the old bounder had—awfully funny, I couldn't catch hold of his spear. Well, tonight, I won't ask questions; I'll shoot'

"Nothing happened until Harry had been asleep for some time—for several hours he thought—when he was again awakened with the same sensation. The spear-point seemed to be driven relentlessly home. He opened his eyes, and, with a herculean effort, wrenched himself away from the weapon, grasped his revolver, and fired with deadly aim at the figure. The sound of the shot broke the spell, even as did the shriek from his wife on the previous evening, and the apparition disappeared as he leaped out of the bed. The natives, hearing the sound

of the shot, rushed in, and found Harry glaring around, completely overcome with amazement. 'Where was the old warrior?' At such a short range he could not have missed, and still more puzzling was the absence of the slightest trace of blood!

"The whole incident was too mystifying for words, especially as Eve had about the same time experienced the same horrible sensations which Harry passed through at his home. It was most extraordinary, but every night for a week he enacted the same scene, and always when he had been asleep for a few hours; he had the same impression of being stabbed in the throat, and, on awakening, saw the same grim figure going through the very same threatening movements. Time and again he fired at the figure until the side of the room was punctured with bullet marks, but with no success-the warrior ghost vanished as he jumped out of bed.

"As a last resource, he tried to remain awake, but the eerie experiences of the past nights had so wearied him that the strain was becoming too much for him, and in despair he asked me to sleep in his room the next night. His pluck would not allow him to acknowledge himself beaten, and, although consideration for his wife should have made him surrender and submit to fate, he swore he would not."

"'I've never been beaten yet,' said the plucky fellow, 'and I'm going to solve the mystery, even if I die for it.' When a lad at college, way down south, I remember learning a quotation which I always associate with my dear chum: 'Quos Deus vult perdere, prius dementat'—for me it is the only solution of the mysterious episode in my life.

"Whilst riding over to the fated homestead, I closely questioned Harry concerning the details of the apparition, and he recounted his weird experiences with a certain amount of cynicism I did not like. It seemed to be playing with death.

"We retired about the usual time to rest, and kept our revolvers close at hand in case of emergency. I do not know how long I had been asleep, but this much I recall—that I awoke with a start, feeling vaguely that all was not as it should be. Never

shall I forget the scene which greeted my eyes as I opened them. Even now I plainly see the huge, gaunt, spectral shape of the fully-clad warrior witch doctor towering over Harry, who was vainly trying to keep the deadly spear from his throat. For the moment I was paralyzed by the sight, and unable to exert myself, the next, I saw Harry suddenly reach for his revolver. I did likewise, and we both fired simultaneously, whilst I hurled myself at the figure. but struck nothing more solid than the air. The figure had vanished. Half-dazed, I stood lost in bewilderment, then my eyes fell on Harry. He lay across the bed, very still, very quiet. I called to him by name, then shook him, but without getting any response.

"The room was now full of servants, whom the double report had brought at great haste, to see what the baas had done this time.

"Still dazed somewhat with the events of the evening, I turned to attend to Harry. At first I thought only that the horror of the fright had caused him to faint away, but when I picked him up I received a shock I can never forget. He was dead, his open English face holding a look of fixed intense agony, and in the throat a gash—such as is made with an assegai thrust—trickling blood.

"A further sorrow awaited my arrival when reaching home. The shock had been too much for Eve; she had passed away the self-same hour that poor Harry was taken."

The mystery is a mystery still, and the memory of that lonely grave, far removed from civilization, ofttimes comes back to me when at early morn I cycle afar from the haunts of man, away from grimy, dusty Johannesburg, into the clean new veldt of God's own country.—By Ralph George in South African Railway Magazine.

The Last Word.

"Aw, g'on Mike," said the British soldier, attempting to end the argument; "you're a lobster."

"Ye flatter me," retorted Mike; "shure, a lobster's a wise animal, fur green is the color fur him as long as he lives, an' he'll die before he puts on a red coat."

CHAUFFEUR No. 7.

HERE are so many ridiculous accounts of my affairs in circulation that I think it only right to all parties concerned—especially Dad—to state the plain unvarnished facts. Only this morning I received a batch of the most absurd letters.

To quote: "Had I really eloped with my chauffeur?"

"Understand the happy man is a farmer, but trust that you will still spend the winter in New York?"

"An English nobleman in disguise. Dorothy, is this true, and where was his disguise?"

But Aunt Harriet's contribution made me savage. She rated me soundly for what she termed my "indiscretion," and wound up by saying that William (that's Dad) was entirely to blame. He had always been too indulgent to a motherless, headstrong girl (that's me), and 'twas no more than she had expected, anyway. Now, no girl ever had a better or dearer father than I, and as Aunt Harriet was always of the cats, catty, I didn't really mind what she said, but if any act of mine reflects on Dad, I think it's time to come forward and speak my little piece.

To begin at the beginning. I had been very ill with typhoid, and somehow I didn't convalesce after the manner of well-regulated convalescents, but as I never did anything according to custom, nobody expected me to do the regulation thing. However, that's a mere detail and I'll stop that part.

During my illness they had literally shorn my hair from my head. coaxing or coercion would induce it to grow, and I really didn't have the moral courage to face a critical public with a distinguished air and a Dutch hair cut. All sorts of pleasant things had been promised me for the coming season, and it was exasperating to give them up, so I fretted considerably and made myself anything but an interesting invalid. Things were in this melancholy state when Dad said to me one morning, "Dorothy, if you were a boy I should undoubtedly administer some birch stick tonic and pack you off to parts remote. where you could regain your normal health and grow a beard. But as you are a girl and all I have," here Dad's voice was unsteady, "I've arranged a little surprise for you. Don't ask any questions, but get a few useful clothes into your trunk and be ready to leave at 4:30 p. m. sharp. Saunders (Saunders was my long-suffering chaperone) is going with you, and will attend to details." Of course I cried, and as I kissed Dad I told him how sorry I was that I'd been such a trial to him, and mentally vowed I'd go to the end of the world—or grow a beard—if it would please him.

Dad's surprises were always delightful, and this one proved a record-breaker. He had engaged a rambling old house, three miles away from any place in general, meaning the "general store," and ten miles from any place in particular, meaning a small wooden box where a telegraph instrument was kept, and where a train would stop—"if it was flagged."

'Twas simply great—I mean the old house—the surroundings were bucolic, ideal, also healthy; and after Dad sent Ellis down with the runabout, I took long rides all over the country, getting strong and well almost before I knew it. But with the advent of the runabout, what's sure to happen began to come true.

Ellis couldn't stand the lack of society (although we had two maids) so he resigned and made tracks for dear old Broadway. Dad sent along another "chuff," but Saunders surprised him drinking something out of a bottle, so 'twas back to the Rialto for him. In one brief month we had no less than six chauffeurs forwarded by Dad. C. O. D., but none of them passed the prelims, and then John—I mean No. 7—arrived. Even Saunders' eagle eye discovered no flaw in him, so he became a fixture. Of course I saw he was "different" the moment I looked at him—but I anticipate.

Before No. 7's arrival I had taken very little interest in my appearance. Had enjoyed the simple life in old clothes and my golden hair hanging down my back—as far as it would. But after No. 7 came I changed my mind, also my raiment, and evinced a pronounced interest in motoring. I had Dad send down the touring car and

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insisted on learning to run it, and of course it was No. 7's duty to teach me.

Saunders balked at first, for she didn't consider it proper even in this Sylvan retreat for me to be unchaperoned, but after several narrow escapes and being jounced to an unrecognizable mass in the tonneau, she capitulated, remarking that as my custodian she was prepared for shocks or even sudden death, but she refused to be precipitated into the hereafter in the very act of breaking the speed limit.

So it came about that No. 7 and I took many delightful runs over the quiet country roads together, and I might add that we became fairly well acquainted. Not for a moment, however, did he forget that he was simply my "chuff" and it took considerable tact on my part to learn something of his history.

He was English (I'd noticed he said "bean" for been) and was going West to try ranching in the fall. In the meantime he had noticed Dad's ad. for a chauffeur in the New York papers. Thinking that he would like to study American rural life at close range, he had applied for the situation and got it. Yes, he had letters of introduction, but had never presented them, preferring to "rough it" and make his way unaided.

About this time, as the Farmers' Almanac says, I did considerable thinking. My abstraction and unwonted tractability became so pronounced that Saunders was positively alarmed.

During my twenty years of existence (not counting my two "seasons out") I had seen many specimens of the genus homo, but I didn't require the aid of binoculars to discover that No. 7 was the first real man (excepting Dad) I'd ever met. I knew the climax must come, and I prepared myself to be prepared.

It came. And I wasn't prepared at all. We had been bowling along smoothly, I was running the car. There wasn't a cow, or even a hen on the track, when for no apparent reason John—I mean No. 7—took my hands off the wheel and reversed the brake. "I've written your father to engage another chauffeur," he began quietly. As hereinbefore described, I had expected a climax,

but it never occurred to me that he would throw up his job!

"Might I ask why?" My coolness really surprised myself.

"Because I don't think I'd best stay here any longer."

This was convincing but not satisfactory; I stole a glance at his square jaw and a mist came to my eyes, but through it way off in the distance, I saw the little white spire of the "meeting house."

"John," I began, trying to keep my voice steady, "you know what an awful time we've had with chauffeurs. I don't see how you can have the heart to leave me—I mean Saunders—to the wild and untamed possibilities of instant death."

My metaphors were mixed, but I kept right on talking for I knew I should cry if I didn't.

"I might be horribly mangled or killed outright and—"

A smothered "Don't" from John. His face was white, but the light that never shone on sea or land was in his eyes.

"Do you see that little church?" I continued, pointing to the spire, "that's where the minister lives. Let's go over and see if he can't find a way for you to stay—for my sake." The last was spoken so low that I thought John didn't hear, but he did.

"Do you mean that, Dorothy?"

"Till death do us part," I answered steadily.

John gave the lever a hitch—high speed—and the car shot forward. "The tank is pretty low, little girl, but I think we can make it," he called to me as we flew along.

"If the gasoline gives out, we'll walk." I called back,

Two hours later the man in the wooden box received the two distinct shocks of his life—my wire to Dad and the reply.

Here they are:

"Please come at once and bring a doctor and a trained nurse for Saunders. She has hysteria or something and we can't do anything with her. And, Dad, I've just married No. 7; I had to or he wouldn't stay. Are you surprised? DOROTHY." (Collect.)

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"Surprise on you, No. 7 son retired Eng. officer; old friend mine, knew before hired him. Congratulations. Be down tomorrow; tell Saunders not be idiot. DAD." (Paid.)

—By GERTRUDE MARYLAND MOORHOUSE, in The Painter and Decorator.

PETERSON'S VIGIL.

OT room for a dead-head,
Luke?" I said, looking up from
my seat on a baggage truck.

"Got room for you, youngster, if you want t' run out with us," replied the old engineer, as he shoved the lever over and looked back for the lantern.

On the impulse of the moment, I swung into the cab and up to a perch beside the fireman.

We were working eight-hour tricks then in the T. D.'s office, and I had the second, going off at midnight. Ordinarily, I went to roost about one, but this night, somehow, I had no desire for sleep and I had wandered out upon the platform and smoked a cigar, watching "eighty-three" make up.

"Eighty-three" was the midnight express, 12:20 a. m. out of Morganville, and a heavy train for those days, carrying three Pullman's, two day coaches and a combination.

The thought of a ride only struck me as she was about ready to pull out. I could run out as far as Milltown and come back on "ninety-seven," getting in before six.

Luke tugged open the throttle and off we went. "Eighty-three" made two regular stops before Milltown, the first at Jamesport and then at Clearwater. Two miles west of the latter place our line was crossed at grade by the D. & A., a branch of the "trunk," over which few trains passed at night. The crossing had originally been protected by a flagman, but just prior to my advent upon the road, his services had been supplanted by the installation of the automatic system of signals then generally recognized as the most efficient in use.

We had left Clearwater on time, and were rolling along at schedule speed when we came to the crossing. We ran under four hundred yard semaphore, which showed up white, and as we approached the home signal I observed a lantern swinging for "clear" at the side of the track. As we plunged over the frogs I yelled across at Luke, "Who was that?"

"Old Peterson," he shorted back.

"Who's he?"

"Used to tend the crossing."

"Thought the man was pensioned off when they put in the 'system?'"

"So he was."

"What's he doing there now then?"

"Can't keep away, I guess."

After an interval, I leaned across again and shouted, "Is he there every night?"

"Yep."

"How long does he stay?"

"'Till after the D. & A. 'owl' goes through. That's the last D. & A. train, you know."

The incident made a deep impression upon me. The old man had flagged that grade crossing, guarding the lives of thousands, year after year, until modern progress had thrust him aside and erected in his place an automaton of steel and wires. And now, so strong was the habit acquired through all those years, that although his presence was but surplusage, second nature called him to his post each evening with the same regularity as before.

I leaned across again. "Where does he live?" I asked.

"Up th' hill from the sidin' there."
"Alone?"

"Yep. Kind o' dippy, I guess. Wife died years ago. Had a boy brakin' on the D. & A. thet got his back hurt in a 'rear end' up Grimes way, just before the old man was took off th' road, and he's been in the hospital ever since."

"And you say the old man comes on every night, eh?"

"Yep. Carries his red and white lantern, same as ever, summer and winter. They'll find 'im froze some fine mornin'. There ain't so much as a hollow tree aroun' there a feller could get into out o' a blizzard, since they tore down his shack. 'Course he ain't no use no more, but he can't do no harm, and most o' th' boys feels kind o' sorry for 'im and ain't said nothin' about it upstairs."

Arriving at Milltown, I caught "ninety-seven" east, as I expected, and got home about six o'clock.

I was tired at last, and slept till nearly three in the afternoon.

Business kept my mind pretty well occupied the following evening. There had been some confusion along the line, and I had to work hard. At the end of my trick, I went home and turned in. As I lay courting sleep, my mind reverted to Old Peterson. He was probably at that very moment watching for the approach of "eighty-three." There was something pathetic about it that excited more than passing interest. no definite end in view, I yet wanted to see the old man and talk with him. I determined to run out to the crossing the next morning. Accordingly, I arose about eight o'clock and went down to the station. "Number ten" was about ready to pull out, and I jumped aboard. I got Jerry Wilson, the conductor, to slow up at the crossing and drop me. I located Old Peterson's cottage without difficulty, and entered the yard. Huddled as it was in a wilderness, a good three miles from any other habitation, I marveled at the neatness of the grass plat and flower beds. Wisteria and honeysuckle covered the little porch, though, as it was then late autumn, the leaves were withered and falling. I found the old man raking up the dead leaves into a pile on the gravel walk.

"Good morning, sir," said he, in response to my salutation.

"I thought I would like to see your little place up here," I said. "I have been looking up a car along the line, and can not get a train east for an hour or so."

"You'r perfectly welcome, sir," he replied.
"I try to keep things kind o' ship-shape, but somehow it don't look th' same as it used to. Ambition's kind o' gone, I guess," and he gazed off down the hill toward the crossing.

"You used to flag that crossing, did you not, Mr. Peterson?" I said.

"Seventeen years," he replied, "ever since th' lines has been there, up to two year ago, when they put in th' signals."

"Must seem queer now, not to go on duty, after so long?" I ventured.

"'Queer?' mister," and a wan smile came over his face, "would it seem queer never to go to bed again, or never to get up again or never to walk again? Well, it's about th' same thing. You might as well take away a man's hands as t' take away th' work them hands has done day in and day out, year in and year out," and with hands clasped, he leaned upon the handle of his rake and continued to gaze off down the hill.

"How is your son, now?" I asked.

"Well, I don't know," said he, with instantly returning animation, which showed I had touched a theme near his heart. "The doctors say they want to perform some sort of an operation. Say there's a piece of bone a pressin' on the spinal cord, which if they can remove he can get up and walk good as ever."

"They do wonderful things nowadays," I said, seeking to encourage him. "Science has made wonderful strides in late years."

"Yes, thet's so, mister," said he. "Modern inventions is on every hand. There's one down at thet there crossin' now. A machine made o' iron, as they think can set a signal again two trains a comin' together, better 'n a live human man can do. Well maybe, maybe, but there'll come a time when thet new fangled thing 'll go wrong, an' the Lord knows how many innercent souls will pay fer it with their lives."

"But surgery, at least, has progressed," I argued.

"Ah, yes," said he, "that's so. And the Lord grant they can cure my poor boy."

We had wandered into the house, and in the little room which served as living room and parlor. He proceeded to a closet, from which he presently issued, bearing in his hands a little toy train of cars and locomotive.

Placing them upon the table, he dropped to a chair and covered his face with his hands. Presently he raised his head and the tears were visible upon his weather-beaten cheeks.

"See them, mister?" said he, pointing to the toys. "Well, them's his. He used to haul them up and down all day long when he was a little curly head, and now, they've went and crushed 'im, killed 'im, maybe." And again his head sank in his hands.

I tried to speak words of encouragement. but, somehow, I got a lump in my throat, and it was the old man himself who proved the stronger and led the conversation back into less painful channels.

I spent an hour with him, but I made no reference to his midnight vigil and neither did he.

Along about the middle of the following January, I was working on a little invention with Frank Bowers, the third trick man at Milltown, and I used to run out frequently on "eighty-three" and spend a couple of hours with him, getting back in time to turn in about nine in the morning.

One night, at Luke's invitation, I jumped into the cab, just as he was about to pull out. The weather had come off bitter cold, and a heavy fall of snow lay upon the ground.

We made Clearwater a few minutes behind and set a lively pace toward the D. & A. crossing. We could see the four hundred yard and home signals showing up white ahead, and were just rushing under the former when I saw Luke jam in the throttle and throw on the air. There was a grind and a spasmodic jerking as the ponderous train lessened momentum. I looked ahead, and between the rails, almost hidden in the snow, was a red lantern, while at one side of the track lay a dark object.

"Eighty-three" came to a stop with the pilot about three feet from the D. & A. northbound rails, when, with a roar from the funnel and a rattle like the discharge of musketry, a wild-cat freight flashed past us over the D. & A.

Luke stared at me with arms folded and a grim smile on his face, while I mopped the cold perspiration.

"Old Peterson!" I gasped.

"He certainly done th' trick," said Luke.

The "System" had failed to operate the "one thousandth" time, and old Peterson's vigilance had prevented what must have been one of the most fatal wrecks in the history of railroading.

We dropped off and ran back through the snow. We carried the old man into a sleeper and shouted for a doctor. Luckily there was one aboard, and he probably saved the old man's life. We got him to the hospital at Milltown, and in due time he recovered. I think his convalescence was materially hastened by the telegram I had the pleasure of handing him, saying that the operation upon his son had accomplished the desired result, and that the boy was rapidly regaining his health and strength.

There is a tower now at the crossing, and Jack Peterson works the first trick. The old man still draws his pension, spends his days with his son in the tower and his nights in the little cottage with his son, daughter-in-law and grandson, who plays with the little train.—By Henry M. Lummis in Express Gazette.

A TEMPERANCE SERMON.

Y OUNG man, guide not thy feet into the booze joints, nor rest long thy shirt front against the mahogany thereof.

For the breath of them is as sickness, and their free lunch as the siren's voice which bringeth thee nothing but the swift kick.

Remember thy seat on the water wagon and keep it wholly; for though the "Seeing Watertown" car is painted blue and loseth many passengers, though the car slippeth when passing Jim's, and thy hat, it clamoreth to blow off.

Remember thou that the wise boss considereth that the cloven foot goeth with the cloven breath, and a half Nelson on the hay of an evening is worth two bromo seltzers in the morning. Far better is a standin with the boss than a stand-off with the barkeep when the board bill confronteth thee.

But if thy toe stubbeth, then touch not the third cocktail, nor the olive contained therein, for they slammeth upon thee a headache that is a pippin.

Sayest the booze clerk unto thee: "Partake now of this tub of suds, for the house buyeth," offend not thy tummy.

But take thou a soft one; for he is a wise rooster who knoweth when the good thing passeth. Sayest thy friend unto thee, "Have one on me," neither offend him, but bespeak him gently, and grab thou a fifteen-center.

For of a truth, as thou are getting that fuzzy taste, the smoke it helpeth mightily in settling everything but the bill.

Now, this thing I say unto you: Thus far and no farther shouldst thou go in bucking the booze when thy friend clamoreth:

When the next one it looseneth thy tongue.

And thou callest thy new acquaintance by his first name.

And thy hand, it seeketh his shoulder. And thou talkest shop, and cusseth the country correspondent unto the uttermost.

And proclaimeth that thou art a gentleman, and careth not who knoweth it; then shouldst thou turn from the suds when they creameth, and the highball when the ice cracketh enticingly.

Grabbest thou another, then woe unto thee; for thy tribulations multiply like the interest at Uncle's.

Mayhap thou liftest up thy voice in a great noise and singeth of "The Old Oaken Bucket" or the "Lion's Cage."

And bestow thy small change upon the orchestra, reckoning not of thy board bill, which accumulateth and worketh overtime to smite thy pay envelope.

Behold thy feet, they track, nor hast thou understanding of thy legs; the sidewalks hath yeast and riseth rapidly before thee.

It smiteth thee on the nose when thou lookest not, and strangers revile thee, and make merry over thy countenance, which it hath mauled.

Now, this is the saying of one who knoweth these things; verily, my son, it is good dope.

Touch not the funny water when thy conk whirleth, for it will rise up against thee.

Thy couch whereon thou seekest rest, it will whirl thee like unto the merry-go-round.

And climb the wall of thy habitation.

Defying the laws of gravitation, which it putteth to scorn, and dance the hoochie while thy tummy protesteth.

While thou hang on wildly, and anon grab at pink grasshoppers, which elude thee and make quick change into blue spiders and angleworms with tin hats.

Anon a great sickness shall overwhelm thee, and unto thee shall almost come knowledge of thy neighbor's menu.

Nor shall the morning sooth thee much; but wise is he who lassoeth the first water faucet that danceth by.

For therein lieth comfort.—ARTHUR COPP, in Seattle Union Record.

AN AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY STORY.

OME time ago a traveler by one of the mixed trains running on the suburban section of the G. N. Ry., took his dog, one of that nondescript character which have earned for themselves the appellation of "between a barn door and a window shutter," into the carriage with him. Somewhere about Hexham, the guard, genial P. C-, discovered the fact and politely informed the owner that it was against the regulations of the N. S. W. Railway that dogs of any kind should be allowed to travel with passengers, and that doggy would have to be removed to the dog box in the brake van. To this the owner refused to agree, and after a short but heated argument, exclaimed, "If you will not let the poor brute travel quietly here under the seat, he shall certainly not be fastened up in that poky hole, but shall have a little fresh air and exercise."

Driving his hand into the capacious mouth of a considerably extended carpetbag beside him, the gentleman brought forth a piece of nice, strong string, which he hitched on to the dog's collar, and to the astonishment of the bystanders, hooked him to the side chains of the last vehicle. "Suicide," suggested the guard. "Not much," answered the passenger, with a contemptuous twinkle in the corner of his left eye. Eyeing the guard humorously for a moment, he said: "Look here, Mr. Guard, if my dog couldn't keep up with the train on this line I'd make him a present to the first fat old lady I met. I hail from the States, and I guess they travel there."

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Now, there is no man on the North relishes a joke more than Pat, and this was a joke. If the string didn't break—he made a mental calculation of how much dog would be left when the owner called for him at Newcastle-that was all. Besides, he was a bit annoyed that a dog of his type, barn door and window shutter pattern, should be held up as the measure of speed of his train. So just before starting he went up to the driver and whispered the joke in his ear, adding that the owner of the dog had asserted that his train resembled more a procession of hearses than decent means of conveyance for a democratic community in this age of progress and steam. That was The driver glared a defiant reply at the voicer of this nail-can statement as he snorted out of the station. The guard hurried through his correspondence, regulating, checking bills, invoices, etc., to have plenty of time to watch the fun. Every time he looked out there was the dog trotting gaily along with his tail on high, not even thinking it sufficient exertion to put out his tongue. So matters went on till Sandgate was reached, when the guard went up to the driver and told him he couldn't have so much steam on as he would have lifted the lid off the historic kettle. Whereupon the driver assured him that when they did get steam on they would give their canine friend behind a treat. Coming down the hill at Wallsend Junction no unnecessary brake power was used, with the result that quite a merry pace was knocked out of our traveler's "procession of hearses." "Oh, said the guard, chuckling to himself. "this is something like;" and at the bottom of the hill he looked out, remarking, "I wonder how much is left of that brute behind, now?" To his joy, when he looked out he could see nothing but the string hanging loosely from the buffer. "Poor brute; it was cruel, after all!" murmured P-, as he drew in his head at the door. But his pity was soon changed into unmitigated disgust when on the arrival at the terminus he saw the intelligent and faithful animal sitting on the new platform waiting for his master to come in by the train.—Teufelsdrockh's Memoirs of Railway Traveling.

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE OUT OF A JOB, AND COLD AND HUNGRY?

HE following remarkable article is from the Des Moines Daily News, and the editor of that sheet says it was written by a penniless, homeless wanderer who came into the office and asked to be allowed to write something for the price of a meal.

The city editor placed him at a desk and told him to write about how it felt to be out of a job and hungry.

The editor of the *News* assures his readers that the article is printed without change of a word:

(By the Man Himself.)

They have asked me to write down what it feels like to be out of a job, and cold and hungry. They said they would pay me for it if I would tell just how I feel, and that they would let me stay in the warm office while I wrote it. They said they would print it just as I wrote it, and I heard one man tell another one that it would be a great human document.

A great human document! Good God! I guess it is! But I think they meant to be kind. Anyway, I shall write as slowly as I can, because it is cold out there in the street.

I am an educated man. I went to college, never mind where. The college didn't do very much for me, and I guess it wouldn't think I was doing very much for it if I mentioned its name in the story of a bum. I am a bum. It took me a long time to realize it. I'm down and out. I've done things that were wrong. At least, the police said so. When a man's hungry he don't think much about right and wrong. He thinks about his stomach.

When his trousers are frayed at the bottom, and his shoes let the snow in, and he wears the same shirt for six weeks, and the police hound him, and he rides the blind baggage, and the brakemen kick him and curse him, and the people on the street won't stop, and the smug charities tell him to come back next week, and there's no work and no friends, and you're lonely, and hungry, and cold, and broke, and you walk along and look through the windows

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into warm rooms and know that there isn't anybody in the world who gives a damn—you don't care such a hell of a lot about right and wrong, do you? I dare you to say you would! I don't. I want to live. It's a fool thing to want, but I want it. If it wasn't for that I could lie down in front of a fast train.

Last Sunday I went to church. It was a fine church. They let me sit in one of the back pews. The minister preached about love and charity. I tried to speak to him after church, but he was too busy. Then I asked the sexton to let me stay in the church. I was cold. I wouldn't have stolen anything. But he turned me out.

A man has just come and said I was not writing what he wanted. He wants me to write how I feel.

Sometimes I feel like a murderer.

I told him I would not write how I feel. Even if they pay me, they haven't any right to make me say things that will do harm.

But there's one thing I will say.

Put yourself in my place. Never mind whose fault it is that you are a bum and a beggar. It's night, say, and snowing, and the wind is biting into you. There are hundreds of people going by, thinking of themselves and their own comfort, and their own warmth, and their own bellies. Try to speak to one of them. "Excuse me, sir, but could you?" One pays no attention. Another ignores you as he would a cur. One man says he's sorry, and the rest shake their heads impatiently. You hear one man say to another. "I never give to beggars. They only want it to buy whisky with."

It's a lie! That man was a liar, and he knows it. He was a little, mean, selfish, stingy soul. He didn't want to give. He was too selfish to care. It wasn't anything to him that another man was cold and starving. He wanted to forget it. He considered himself affronted because you dared to ask him, and to salve his own dirty little

conscience he said: "He wants it to buy whisky with."

No; I haven't any quarrel against the world as a world. It may be it's my own fault that I am what I am. I have only an accusation against its hypocrisy. If men are brothers, it's the beggar who knows which are the Cains.

The next time one of my sort speaks to you, think. Hold your soul up in front of you and look at it. If you want to say to him, "No, dog!" say it, and he will think more of you than if you hide your inhuman selfishness behind the cloak of the hypocrite and say: "I never give to beggars. They only want it to buy whisky with!"

THE WANT OF THE AGE.

T has been truly said that the want of the age is men. Men of thought; men of action. Men who are not for sale. Men who are honest to the heart's core. Men who will condemn wrong in friend or foe. in themselves as well as others. Men whose consciences are as steady as the needle to the pole. Men who will stand for right if the heavens totter and the earth reels. Men who can tell the truth and look the world and the devil right in the eye. Men who can have courage without whistling for it. and joy without shouting to bring it. Men through whom the current of everlasting life runs still and deep and strong. Men too large for certain limits, and too strong for sectarian bands. Men who know their message and tell it. Men who know their place and fill it. Men who mind their own business. Men who will not lie. Men who are not too lazy to work, nor too proud to be poor. When in the office, the workshop, the counting room, the bank, in every place of trust and responsibility, we can have such men as these, we shall have a christian civilization the highest and best the world ever saw.—Progress.





Evening Stars.

[For The RAILBOAD TELEGRAPHER.]
The shifting shadows gather now
Beneath the lofty trees,
The birds are nestling on the bough,
The flowers feel the breeze;
The sun has closed his regal reign,
His daylight work is done,
Yet heaven's splendors never wane,
When sinks the setting sun;
The stars assume their nightly throne,
And shine in limpid glee.
While Mother Moon within her zone,
Rides o'er the sounding sea.

We, too, are stars that glint and gleam
But for a single space,
And then we leave as in a dream,
While others take our place;
But O, the sun and moon are near,
That's why they seem so great,
There's many a star not half so dear,
That has a larger mate!
So strive not to be moon nor sun,
But just a twinkling star,
To hear the splendid words, "Well done,"
When you have "crossed the bar."
—Lewis Elmer Trescott, Poet Lariat.

The White Slave.

Not bleeding 'neath the lash of Egypt's scorn, Not in the dungeons nor in galley chains. Nor baited to the savage lions now, Like those to Nero's bloody thirst consigned, But look on him, the white slave of our time; See on his face the centuries' stamp of crime.

Ye see no chains, but yet more sharp than steel Life's shackles cut into his tortured soul. The white slave toils away his hopeless life, And dies like coral worms beneath the sea, That palaces and gardens by his hands may grow, While kingdoms rise and princes come and go.

His masters revel while the white slave toils. "Be ye contented," is his only cheer;
And when to God goes up a cry for help,
In vain he prays to Him who dwells on high:
"O God of Plenty, art Thou blind and deaf,
That to this lowly cry comes no relief?"

His masters revel. Their remorse of soul Is drowned in ruby wine when tears should flow;

Lights of the ballroom, softly pleading flutes; What thoughts are lent for tales of man's distress? Tell these of sorrow, and they heed you not, For splendor hides from them the cancerous blot.

The masters revel. Countless thousands starve. The white slave's cup of woe is surely full. God of the wealthy, if Thou be their God, Cover Thine eyes when this cup overflows, For Satan's realm makes not the whole of hell While sons of earth such fearful tales can tell.

The pupils breathe forth libels on Thy name; Thou canst not be the God to whom they cry. Thou wilt not stand for treason's earthly lords, Nor see Thy poor oppressed forever wronged. Come quickly, lest Thy teachings fade away, And men forget Thy mercies while they pray.

The black slave cried; his cry was not in vain. Prophets arose to sound the warning note. The crisis came, and 'mid the clash of steel From sable limbs the cruel fetters fell. Great was the price, but not too great to pay, That men might be redeemed from slavery's sway.

Ye white slaves, stand together, side by side,
And list in silent prayer the distant storm.
Though faint and far, we catch its murmur now—
Prophetic ears can not mistake the sound.
'Tis coming—coming fast—this storm cloud dark,
But those who revel neither see nor hark.

-Grand Rapids Chronicle.

There is No Death.

There is no death! 'Tis but a change
That brings us to a fairer shore,
Where angry waters, tempest-tossed,
Shall cease to roar forevermore.

There is no death! The stars go down Like diamonds sinking in the sea, But rise again and brighter shine, Yea, shine for all eternity.

There is no death! The flow'r may fade And wither by the barren way, But it will rise again and bloom More beautiful some future day.

There is no death! 'Tis but a change
That God has planned to lead us by
The things of earth we hold too dear,
To fairer things beyond the sky.

-By Adelbert Clark.

A New Deal.

When the cards are shuffled and dealt again
On the other side of the day,
And the hand you held goes over the board
To the fellow that couldn't play,

We'll know whether you could take his hand And play it as well as he, And whether the man with the thirteen trumps Was the man he seemed to be.

Health and wealth and birth and worth
And wit are the cards you hold;
But all the cards that were dealt to him
Were rags and hunger and cold.

It's easy to win with a winning hand, And to carry away the prize; But hard to lose with a winning grace In the selfish victor's eyes.

The Lord is God of the fools he made,
And gave to inherit the land;
And the Lord God knows the king of fools
Is the fool with the winning hand.

But the dealer who dealt us the good and ill Will shuffle the cards anew, And the trumps will go to the man who lost, And the trash will go to you.

Oh! many a prize will fall at last
To the fellow who couldn't play,
And many a winner shall lose the game
On the other side of the day.

The glad shall know the sorrowful heart, The sad shall smile again; And both together shall bear the yoke Of toil and trouble and pain.

'Tis only the winner that wins today,
And the loser loses alone;
But the winner and loser will share the prize
When this little day is done.

-By Franklin Kent Gifford, in Exchange.

Comrades.

Something about an old sweetheart-Some dream about an old flame, Feller named O'Reilly wrote it, Don't jest remember the name. Heard it last night at the lecture, Girl that knew how to recite, Had it committed to mem'ry, Knew how to bring it out right. Some perfect stranger sat near me, Back pritty to'rds the door; Feller jest dropped in, I reckon, I never saw him before. Feller 'bout fifty or sixty, Purty well dressed I could see, Dropped in to pass a dull evenin' · An' took a seat right next to me.

Something about an old sweetheart-I don't remember it all; But it was still when she spoke it, Wasn't a sound in the hall. I don't go much on recitin', But when she spoke it, you see, I couldn't help listenin' to it, She seemed to talk right to me. Something about an old sweetheart; Say, but she knew how to speak. Something in her or O'Reilly Sorter brought damp to my cheek. And when I looked at the stranger, Hoping that he didn't see, His cheek was wet and a tear rolled Down on the side next to me.

Something about an old sweetheart-I don't remember the words, But it brought memories to me Of sunshine, flowers and birds: Brought back the spring and the June time, Thoughts that were misty and dim, And I looked over and wondered What it was bringing to him. I saw him take out his hank'chef, Lookin' about sort o' sly, And when he thought I wasn't a lookin' Rub somethin' outen his eye. He didn't seem like a stranger. You know how sympathy is; Something about an old sweetheart, Mebbe some kindred o' his. -By J. W. Foley, Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

Do It Now.

If you have a task on hand,
Do it now!
Hustle, boys, to beat the band,
Do it now!
Time is speeding swift away
To your task, cut out the play,
Do your work, and, don't delay,
Do it now!

If you have to shovel snow,
Do it now!

Never stop to talk or blow,
Do it now!

Do you work by hook or crook
Sing or dance, or write a book,
If you have to cuss the cook,
Do it now!

Let no pleasure intervene,
Do it now!
Tho' the task be low and mean,
Do it now!
Soon will fall the shades of night,
Do your work and do it right,
Work, sing or dance, eat or fight,
Do it now!

-By Will H. Dixon,



Glasses Undesirable.

Tonimy (on a visit): "Do your specs magnify, grandma?"

Grandma: "Yes, Tommy."

Tommy: "Do you mind taking them off while you cut my cake?"—Chicago Ledger.

Sure.

"Mamma," said little Elsie, "do men ever go to heaven?"

"Why, of course, my dear. What makes you ask?"

"Because I never see any pictures of angels with whiskers."

"Well," said the mother, thoughtfully, "they go to heaven, sometimes, by a close shave."—Ex.

He Stayed.

The young man called on his best girl and spent the evening. When he arrived there was not a cloud in the sky, so he carried no umbrella. At ten o'clock it was raining cats and dogs and the gutters overflowed.

"My, my, my!" said the dear one. "If you go out in this storm, you will catch your death of cold."

"I'm afraid I might," was the assenting

"Well, I'll tell you what—stay all night; you can have Tom's room, since he's at college."

She flew upstairs to see that Tom's room was in order. In a little while she came down to announce that Tom's room was in order, but the young man was not in sight. In a few minutes he appeared, dripping and out of breath from running, with a bundle under his arm.

"Why, Charlie, where have you been?" she cried.

"Been home after my night-shirt," was the answer.—Saxby's.

Caught a Tartar.

A lady entered a railroad station in a small town in Oklahoma the other day and said she wanted a ticket for St. Louis.

The pale-looking and hard-worked clerk asked: "Single?"

"It ain't any of your business," she replied. "I might have been married a dozen times if I'd felt like providin' for some poor shiftless wreck of a man like you."

Not Always the Same.

A bright-eyed old man boarded the train at St. Paul bound for Seattle. As the conductor passed through the aisle the old man stopped him and asked how far it was from St. Paul to Seattle. "Sixteen hundred and twenty miles," the official answered curtly. The next time the conductor came along the old man stopped him and asked him how far it was from Seattle to St. Paul. "See here, my man," said the conductor, pompously, "It's sixteen hundred and twenty miles from St. Paul to Seattle, and it's sixteen hundred and twenty miles from Seattle to St. Paul. Do you understand?"

"Maybe I do," said the little man modestly. "I didn't know. You see it's only seven days from Christmas to New Years, but it's a long time from New Year's to Christmas."

Danger Lessened.

"Look here! Ain't ye got any better sense than to be smoking whilst we're handling these 'ere kegs of powder?" exclaimed a son of Erin to a fellow countryman. "Don't you know that there was an explosion yesterday, which blew up a dozen men?"

"Faith, but that could never happen here!"

"Why not?"

"Because there's only two of us on the iob."



No Red Fire; No Noise.

"And so Miss Goldrocks has been wedded! Why, I didn't hear a word about it."

"Of course not; she didn't marry a foreigner."

But Not His.

Nothing suited old Abe Jenkins (or Uncle Abe, as we boys called him) better, after his day's work, than to sit in his cosy nook by the kitchen fire and smoke his old corncob. His wife, on the other hand, liked excitement, and would take in anything and everything from a funeral to a patent medicine show on the street corner. On one occasion, however, the old lady succeeded in persuading Uncle Abe to go with her to see a phrenologist, whose clever advertising even interested old Abe. The couple. arriving a little late, were ushered up into the front row. Much to the amusement of the crowd, and especially Mrs. Jenkins, Uncle Abe was chosen as a subject for the professor to experiment on.

"And now," said the phrenologist, "Mr. Jenkins, among many physical discomforts, you are troubled with cold feet, also."

"Yes!" yelled Uncle Abe, looking toward the front row; "but they are not my own." —Judge's Library.

Colored Minister's Retraction.

Mississippi there was a colored preacher noted in those parts for the extreme frankness and candor of his exhortations to his wicked brethren to reform. On one occasion, relates Representative John Sharp Williams, the divine was holding forth on the sin of theft. Among other things he said: "I see befo' me ten chicken thieves, includin' Dan Samson." This bald statement of fact rather aroused the resentment of the aforesaid Samson, and he threatened the minister with personal violence. The latter's friends persuaded the divine to withdraw the accusation if Samson would promise not to offer the minister any hurt. The question seemed about to be adjusted, it being settled that the clergyman should, on the following Sunday, publicly retract his statement as to the honesty of Mr. Samson. Therefore, rising in the pulpit on the day appointed, the minister said: "It 'pears dat a remark of mine, in de sermon of last Sunday, has been de cause of offense, an' I derefore amends it. What I should have said was dis: 'I see befo' me ten chicken thieves, not includin' Dan Samson."—Harper's Weekly.

Didn't Care If He Did.

Over in West Virginia, on one of the railroads, is a little town called Sawyer. Close to the town the train passes through a tunnel. One day a nice-looking young couple were on the train, and they never seemed to know that there was anybody else on the train. Oblivious of their surroundings they were like two souls with but a single thought. While the train was passing through the tunnel those near the young couple heard a succession of suspicious smacks something like a kiss with a dozen echoes. After the train had passed through the tunnel the brakeman came through the car and called out, "Sawyer," and the timid-looking young man looked up and said, "I don't give a durn if you did. We are married."—Bristol Courier.

Worn to the Bone.

A scientific gentleman in Washington recently returned from South America, bringing with him, not as the fruits of his labors, but merely for the purposes of science, a collection of Patagonian skulls.

At New York the customs officers opened the chest containing the skulls, duly inspected them and informed the scientist that the consignment must be classed as animal bones, and as dutiable at so much per pound. Whereupon the scientific gentleman evinced great indignation. After some parley the customs people agreed to submit the matter to the treasury department if the way-bill were revised in a way they suggested. The result was that the way-bill was altered to read as follows:

"Chest of native skulls. Personal effects, already worn."—Harper's Weekly.

Our Correspondents

"CIVILIZATION'S CONSTRUCTIVE AND DESTRUCTIVE AXIS."

OME of the working people of the nation may have had time to think, during the last six or seven months, because of the additional hardships imposed upon them by our industrial troubles. Among such people we should count the workers in the great cotton industries of New England, with wages reduced about 15 per cent, after a long period of absence of wages, in part, at least. The owners of those industries don't seem to have suffered much, as they have obtained 8 per cent dividends on a capital partially made by capitalized extra stock dividends in previous That data has been given by our public organs, among them the Saturday Evening Post, June 13th. On top of such water capital we have the enormous land values of all business concerns, values which can only exist through that King Land Monopoly, in all nations, which has always been the source of all industrial iniquities. The conversion of land anywhere, the eternal natural resources of humanity by God created for good universal, the conversion of God's planet into articles of merchandise, for purchase and sale; that remains yet the great social crime of all nations, constantly increasing its criminality, perpetually repudiating the Father of all glory. And that is done by all of us. Our responsibility for our share in that crime rises, of course, in proportion to our social importance in the destinies of each nation.

In connection with the constant increase of land values, that land which is a permanent product of natural forces apart from all human activities, a Cincinnati paper has recently stated that, in one of the principal sections of that city, the value of land by the foot, has increased from \$4.00 in 1813, to about \$5,000 in 1908. We have,

of course, two elements in all land values, viz.: The natural economic annual value in relation to the importance of each lot or plot for use in actual production, or for human comfort; and the inflated value due to the fact that civilization has always given to men the power to purchase land, not only for actual and healthy use, but also to keep partially or totally idle, withdrawn for healthy use.

All economic land values belong to society for the needs of the collective national group, so that to free all labor production from all forms of taxation, and no inflated land values would be possible without the laws of favoritism to which we yet cling and insist upon having.

Upon such simple ethical processes at the bottom of all industrial activities, we would have civilization turning upon a constructive axis. Thus far all nations have preferred to turn upon the destructive axis of a rotten industrialism, evolving the curse of land and wealth monopoly. That means the perpetual poverty of all honest, useful workers, as such. That means the wealth of nations piled up in the hands of monopolists, as such, even if some are in part workers, to a relatively low extent, in relation to the wealth they may obtain.

Our preceding paragraphs may not be fully grasped by men attached to the prejudices and fantastic social ideals we have inherited from so many centuries of those refined barbarisms we call progress and civilization. Of course, even those two words are subject to the classification of sensible or senseless progress, of a godless or a Godlike civilization.

Neither natural nor divine laws have ever promised wealth to any men, what we call wealth. We have only been promised that full, sensible life which is far more precious than the idiotic wealth our citizenship in-

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anity gives to some of us, for our physical and spiritual decrepitude. And that is what we all get from our crazy civilization, disregarding all principles of truth.

The truth in the orbit of human development! What can that be? It should be: "Social adjustments, agreements, enactments respecting the symmetrical and complete brotherhood of men, and hence, placing no industrial restrictions whatsoever to the free use of the natural resources we all need for our personal comfort and industrial activities. That should be simply subject to the annual payment, to society, to government, of the annual land value that social life imparts to the respective locality used by each individual, or family group, or industrial concern. That would mean that no men or group would ever have the barbarous and infernal legal right to directly or indirectly fix the life conditions of other men, as we do with the wage system, that being the fundamental crime yet in force under all national compacts, the very crime initiated by the first nation on earth."

The saddest fact in all historical development thus far, is that the bulk of the best men and types of every generation have forever favored and promoted the legalization of wealth-getting in forms antagonistic to all natural and divine enactments, commands and fixed processes of healthy growth. We have thus brought a curse upon both, wealth-getters and non-wealth-getters. We have thus forgotten or refused to grasp the three grand lessons needed for a sensible human progress and growth. The lessons are as follows:

First, we should long for healthy aspirations with all the force of body, mind and soul, so that to evolve the sound development of all, and not that of the few alone, for which we have always been longing, a mean, selfish longing.

Secondly, we should do our best to grasp the very few, simple, natural processes with which to naturally realize our healthy aspirations.

Thirdly, we should combine with each other to carry those principles into our national and collective existence.

But, then, our education, civil or otherwise, has never yet taught men how to honestly live with each other. We have even discarded the essential teachings of that Old and New Testament we talk so much about, and refuse to incorporate in the combined life of all of us.

Then, we keep forgetting that the wrongs of this world don't come from the wickedness of the bottom wicked classes in all nations, so-called, but from the poverty of the goodness of the good at or towards the top of each national group, since they are the ones who have always controlled the living activities of humanity, and have done it through selfishness and absurdities in—Law!

The axis on which civilization keeps turning, is represented by "Man's decreed rights of wealth."

The axis on which civilization should turn can only represent "God's decreed rights to men."

The selfish and complex wisdom of men is forever developing trouble by simply improving some of life's incidents. The simple, altruistic wisdom of God requires, commands, that we should improve the essentials of life. To that we, the top fellows, say: Nay! And we never see the high price we pay for our eternal folly.

Tose Gros.

STILL FIGHTING LABOR.

Do you include in your menu Postum Coffee. Elijah's Manna, Grape Nuts and several other cereals that are manufactured by C. W. Post, of Battle Creek, Michigan? If so, I wish to call your attention to the fact that this man, Post, is one of the bitterest foes to organized labor we have, and he is going about the country making stump speeches against union labor. No doubt you have seen these articles in the papers from time to time, but unthoughtedly go right on eating the foods manufactured by a man who is fighting you for all he is worth.

I used to eat these foods and I liked the taste of them at that time, but when I learned that this man was fighting us on every hand I no longer purchased these

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foods. This is a way of hitting back at him for the injury he is trying to do us. No doubt there are hundreds of telegraphers among the 50,000 members of the O. R. T. who have unthoughtedly patronized this concern and have been helping to make this man rich who is hostile to our union. I hope every brotherhood telegrapher in the country will see this article and henceforth refrain from buying this man's goods. We don't have to buy these foods. In connection with this, I want to call your attention to the hard fight that is being made against organized labor. Capitalists are trying to crush labor and it is up to every man to stand firm. Don't get weak-kneed. If you have to die with your shoes on, that is if you are crushed, show your union spirit any way. But there is no danger of labor unions being crushed. As President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor said at Washington, in the House of Representatives: "Labor has grown tired of waiting for relief." and insinuated that unless something was done the men would take things in their own hands.

Brothers, stop and think before you cast your vote in future. You should know what the man stands for before you give him your support. You should keep close tab on political men—senators, congressmen and others in office or running for office, and if they are not for us, don't cast your vote for them. This is one proof of a good union man. How many stop to think of this? Not so very many have thought over this matter in the past, but they are learning more and more about the situation, and there is going to be a great difference made in the way the laboring men cast their votes in the future.

This is the sure way to get things going to suit us, and if the laboring men will watch things and vote for the man that is for him, there is nothing to keep us from winning. Don't hesitate to ask the man what he stands for. How long will the laboring man elect men to office who never do one thing to make his lot better. Stop and ponder over this and be sure that you don't make a mistake with your vote in the future. We see very little in the jour-

nal dealing with this subject, and although I can not put it in the light that some more experienced and educated brother could, yet I wished to say something upon the subject and trust that I will hear from some of the other brothers through the pages of the journal along this line, and that they will put in what I have left out.

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SHOULD VOTE TOGETHER.

While I am not from Texas, I want to take issue with the brother who addresses his remarks to the Texas telegraphers in the May Telegrapher, in which he sets forth the importance of keeping legislative boards in the State capitals during the sessions of the legislature.

I am now, as I have always been, unalterably opposed to this method of securing needed legislation at the hands of our national and State law-makers. Not because I am too stingy to go down in my pocket for my share, but because I believe in starting at the bottom. By that I mean that we should, as working men, vote as we strike (solid) and elect men from our own ranks to represent us in the legislature and Congress, instead of voting for corporation lawyers and capitalist attorneys, from whom it is folly to expect anything except capitalistic measures. Whenever a law has been passed by these honorable (?) gentlemen for the ostensible purpose of benefiting the workingmen, they have always taken good care to have a clause hidden away some place in it which could either cause it to be declared unconstitutional, or used as a boomerang against the very men whom it aimed to protect. Witness the recent decisions of the Supreme Court in the now famous "Danbury Hatters' Case," in which it was decided that a labor organization was "a combination in restraint of trade and in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law." Also in the case of the Louisville & Nashville R. R. vs. a member of the B. of L. E., in which Article X of the Erdeman Act was declared unconstitutional. An act which was intended to protect the workingmen in their right to belong to a labor organization, etc., etc. These same legislators and congressmen in-

variably pose as labor's friends before election, and straightway forget them after election. Labor's friends forsooth! How can they be labor's friends when they are carried on the pay rolls of the corporations at large salaries, as has been repeatedly charged and not denied? We have lately witnessed the spectacle of Mr. Gompers, the head of the largest body of organized workingmen in the world, begging and praying and finally theatening congressmen with political annihilation if they did not pass some laws beneficial to workingmen. With what results? Absolutely none. It is time that workingmen went into politics and elected men from their own ranks.

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ANCIENT UNIONISM AND TRADE UNIONS.

The hope of the world embodies the symbolism of the highest ideals of the future. Unionism is an organic growth, a fixed and irresistible law of Mother Nature, nourished by the life-giving sap of God's green earth. Mother Earth, in her richness of life-giving powers, offers an abundance far greater than human demand may make upon her. Like a strong, growing plant or tree, the earth can give food in such abundance that every increradiation of roots find more and more sources of nourishment which feed an ever-enlarging trunk of what will become in time a gigantic tree with the strength of an oak, but more beautiful; a tree without thorns, and giving from its prolific branches ever beautiful fruit and flower that can make human life more happy and ideal, as all unionists see and hope. The tree of unionism, its roots now firmly planted in every country in the world, has now reached far and above the soil, and soars higher and higher in its massive strength, throwing its kindly shades over the tired workers who see fast budding the blossoms of such happiness and kindness among all humanity as the world has been hoping for through all the dark centuries of the past. The story expressed would be incomplete without some future touch of human individual sympathy and love, which is suggested by the richly-hued

birds who seem to tell the story of personal sympathy, love and home-building under the protecting shadows of a new and better idea of our duties to one another, such as unionism teaches, as each thought and act of human betterment echoes through all the ages in an ever-increasing blessing of the generation to come.

At various points from this line of eternity branch off special lines of action which become permanent or fixed ideas in principles of life and thought; beautiful things, good things, are permanent blessings.

The twentieth century, according to the prophecy of Victor Hugo, is to be the century of humanity; in all the preceding centuries gone, not one was for humanity. From the very first tyranny has flourished, freedom has failed; the few have ruled, the many have served; the parasites have worn the purple power, while honest industry has lived in poverty and died in despair. But the eternal years, the centuries yet to come, are for humanity, and out of the misery of the past will rise the civilization of the . future. The nineteenth century evolved the liberating and humanizing movement. The twentieth century will doubtlessly witness its culmination in the crash of despotism and the rise of world-wide unionism, freedom and brotherhood.

It was while in exile in 1864 that Hugo wrote:

"The transformation of the crowd into the people—profound task! It is to this labor that the men called unionists have devoted themselves during the last forty years."

Man is a God-believing, a God-worshiping creature. His belief in a superior power seems to be concurrent with his origin. Out of his imagination and instinctive belief in superhuman agencies he has created all sorts and characters of gods. A study of the gods would alone fill volumes, for every epoch has had its gods, and every civilization has had a different conception of deity. The student easily observes in passing that material conditions have played a prominent part in the changing panorama of God-worship. Christianity is founded on the conception of God which Jesus gave to the world.



His conception of the Father fitted the material needs of the working class, and his is the only religion of any moment that, in the original purity, was designed to champion the cause of the humble and despised outcasts of society.

It is the purpose of this article to show that He spoke for the working class, and that for nearly three centuries the Christian fraternity, which was based on his philosophy, remained true to its mission, after which it was absorbed by the ruling power, and its whole purpose and scope made to reflect the interest of the ruling class.

Commonly accepted history is a record of the achievements of the world's rulers. Historians have been men who were patrons of princes and potentates. This being true, it follows that the diplomatic historians have said but little about the vices of the rulers, and have found much to praise. Historians have been court flatterers, setting down those things which have been pleasant and acceptable to the ruling class -omitting criticism. Even to this day the practice is followed, and our current history concerns itself with flattering the powerful and ignoring the humble. In the earlier centuries, when there were no movable types and no printing presses, histories Not many were written on parchments. copies of one book were written, and these were accessible only to the ruling class. Under humane rulers, when society prospered and developed, accurate accounts of events have been written, but when tyrants succeeded these more just rulers previous histories have been destroyed or altered. the time when Jesus appeared in history the Roman Empire had extended over what was then known as the inhabited world. Previous to the Roman had been the Grecian Empire, and the race had developed its greatest known civilization till the present age.

In this age, literature, philosophy, and with Jesus, religion, had reached conceptions never surpassed in our later history. Only an infinitesimal part of the records of these times have come down to us in the form of manuscripts. It is known to a certainty that during the third and fourth centuries there was a wholesale destruction and

mutilation of historical records, particularly those relating to Jesus and the early Christians. It was necessary to do this in order to create the church, and unite it with the During the time of the greatness of Greece and Rome, the workers were permitted to organize into unions. unions built temples, on whose walls they chiseled their records. Later, when the government undertook to suppress them, they hid away in caverns and tombs. These meeting places were kept secret, and in the main were never discovered by government spies. When finally the Roman emperors undertook to blot out unionism, and incidentally Christianity, it was necessary to murder the inhabitants of entire cities. The secrets of the unions died with the members, the caves and tombs, with their telltale records and inscriptions, being left to some time give the lie to history written under the authority of church and state. It took hundreds of years before a prying science went with pick and shovel, dug into the ruins of these ancient temples and caverns and brought to light that which enables us to see Jesus and the early Christians as they were, and uncover the monstrous fraud which, in the name of Christ institutionalism, has been perpetrated on society, helping to bind the race in economic servitude to the feudalism of the middle ages, and the capitalism of the present.

Before entering on the critical analysis of the life and teachings of Jesus, it is essential that we know, so far as possible, the exact conditions of society at the time of His advent, so that we may be able to intelligently interpret His remarkable career and the subsequent evangelizing of those whom He chose to plant His dual plan of salvation among the people-a plan which included not only salvation of the soul to its immortality, but the redemption of society from its economic sins. Man has inhabited the earth for a much longer period than is generally supposed. What was his primitive state is a matter of fine speculation and conjecture, all of which is profoundly interesting to the student and philosopher, but which does not concern us in our present field of inquiry. Reliable history begins with the civilization of Greece and Rome, to dynasties merged centuries before Christ, and which, under the name of the Roman Empire, had extended over that portion of the earth which includes the branch of the race of which we are a part, viz.: Europe, Western Asia and North Africa. Over this stretch of earth was fought the most gigantic battles that history records.

Out of Greece and Rome and Judea has come the profoundest philosophy, the purest literature and the loftiest conception of the soul that the ages have bequeathed to man. Here amidst the despotism of Rome, surrounded by pagan superstition and abject slavery, there came a man with philosophy of freedom so sweeping as to include the lowest outcast of society; a system of political economy so just as to strike at the vitals of human selfishness, and a faith in immortality so profound that He went willingly to the cross that the world might have a lesson of bravery that would inspire men to die for the right. Jesus himself was an humble working man, and so likewise were His chosen assistants—his message was to those of his class under Roman rule. If we were compelled to go to commonly-accepted history only for our needed knowledge, little satisfaction would we receive, for histories concern themselves with the rich, the cunning and the warrior.

The humble, who produce the food, clothing, shelter, and the good things which only the rich and strong may enjoy, never have histories written to recount their peaceful work of human drudgery. Then, too, there are records which have purposely been de-It is not chance that has surstroyed. rounded the life of Jesus and his Apostles with so much of uncertainty. It was designed. In it we can see the work of a powerful institution that arose out of an unholy alliance with the Roman Emperor Constantine, and which has ever sought to keep the world in ignorance concerning the first three centuries of Christianity. this end manuscripts have been burned, records mutilated and changed, and an entirely different purpose read into the life of Jesus than existed throughout both His life and that of His followers for nearly three centuries.

It is an old saying, and true, that "murder will out." Scrolls and parchments were easily destroyed. Cities and temples could be razed to the ground, but on their walls and in tombs and caverns where the Christians and workers were driven to their meeting places under cruel emperors, they left chiseled in the marble records which remain as they were the day the workman's hand guided the chisel and the hammers. For half a century now devoted men and women have paid of their means to found societies for research among these ruins, and men learned in the dead languages, with workmen at their service, have brought these tell-tale records to the light of day, and they give the lie to the history implicity believed for centuries. We owe to C. Osborne Ward, of the United States Department of Labor, the credit for two volumes of 1,200 pages, which is a compilation of the discoveries of the archeologists carefully pieced together. Hidden away in vaults parchments, ages old, have been found, ancient temples have been opened, caverns deep in the earth (hiding places of primitive Christians) have been entered, and these silent witnesses of the past have given their testimony. The books which record and interpret their findings are called "The Ancient Lowly," and from their pages we take the following facts:

- 1. The existence of trades unions having a legal foundation in the jus-coendi of Solon, or the law of combination, some of which were very ancient, there being good reason to believe that they were hundreds of years old, and that some of them were also of an international form.
- 2. Relics found in Pompeii and other places, prove that they were permitted to vote for commissioners of public works, and that they used the franchise to elect to office men who would favor them in public contracts. It must be remembered, however, that in the main the working class could not elect their own members, but were compelled to vote for representatives of the aristocracy. In our day the working class has not only the franchise, but may elect its own class representatives to the control of government. It does not use this power, and because this is true the

working class are everywhere met with the army and the courts, two functions which could be controlled did the workers possess a pittance of political sense.

- 3. It was a part of the work of their unions to purchase the freedom of slaves, many of whom were members. At first this was openly encouraged by the government.
- 4. They all practiced communism. Each paid into the common treasury a stipulated amount in the form of dues, which was expended by the deacons, who purchased goods in large quantities direct from the producer. We find here the origin of the word "deacon," used even today in Christian churches. The practice of buying direct from the producers greatly angered the merchant class, who used their own organizations in bringing influence to bear on the government looking to the suppression of the unions. I presume these merchants were the prototypes of the Citizens' Alliances and National Manufacturing Associations of the present time.
- 5. The union had a chief officer called the kurios (president), sometimes the lord. He it was who took all contracts for the union, and was the responsible party for their execution. The place where the unions met was called a "house." So the president of the union was the lord of the house. This makes plain many statements in the Acts and Gospels, where mention is made. for instance, of stopping at the "house" of Simon, the tanner. We know now that Simon was the kurios, or president, of his union. In the house was spread the common table, where the members each partook in brotherly love of the food purchased by their officers.
- 6. There was no charity in those days. He who would not work could not eat. If a member of the union, the password admitted him to the common table and the protection of the members.
- 7. Under the reign of mild emperors the unions had grown strong throughout the empire. Many of their acts were public, though it must be understood that their organizations were profoundly secret.
- 8. Under the reign of Tiberius, which was the time of the active life of Jesus, ancient unionism had reached the zenith of

its power. It had come to be a positive menace to the empire. It was controlling all avenues of trade and commerce. Union sailors carried the freight from distant lands. Union iron, steel and bronze workers made the arms for the soldiers. Bread was baked in union bakeries. Food raised by union tillers of the soil. Perhaps the greatest union of all was that of the stageplayers and musicians, numbering many thousands, and extending into every province and city. Undoubted evidence exists that this union was international, with a central headquarters, and that its members were journeymen, traveling from place to place, and stopping at the "house," and living at the common table. The Apostle Paul seems to have been a member of this union, for he was a stage artist. In his journeyings he was often found at the headquarters of the union.

9. The unions were all religious in character, each trade recognizing some of the many gods of paganism. It must be understood, however, that the pagan religion took little notice of the humble worker and the slave. It was a common conception of the times that only the aristocratic-born were immortal. The princes of the blood were supposed to be descended from the gods, and their immortality was assured. slave was held to be on a par with the ani-Although he was permitted to select a female companion, the law did not recognize the union, and the legalized family was unknown. The worker had no protection under the law unless a citizen of the empire, and the percentage of the citizens Certain rights were was insignificant. granted by the laws of Solon and Numa to the unions as a collective body. Because of this the poor worker regarded his union above all things else, and there are but a few instances on record where the oath of secrecy was violated and the union betraved.

10. It was a common belief that a savior would some time come to redeem the workers from their galling chains of slavery and oppression. The pagan gods had never rendered any help, and the temples were only places where tribute was exacted from them in the high prices of the birds and an-

imals sold for sacrifices. The government received a percentage from the sales of these sacrificial animals, the priests getting the balance.

11. To the principle of communism, or the common table, they clung tenaciously, and when the influence of the merchant class secured restrictions against this mode of life in order to compel the unions to buy as individuals, they went down into the bowels of the earth and still kept the common table. This was one of their most prized rights under the laws of Solon and By thus combining their scanty earnings much of the bitterness of poverty was averted, and they lived together in brotherly love for centuries before Jesus. Jesus and the early Christians, therefore, establish communism; adopted it from the unions as the only possible way which the golden rule and the principle of equality might be established and maintained.

Concerning Jesus and the primitive Christianity the researches of archeologists also prove:

- 1. That the commonly-accepted church history of Jesus is largely a fabrication, skillfully woven to deceive the innocent and credulous, but which must give way before facts which can not be disputed.
- 2. That the Christianity that is taught and practiced at the present time is wholly a matter of theology and salvation in a world to come, while that of the primitive Christians was two-fold, a salvation of the soul and a system of social economy, whereby man could love his brother, need take no thought for the morrow, and could go on his evangelizing tours without scrip or price. Both Jesus and the twelve gave much attention to the economic side of their system. All of them save Judas and John were murdered by the state for economic, rather than theological reasons.
- 3. That the Christian Church, which was founded permanently under Constantine, in the fourth century, stifled the communism of the Christians, discarded from Christian history and its literature nearly all of its vital economic features, and established a religious despotism, after which came the dark ages. Unionism was de-

stroyed along with the communism of the Christians, for they had become identical. or nearly so.

- 4. That records further prove that Jesus was an apostle of the working class, and that if He Himself was not a part of the organized labor movement, His disciples were, and that for three hundred years the labor unions were the avenue through which the gospel was preached.
- 5. Finally, these records show that women were received in full membership with the men, both in the unions and the Christian societies, and that they were both voting and office-holding members.

There is no law to drive the gods of gold From out the temple, as did Christ of old. No law to merge the evil ones with swine; Then hurl them down a rocky and steep decline.

No law by which to open mine, or store; Men born to toil should ask for nothing more.

There is no law for those who slave and toil

The law is for men who seize the spoil. And they have told you, "He who rules on high"

Is busy now with things above the sky;

So busy numbering sparrows, counting hairs.

That he has left the world to Morgan and the bears.

It will be seen that the new religious organization took a substantial economic form, patterned after the prevailing custom of labor organizations, and it will be found that the same system was adopted wherever Christianity was preached. Evidence has been found again and again of the fact that whole unions were converted to the new faith, abandoning their pagan worship and accepting Christianity, which assured immortality to the humblest, and whose economic philosophy fitted every need of the workingman. Whenever an apostle lost his life, the cause can be easily traced to the fact that the rich, the merchants and traders had been the accusers, and no matter what the charge the fundamental cause can be found in the ancient class struggle between the exploiters and the unions, now everywhere turning to Christianity.

The only essential difference between the ancient union and the Christian society of the early centuries was in the matter of religion and worship. They both practiced communism. Therefore the apostles, who were themselves humble working men, found it easy to plant Christianity wherever trade organizations existed.

About this time the Roman plutocracy began to realize the danger of a revolt from the unions. The working class population vastly exceeded the master class, just as they do today, and they were very closely knit together in their unions.

It was decided in the Roman senate, composed of millionaires, to adopt repressive measures to break up trades organizations. Tiberius, the good emperor who removed and disgraced Pilate for his consenting to the death of Jesus, died. He had been a sympathizer with the lowly and refused to carry out the wishes of the Roman senate. In his stead came Caligula, Claudius and Nero, three despots, or rather pliant tools in the hands of the Roman senate and aristocracy of the empire. At this time we find that the apostles and their assistants had spread themselves throughout the unions of Rome until hundreds of thousands were followers of the humble Nazarene. Origen and Tertullian assure us that Peter was at Rome for a generation preaching among the unions, doubtless in the caverns, catacombs, among the slaves, hidden and protected by the unions. Paul was journeying through Asia Minor and in the cities of Greece, of whose language and literature he was a student. Evidence undeniable is at hand to prove that it was among the unions that he proselyted. Paul cared more for the theological than for the economic side of Christianity, and there arose a controversy between him and the older apostles on this question, which was settled in favor of the established communism. Paul did not object to the practice of communism; he only considered it of less importance than the spiritual side. The older apostles were firm in the belief that faith without works was of little value. We could fill a hundred pages in quotations in

proof of the foregoing did space permit. Our object, however, is more to provoke study and investigation than to cite lengthy quotations, being sure that our position can not be overthrown. Christianity being planted in the unions, they became a hundredfold more full of life and purpose than under paganism. The slave began to feel the instincts of manhood. He saw in himself a future free man; he felt possessed of a soul, and his unionism and his Christianity, now often one and the same, became something for which he would give his life. There were practically none of the wealthy class who espoused the Christian faith. To be a Christian meant to associate with workmen and slaves, to smell garlic and the manifold accompaniments of the life to which arrogance and wealth has always reduced the class who bear the world's burdens. It never could have occurred to those humble apostles. into whose hands was entrusted the work of planting the gospel of equality among the workers, that the time would come when the rich would be Christians, in name, at least, and the poor would cease to follow the Master.

The apostles made little effort to convert the wealthy. The Epistle of James is fairly aflame with its terrific condemnation of the rich. None other than Paul made any effort to reach the official classes. He believed the end of the world was close at hand, and his mind turned more to matters of faith and resurrection than to temporal affairs.

The preaching of the economic side of Christianity and its ready acceptance by the unions could not but alarm the ruling class of Rome, and a determined effort was inaugurated looking to the crushing both of unionism and Christianity. The awful slaughter of the Christians by Nero's orders. the burning of the city, the devastation and butchery that spread throughout the empire that followed, are matters of accepted historic fact. The apostles lost their lives. Peter was crucified, Paul beheaded. Probably hundreds of thousands were slaughtered and tortured, but Christianity was not destroyed, for it had spread like light, penetrating every nook and cranny of the em-

The Christians hid away in caves, they fled to remote regions, only to reappear at the cessation of hostilities. Then came finally a Roman emperor whose shrewdness succeeded, wherein the sword failed. Constantine became a patron of Christianity and legalized the new religion. Under his patronage was founded the church. An official heirarchy arose, a religious despotism was established. The economic side of Christianity was abolished. Communism was crushed. Charity for the first time was practiced. The church became the mother to which the poor were to look for aid and support. The rich became contributors. Christianity died. Instead of being punished for accepting Christianity, as was the case in the early centuries, it now became a capital offense to refuse the offices of the church. Men and women were burned at the stake, boiled in oil, torn asunder by cruel machines of torture because they refused to accept the tenets of institutional-The horrors of the inquisition were introduced. In vain would the church cover up its bloody work of the middle ages. Its history is written in human gore and the stains can not be washed out. The current Christianity was settled into a senseless dogma out of which has been taken every revolutionary conception of Jesus. It preaches salvation in a world to come through Christ, and prates of a heaven where all sorrows will be wiped away, but beyond a sickly sentimental charity, always debasing and never adequate to human needs, it offers nothing to relieve society from the awful sin of greed and selfishness, which has created capitalism on the one hand and wage slavery on the other. Its apostles and preachers are silent amidst social and economic wrongs which cry to heaven. The working class is told to love Jesus, and well they might if they could know Him as He was. But the Jesus which is preached to the world is a creature of theology, a being who is constructing mansions for departed souls, while we need some one who will teach us to tear down our tenements, reeking with filth and squalor, and build us decent homes, and give us the fruits of our toil, that we may dwell together on this earth as brothers.

Not only has the church discarded all the revolutionary doctrines of Jesus, but it has arrayed itself in open hostility to the working class in its efforts to burst the galling chains of wage slavery and possess itself of the means of production and distribution which, by its own hand, it has created.

QUOTATIONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES.

Whose hath this world's goods and seeing his brother hath need, steels his heart against him, how dwelleth the love of God in him, for if a man say I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar, and the truth is not in him. We have this command from God that those who love God must love their brother, and let not our love be mere words, nor end in talk; let it be real and true, but behold among my people are found wicked men-they lay in wait, they set a trap, they catch men, their houses are full of deceit, therefore, they are become great and waxed rich; they have healed the hurt of my people, slightly saying, peace, peace, where there is no peace; woe unto ye pharisees, hypocrites, full of extortion and excess; ye devour widows' houses, make a prey of the fatherless, crush my people, grind the face of the poor, ye have eaten up their vineyards, filled your own houses with the spoils of the poor by fraudulently keeping back their wages, joining house unto house, laying field unto field, binding on men's shoulders burdens heavy and grievous to be borne, but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. Oh, ye generation of vipers, ye serpents; ye that call evil good and good evil, ye makers of unrighteous decrees, ve writers of perverseness, ye takers of bribes, ye forgetters of the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, naked, sick and in prison, ye makers of long prayers for a pretense, ye tithers of mint and cummin, straining at gnats and swallowing camels, omitting the weightier matters of the law, justice, mercy and good faith; how can ye escape the damnation of hell? for it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God; then why are ye silent, my people, and why cast down, for the Lord shall not fail, nor be discouraged till He has set justice in the earth, for there cometh the promised day

of jubilee, the times of restoration of all things which the Lord hath spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets since the world began, and the iniquity of that land I will remove in one day, for the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, which He bath given to the children of men; it is full of thy riches; in wisdom thou hast made them all, knowing our need of all these things; and the meek shall inherit it; it shall not be sold forever, and the profit of the earth is for all, for God is no respecter of persons, then shall the earth yield her in seedtime, and harvest shall not cease, and God, even our own God, shall bless us; then there shall be no more tears nor sorrow, nor sighing, nor any more poor or needy among you; they shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another reap, neither shall they labor in vain.

THE IMPRACTICABILITY OF INDIVIDUALISM.

Individualism, according to Webster, is an excessive or exclusive regard to one's personal interest, self-interest, selfishness, supremely caring for one's self in disregard or at the expense of that of others.

No, unionism is not impracticable. It is not a dream. Individualism is impracticable. It is a nightmare.

Do you think a system which drives thousands of men to suicide is practicable?

Do you think a system which drives thousands of people insane, is practicable?

Do you think a system which drives millions of men to drink is practicable?

Do you think a system which drives hundreds of thousands of girls to prostitution is practicable?

Do you think a system which throws hundreds of thousands of children into the industrial mill, and grinds the life out of them, is practicable?

Do you think a system which deliberately manufactures hoboes is practicable?

Do you think a system which puts a premium on dishonesty is practicable?

Do you think a system which is an enemy of the family relation is practicable?

Do you think a system which bars out the masses of the people from the higher things of life is practicable? Do you think a system which compels everybody to violate the Golden Rule is practicable?

Individualism is guilty of all these, and many other crimes. And all of them are constantly growing worse. Individualism is impracticable. It has been a mere makeshift. It has been a mere stepping-stone to something better.

Congress has adjourned. It has been definitely decided that there will be no anti-injunction legislation, no fellow-servant law, no modification of the Sherman anti-trust law to exempt unions from the outlawry which recent interpretations of that act establish; in fact, nothing has been done that has been asked by organized labor.

Not even the approaching presidential election with the threat of "rewarding friends and punishing enemies," has been sufficient to induce Congress to make even a pretense of friendship for the class that contains at least two-thirds of the voters. This shows something more than mere hostility to labor. There is no doubt but what the wisest thing, from the point of view of capitalist supremacy, would have been to have made some such pretense. But the capitalist class of America lacks that intelligence in class-government which has been displayed by the rulers of other countries. It can not conceal its contempt for labor, even for the purpose of victory.

The present Congress has shown itself not simply incompetent to serve the interests of the community as a whole, but too incompetent to serve intelligently the interests of the capitalist class.

This greatly simplifies the problem. Open hostility and contempt is to be preferred to pretended friendship and secret treachery.

DREAMER.

They say I am a dreamer. I answer that it is true, and I am glad that I am able to dream. And ever I am dreaming and planning my scheme, though the dream is by no means new; for I dream of a time when the worker is master, and the people will live as they should live, and you would dream as I do if you thought it would make it come faster. I dream of the time when the

sweatshop is banished, and freedom is not sold for a living; and women may live without giving virtue for dollars that quickly vanish. I dream of a day when the slums are forgotten and no one will mention charity, when every one knows that the cure is prevention of causes that make life so miserable. And I am always dreaming that the world is getting better, since the workers are using their brains. I dream there are rewards that are better than gains to mankind. There will be work for all, as well as pleasure; there will be rest for the weary and old. There will be food and warmth for the cold and hungry, and progress that none can now know.

A unionist thinks the land is the Lord's: that the earth was not made for a few; that ye should do to others the way that ye would that others should do to you. If ye would not toil for another one's gain, do not force him to do so for you; though the church deny it, we know by His word that Christ was a unionist, too.

Fraternally,

CERT. 436.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., June 13, 1908.

Mr. B. W. Jewell, Tug River, West Va.:

DEAR BROTHER-Your note with enclosure of \$2 was received yesterday. Many, many thanks for same. It comes in mighty good, for we are in very poor shape now. I have never been able to work yet, and don't suppose I ever will be, as the doctors at Hot Springs sent me home as incurable. I am able to walk around, but that is about all. I don't know what we would have done if it hadn't been for the O. R. T. brothers and They have been so good to us. Thank you again, Bro. Jewell, and may God bless you and all the O. R. T.

Sincerely yours,

H. RUBLE CLARK, Cert. 1,573 Grand.

(Note-It will be remembered that the appeal of Bro. Clark for assistance was published in the September, 1907, journal. His ailment is locomotor ataxia. He has a wife and child dependent on him for support.— EDITOR.)

BEING FORCED INTO POLITICS.

I believe our brother, Cert. 58, should have struck a most responsive chord in his article, entitled "Legislation as an Industrial Asset," in the April issue of our journal. At least, it was very impressive to me. The majority of us, and especially those who do considerable reading during their spare moments in an endeavor to keep informed on the struggle which appears to be on between corporations and labor organizations, realize that the different labor organizations are today confronted with problems of the most serious nature. We realize that something must be done, and that at once.

In his address to the different railroad organizations at their convention held at Fort Worth, April 14th, the honorable and most distinguished Governor of Texas, Tom Campbell, sounded a warning to the laboring people. He said that he had been informed through an unquestionable, reliable source, and he could not doubt it, try as he may, that a move was on foot to elect to Congress and our legislature men who would introduce and vote on laws that will be detrimental to the working man, and which will assist the corporations in overriding and depressing the laboring class. Brothers, it goes without saying that Tom Campbell is the greatest friend to the laboring man that we have ever been successful in electing to the executive chair of our great State. His record will show some noble stands he has taken during his short administration, which is highly in accordance with the sentiment of us all. What we want is more men of his character in the law-making bodies of our nation. have kept myself pretty well posted on the different laws introduced, and every law that was passed during the last session of our Texas Legislature, and while I admit that during this session the laboring man secured more than during any previous session, yet I dare say there was not a single law passed that was not of material benefit to the general public.

I have the record of each and every Senator and Legislator. I can turn to it and tell exactly how they voted on the different issues that came up, and I want to say right here that this is one of the most important things we should familiarize ourselves with. We should know who are our friends in the law-making bodies, When a man approaches you soliciting your support for any public office you should exact from him his views towards labor organizations, and if possible look up his record in the past in this respect, and if he is not our friend, we most assuredly can not give him our support. Now, we do not want anything more than justice, but justice is what we do want, and apparently the only way of obtaining justice is through the legislative channels. We are being forced into politics. I will be glad to hear other expressions on this line.

S. S. B., Div. 57.

LABOR'S GREATEST RALLY.

Probably the greatest labor meeting ever held in this country, and at the same time the greatest church meeting ever held in the United States, was held in Convention Hall, Kansas City, Mo., on Sunday afternoon, May 24th. Between 12,000 and 15,000 people packed the vast auditorium to attend the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Department of Church and Labor, during the two weeks' session of the national body of the Presbyterian Church.

Addresses were given by Governor Folk, of Missouri; John B. Lennon, treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, and the Rev. Charles Stelzle, superintendent of the Church and Labor Department of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions.

Child labor, the needs of women workers, and general conditions among working people were discussed by the speakers in a plain, convincing manner. The resolutions adopted by the General Assembly in its business sessions concerning the welfare of these workers, indicated the interest which this church is taking in the labor problem. The splendid response on the part of Kansas City's workingmen at this meeting proved that they were thoroughly alive to the situation. The central labor body had heartily endorsed the meeting, appointing a strong committee to co-operate with the

committee of churchmen having the matter in charge, and together they worked day and night, taking nothing for granted, with the result that the meeting was by far the greatest in the history of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

It demonstrated the possibilities in working up an interest in the vital labor issues of the day by people who ordinarily are not brought into close touch with them in their regular occupations. The nearly one thousand delegates, most of whom attended the labor mass meeting, went away with a new conception as to what the labor movement really means. The workingmen learned anew of the concern on the part of the church with reference to their problems.

Such meetings can not but result in mutual respect and greater fellowship between the two most powerful movements of the day: The organized church and organized labor.

REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

GIVE EFFICIENT SERVICE.

Some of our members have already done so, but I wish to again call the attention of the fraternity to the danger of the Federal Nine-Hour Law being repealed at the next session of Congress.

As you all know, a bill was introduced in the House at the last session of Congress seeking to amend the nine-hour law so as to apply only at such stations where eight or more passenger trains pass in each direction daily. Had this bill passed, it would have virtually eliminated the conditions which the nine-hour law attempts to remedy.

The introduction of this bill only one month after the nine-hour law had become effective shows the activity of the railroad and corporate interests and their friends in their efforts to have this law repealed. I believe the principal reason why this bill was laid on the table by the committee was that the committee knew that the law had not been in effect a sufficient length of time to see what results it would bring forth—whether it would reduce the number of accidents on railroads due to negligence of telegraphers, and whether the telegraphers

gave more efficient service to their employers than before the enactment of this law. It is practically certain another bill will be introduced in the next session of Congress seeking to repeal or amend this law so that it will apply only to a few very heavy lines. Reaching but very few men in the West or South, it therefore behooves us to give the very best service that is in us; this for our own personal interest, and for the good of the Order at large, so that when our representatives appear before the next Congress they can point with pride to the increased efficiency of the service which the railroads have received since the men have been put on an eight or nine-hour basis, instead of having the representatives of the railroads tell Congress and them of the poor service they have received from the operators since this law was passed; much worse than they received before the operators were put on the eight and nine-hour basis.

I am now, and have been working as operator in dispatcher's office for some years, and I hear the opinions the superintendent, chief dispatcher and trick men express of the men on the line, and the trouble is nearly always with the men, although I have seen a few instances where I thought the men were not fairly spoken of. Since the nine-hour law went into effect we have not had quite so much sleeping on duty at night as was the case before, but I am sorry to say there is still some on the line.

Only the other day I heard the superintendent remark that he believed the operators were getting worse every day since the nine-hour law had become effective. He said they asked for about two passes a week to ride up and down the road, and.

consequently, break themselves down, and not be as fit for duty as if they had been working twelve hours straight, and remained at home. Of course, his expression was somewhat prejudiced, but there was a lot of fact in what he said. To give an example of the service we get from some of our men: At one of our most important stations we have a telegrapher stationed who has had about eight years' experience in some of the heaviest commercial and railroad offices in the country, and is a first-class operator so far as his telegraphic ability is concerned.

To raise this office the dispatcher or operator has to call from five to twenty-five minutes, then, after getting him, he works slow, and in the "I don't give a d—" way. which is very irritating to the dispatcher when trains are getting delayed for orders, etc.

Now, boys, when a man is working only eight or nine hours, I don't care how hard the work, he should give his employer the very best that is in him. When there is any information that he thinks may be wanted, about the trains at stations, or other facts, secure such information and have it ready to give when asked for, and let what we do be done quickly and willingly. I predict that if all the men will do this, showing the railroads how much higher class of work they are giving since the nine-hour law went into effect, the railroads will not wish to repeal the law. This for his own personal advancement, to raise the standard of the profession, and, as stated above, to keep the nine-hour law in its present form on the federal statute books. CERT. 545, DIV. 132.





Lancaster Div., No. 9.

The regular June meeting was called to order at the regular time by Chief Telegrapher Bro. Shope. The secretary having no bills to present for the month, reports were presented from special and standing committees.

The Relief Committee reported Bros. Ellmire and Reynolds on the sick list. Bro. Ellmire sustained an injury to his ankle while in the discharge of his duties as a lineman, at Harrisburg, but has improved sufficiently to return to duty. An order was granted for sick benefits to the brother.

A number of petitions for membership were brought in and investigating committees appointed by the chief. All petitions, this time, were from reliable telegraphers, ranging in the telegraph department from three to ten years' experience. One of them from the Columbia branch and three from the Harrisburg yard. Thus we wish to remind the membership that the work of organizing and building up Division No. 9 goes steadily on.

During the evening we heard many inquiries from those present about the absence of Bro. W. S. Hess, who has always been termed as our most regular attendant. The cause of his absence was explained by "Off on his wedding trip."

Bro. Hess is one of the best-known telegraphers in the vicinity of Harrisburg, being one of the efficient men in "UD" office, having started his career on the N. C. Railroad in the early 80s.

KERNEL.

Oldtown (Maine) Div., No. 11.

There was a good attendance at the April meeting, held April 22d, after which the members adjourned to Welch's cafe, and were treated to a most delightful dinner, and every one, except Sister Miles, a cigar. There were about twenty-five members present, and there were some pretty pointed remarks made, which were about "it," but none of the committee were present to hear them. Possibly it was the thoughts of the dinner that caused so many to attend, for there were only two or three who came to the May meeting. Looks funny, doesnt' it?

Well, brothers, there is only one way to accomplish anything, and that is to get to these meetings and "open your hearts," and spit it out and "figger out" something. Show some of the spirit that Bro. Hodgkins does. He walks six miles from Costigan to Oldtown in order to get a car. That ought to hold some of those fellows between "B" and "DK" for a few minutes.

Quite a number of the brothers between Bangor and Newport attended the April meeting. Don't

forget that there will be another meeting every fourth Sunday of each month, boys. All you need is an up-to-date card, the password, and a few other good qualities, to get in, and you'll never be sorry for it.

Doesn't seem to be very much news to write up, few changes of late, since we got things going on a nine-hour basis in the day and night offices.

Three men at Vanceboro, Mr. Johnson, of "AP," Boston office, on third here, and Mr. Howe, from Boston, on second, both hold up-to-date C. T. U. A. cards and have promised to get into the O. R. T. as soon as they can get caught up. Want all these C. T. U. A. men who went out on strike last fall, for they surely ought to make good O. R. T. men, too.

Three men at Danforth. Bro. Cromwell on third

Mr. Thompson, from B. & A., at Tomah, Bro. Perry going to "RD' office, third trick.

Oldtown office and Forest on nine-hour basis, with two men.

All the day and night offices on Portland Division working three men now.

Mr. McKeen, at "JC," Abbott, at Hancock, and Miss Neal all have a set of blanks, which they have promised to fill out and remit with the "long green" at once. There are a few left yet, who probably will always be out, as they can't see anything good in the O. R. T., but they are all queer specimens, anyway, and love to hear every eagle they can get hold of scream for its life.

Somebody else fill up the space next time, or send some notes to Bro. Grant, and ask him to get busy, it's his job. "Jor."

Sunbury (Pa.) Div., No. 12.

Our regular meeting, June 15th, was one that will not soon be forgotten; considerable business of importance was transacted. We were all pleased with the several speeches made by the brothers. Now, brothers, think over the things these brothers spoke of, and try and do your best. Do not let the dispatcher wear his arm out calling you. We all appreciate eight hours, and we should show our appreciation by giving the best service possible. During the meeting Bros. "Piney," Bleeker and Pegg silently stole away, and about an hour later returned with enough good things to feed an army. They were hailed with delight and soon all present were having an enjoyable time, eating and exchanging stories. "Piney" is certainly a good judge of cigars. Bro. A. R. Johnson was on hand with his camera and took our picture. Any brother desiring one of these pictures can secure same for twenty-five cents (nons fifty cents). All present had an enjoyable time and spoke of their intentions of attending all meetings possible in future. Luke-warm members, who are not in the habit of attending any meeting, have no idea what fine times we have at these meetings. Turn out for the next one and I am sure you will keep coming. If you don't know when the next meeting is please take a look at the directory in the back of the journal, and you can not give that old excuse, "didn't know when it was." If members would keep each other in mind of the meetings there would be no trouble to get the boys out. We were sorry the Shamokin Division boys could not come, account the pay-car going over that division, holding the boys until it was too late to get to the meeting.

Quite a few changes are taking place on the Branch. Bro. A. R. Johnson has bid in second trick at Bluff, Bro. Fred Lewis second trick at "AG" tower, and Bro. Reinboldt first trick at Rock.

Bro. Reinboldt has just returned from his wedding trip to Chicago.

Business seems to be picking up on the branch. It looks like the main line, with all its improvements. Now, boys, don't let it appear that we have any nons working on the branch when it looks so much like the main line, for you never see any nons on that.

Brothers, get awake, and let everybody know you are awake. Don't let the non have any rest until he comes to time with the cash and says, "I guess I had better get wise." Tell them what we are doing for them, that is the only way to get solid. Of course, there are a few hard-shells which the Order is better off without. Keep this in mind and get busy.

Our vice-chief, W. H. Dunkleberger, spent a few days in Philadelphia this month.

Bro. Blecker, of Catawissa, is now working vacations in "SB" office, Sunbury.

Bro. Williams is copying again.

Bro. C. R. Miller, our division correspondent, has resigned to accept something better on another road.

I hope by the time the new tower at Nescopeck, with its forty-four levers, goes into effect, we can call them all brothers. Now you brothers at Nescopeck get busy and make it a solid O. R. T. office.

Everybody seems satisfied since we are getting our relief days off regularly, with five good O. R. T. men on the relief tricks.

The new electric block between So. Danville and Wolverton, will be ready for operation in about three weeks.

The brothers will please excuse my efforts at a write-up, as the division correspondent threw up the job very sudden, and left me with the job on short notice.

CERT, 1.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to his reward in the great beyond the father of Bro. T. C. Phillips, be it

Resolved, By the members of Sunbury Division, No. 12, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend our sincere sympathy to the brother and relatives in their bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our brother, a copy spread upon the minutes of this division, and a copy forwarded to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. R. MILLER,
H. L. KIMBELL,
S. H. KERN,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call to the great beyond the beloved mother of our brother, C. L. Keyser, be it

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Baltimore Div., No. 17.

Baltimore Division, No. 17, is keeping abreast with the times, and while a few of the brothers are launching out into the great arena, filling more prominent spheres, we are glad to note that they carry with them the fellowship formed in the division room, and continue their membership with

We tender our hearty congratulations to Bro. George Hartman, who by many years of actual experience, knows the hardships and exactions that are required of a telegrapher. Bro. Hartman, a few years ago, become superintendent of Baltimore County Telegraph and Fire Department, but, as this brother has often told us, you always find that which you seek. Bro. George was seeking after something higher, and on June 1st became one of the leading graduates of the University of Maryland, thus entering upon the great legal profession.

At our meeting, June 3d, we took occasion to observe the twenty-second anniversary of the O. R. T., many of the brothers coming from a distance to participate in this celebration.

Bro. Wm. M. Skinner, our worthy chief, called the meeting to order, after which Dr. J. B. Sebastian acted as presiding officer.

Bro. T. M. Pierson, second vice-president of the O. R. T., was the first speaker, and Bro. "Tom" was at his best, and as he carried us back to the very infancy of the O. R. T., telling us of the progress that had been made up to the present time, viz., that of shorter hours at an increase of pay, quarterly or annual passes, seniority of service, recognition of craft, etc.

Bro. Pierson also brought to our attention some of the obstacles that are retarding the progress of the telegraphers, which must be overcome sooner or later; they are:

First, The student teacher. He who sells his labor and profession at a price that not only injures himself, but robs his fellow laborer as well.

Second, The careless and indifferent member, who never takes any interest whatever in his profession, does not improve himself, and when a better position is offered him is incompetent to fill same, becomes dissatisfied with the O. R. T., drops out and becomes a non.

Third, The non, who takes advantage of every increase and all legislation secured through the organization, but refuses to contribute with his fellow laborers to improve his profession.

The telegraphers have a power peculiar to their craft, viz., that of politics, and the great need of success today is to get the telegraphers to cast to the wind mere party preference, ceasing to vote for any man or measure simply because he is a Democrat or Republican, but supporting such men and measures as are known to be favorable to true unionism.

Bro. E. H. Trainor, of the Baltimore C. T. U. A., was the next speaker, and in a short, crisp and eloquent manner defined to us the true attitude of the commercial telegraphers. While these good brethren were giving us wholesome advice Bros. Wm. H. Skinner, W. A. Schubert, H. W. Lair, L. H. Nelson, T. E. Fidler, and others were busily engaged serving us with ice cream, cake, etc. Truly, the twenty-second anniversary was a pleasant one, and your correspondent, looking ahead, sees Division No. 17 holding these pleasant meetings at least once a quarter. Look for the date of the next jubilee. Come, we will have something new.

On account of the death of Grand Secretary and Treasurer L. W. Quick's father, he was unable to be with us, but promises to come some other

Bro. Wm. T. Rollins, our hustling reporter, too, was prevented from being present on account of the death of his mother. To each of these brethren we extend our sincere sympathy.

Bro. G. M. Smith, of Calvert station, has recently purchased a new home a Lutherville.

There are quite a few commercial telegraphers now employed on the railroad eligible to membership. Get after them. Your personal work will be more effective than the best organizer sent from headquarters.

Have you sold all your excursion tickets to Tolchester for July 31st? If so, ask the secretary for more. Be sure to go; you will have a grand time.

"PATAPSCO."

New Haven Div., No. 29.

If there is ever needed any criterion to indicate the character of unionism pervading the members of this section of the New England territory, or any test needed of its temper, we have only to point to the June meeting of Division No. 29, held on Friday, June 5th. If ever it becomes necessary to still the scoffs of the heretics (nons) or to disprove the arguments of the traducers, just point to the records of that memorable night.

Of visitors there were many. Division No. 37 was represented by worthy Chief Telegrapher Bro. Maher, Division No. 44. Bro. Shields and many new faces were seen from this immediate territory.

Bro. T. M. Pierson, our worthy second vice-president, honored us with his pleasing presence, and made the address of the evening.

This night having been set apart at the May meeting for an anniversary meeting, was advertised by postal from the secretary and treasurer's office, resulting in bringing out a record-breaking number of members.

Shortly after calling the meeting to order and disposing of a large batch of applications for membership, the floor was cleared, and worthy Chief Bro. L. H. Dowd called upon Bro. Pierson for an anniversary speech. He reviewed the past of our organization and then contrasted with the present. The demarkation was so clear that, were the period not within the memory of most of us, we might doubt the veracity of the well-informed speaker. That the future is rich with promises and pregnant with reward was the expressed belief, contingent only upon the maintainance of complete organization.

Bro. Shields, of Division No. 44, followed with remarks that entertained and instructed. This was his first visit to Division No. 29, and we learned with pleasure of the movement for the member's welfare and the craft's betterment in Division No. 44. From that division we look for future inspirations and believe that with this brother at the rudder of affairs we shall learn of increased devotion to the cause.

Bro. E. J. Manion, our general chairman, was replete with "system" information.

After the speakers had finished, the announcement was made that a recess would be taken for refreshments. Chowder, sandwiches—ham, chicken, cheese and onion—were waiting to refresh, coffee and ginger pop to warm and cool, after which all reassembled.

Bro. Terry having arrived, the few minutes preceding adjournment were at his disposal.

The well-fed and now smoking members being in that frame of mind that sumptuous repasts essays, seduced by the rich aroma of the fragrant weed, were treated with a brief review of the past and an expression of thanks for the present, and a forecast of better and brighter days.

At midnight the lodge was closed and all wore an enduring smile of satisfaction, harmony and fraternal pride. Div. Cor.

Shore Line, Second District-

Though we may not have Bro. Pierson with us at every meeting, you should keep in mind that the first Friday night in each month is set apart for your own benefit, and I can not realize any legitimate excuse that any one can give for staying away.

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Bro. Sugenheim recently bid in the first trick at Berlin, which now also includes the agency. Mr. Lewis, the second trick man, has resigned and has accepted a position with the Associated Press at Brocton.

Bro. Strople, who has worked everything from "B" to "BS" during the last six months, has also resigned, and will be the man behind the wires in a new branch of the New York Stock Exchange, to be located in Hartford. Though we congratulate him on his good luck, we are very sorry to lose him.

Any of you fellows notice how well the Western Division showed up at that last meeting, and most of them stayed the limit, too. They are of the kind that counts.

Mr. Harrington, from Berlin to Windsor, on bid.

Sister Prout is keeping her eye on those bids, and if any suit her then the position is hers for the asking.

Rumor has it that the second trick will be restored at "X" shortly.

It is earnestly hoped that the brothers of Division No. 38 won't ever wait for an invitation to attend the meetings of Division No. 29. We were pleased to see Bro. Belden, and we certainly did expect Bros. Derosiers and Betters; that's what your transportation was given you for.

Sister Tyler recently made a flying trip to the "great and only city," and she saw all the funny sights and heard all the strange sounds, from the Bronx Park to Fire Island.

Bro. W. F. Lippincott, the new local chairman on the Valley, made a trip over the road recently just to get acquainted. Anything that you may need to refer to him will always find him there with the goods. His address is Madison, Conn.

Miss Woodworth has returned to the service, and is located at Essex. Everyone along the line would be pleased to have her fill out the necessary papers.

Hartford Terminal (Midland Division)-

Bros. Brooks and Fogarty took in the last meeting, and were so well pleased with it that they have resolved under no circumstances to miss another.

With the summer travel in full swing, and freight picking up, Pop Johnson earns his money these days.

It is a source of very great satisfaction to know that the Terminal is nearly solid, and out of twenty-five operators employed only one remains out, and we sincerely hope before this appears in print to have that other man, and, having once gotten it solid, we are determined to keep it that way.

Bro. C. J. Sullivan, who is an old-timer at the freight house, and who still does the spare work there, is our latest addition to membership.

Bro. Lally was recently entertained during the day at the Polo Grounds, and in the evening on the "Great White Way" by a member of the Pittsburg baseball team, and he reports a swell time.

Bro. Schultz took a week's vacation so as to be able to take in the "greatest show on earth," and he says it was.

If you are looking for a short answer, ask Bro. Swaine, at "BD," when he is going back to station work.

"WH" is solid. "What do you know about that?"

Don't plan your summer vacation without taking into consideration our annual clam bake. "EN."

Providence Div., No. 35.

June meeting of Division 35 will certainly go down in history as a record-breaker for the "stay-aways;" not but what there were brothers a plenty in the city meeting night to bring the attendance up to the standard of other meetings, but some-how they could not seem to tear themselves away from the congenial surroundings, and to their shame be it known that only about one dozen members were in the hall and only two of the division officials at that. Individually and collectively they are ready with a bunch of as silly excuses as could be imagined, excuses that would be expected only from children.

A peculiar circumstance came under the observation of the writer on train going home from meeting. There were three brothers occupying a double seat who were at peace with all and were enjoying themselves in pleasant conversation; they had attended meeting, had done their duty to their Order and lived up to their obligation, while two others who could not spare the time to attend were engaged in a heated argument with a member of a so-called labor organization lately started upon the system. If they had but noticed the looks upon the faces of passengers who were forced to listen to them they would probably have lowered their voices, at least when they were bragging as to what the O. R. T. would do and stand for and what not. Thus was shown one of the peculiar oddities of human nature; those who in their daily lives show the least interest in an enterprise that is for their protection and benefit, are always the loudest talkers out in the open, with the public for their audience.

It is reported that Bro. Wm. Wood, first trick Valley Falls tower, while on a fishing trip down in Maine has been taken very seriously ill. The brother has our sympathy, and we all look to see him back soon entirely recovered in health.

It was said to me recently in a communication that the position of division correspondent was a thankless one. I do not agree with the brother who made that statement; it all depends upon the spirit which actuates the one who accepts the office.

If a member of the Order, who has the pleasure of enjoying the many benefits, such as greatly increased salary, shorter hours of labor, improved working conditions, abolishing of drudgery work around stations and towers, and last, but not least, the knowledge and assurance that the retention of his position does not rest upon the mere whim of some petty official, if all that and much more

does not fully repay him for any effort upon his part to keep alive the interest of the Order, then the true spirit of unionism is sadly lacking in his makeup. When a brother becomes so utterly indifferent to the continued prosperity of his organization that his pedarl extremities becomes chilled unless he is presented with an engrossed vote of thanks for every effort of his on behalf of his Order, then it were much better had he remained in the ranks of "card bearers." It is a lamentable fact that of the many official positions on the division that of correspondent must needs go hunting the man, all the others the man is hunting them.

Bro. Burna, second trick Kingston tower, came to East Greenwich recently in search of a tramp whom it was thought had robbed a house at the former place. The only thing that saved "Mr. Hobo" from certain capture was the fact that he traveled west, while the clue led "BU" in the opposite direction.

Bro. Callahan, second trick East Greenwich, was called home to Chatham, N. Y., account of sickness of his brother.

Cross gates have again been put in tower at Hill's Grove, to be handled by towerman; believe the matter is in hands of Railroad Commissioners.

Bro. Joslin has been having his and then some more for a while back in the shape of a diseased molar.

Mr. J. O. Halliday, who was appointed to the newly-created office of Master of Transportation of the New York System, entered the employ as towerman upon the old Stonington Division in 1894, going then to the general superintendent's office in Boston, and was one of the few taken to New Haven when that office was consolidated. The few old-timers left still remember "JO," and are pleased over his promotion, and hope that he will go higher yet.

The sympathy of all the brothers of Division 35 is extended to Bro. Kinney in his long continued sickness. All his fellow-workers hope to soon again see him in harness.

CERT. 4.

New Rochelle Div., No. 37.

It is amusing to hear the different excuses of the non for not affiliating with the cause of the "bread-winners." For instance, "Sitting Bull" at one of our large towers tells us, "Oh, yes, I got my application all filled out, am coming in next month." But next month seems to never come. Poor luck probably at the old fascinating game. Another Mr. Non, at the same place as above mentioned, has the gall to say, "Don't want to join No. 37 because they don't run things right down there." We invite his "Royal Highness" to come right along and show us how.

Still we go further east and we find a sedate-looking individual, who seems to think that the O. R. T. has too much aristocracy in it for him to mingle with. We should feel highly flattered at the idea.

And last, but not least, Mr. Non at tower 54, been on the pike all of his natural life, ever since the first spike was drove, still working a third trick, hard-luck story all the time. It's a case of mumps or measles, or something of that sort. The fact is, that these men have not up to this time shown the moral courage to join hands with their fellow-craftsmen, but would rather lay back and do the sponge act. No good citizen ever tries to evade or shirk paying his little per capita tax, therefore, in these enlightened days, you will not find any good union man who is willing to accept such old, lame and petticoat excuses from the Mr. Non. That we do not mention any names is letting the men hinted at off easy.

The correspondent desires to inform members of Division 37 that we are looking forward to holding our annual clam bake, and any baseball talent among the craft will please get their wings and, pedals in working order so as to become eligible for a position on the team. We expect a team composed of members of some neighboring division to oppose us. Clam bake to be held Sunday, August 30th. Any of the boys desiring a place on the team can consult Bro. Holahan, of Darien, by U. S. mail.

Any of the boys desiring a copy of the little book entitled "Practice What You Preach," can secure same by U. S. mail for the small sum of 25 cents by applying to the author, Bro. Robert G. Wright, of Denton, Texas. The contents of the book dwells on the union man, the non-union man, the dishonest preacher, and why I am a union man. A number of the boys of No. 37 have received same and the book is well worth having.

Our worthy general chairman, Bro. Manion, paid us a visit at last regular meeting, and enlightened us on some points that were of much interest.

Several operators on the third trick in the vicinity of Bridgeport take particular delight in using No. 11 wire, and sometimes the train wire for nonsense—child's play. Cut it out, boys, and attend to biz.

It is expected there will be held at our annual bake a match game of baseball between Divisions 29 and 37. Our battery at Harrison is in fine trim, so the boys of 29 must look out for their laurels.

Bros. Seaman and Morhbach, of the Bronx River Yacht Club, are the proud possessors of an elegant motor boat. It is their intention to take a party of friends up the Sound to attend our annual clam bake at Rye Beach.

Chief telegrapher, Bro. Maher, accompanied by Bros. Holahan, Reif, Wisham, Seaman, Tiffany, Morhbach, Corrigan, Wagner, Gould, Dwyer, Carroll and Local Chairman Gallagher, attended the celebration of Division 29 in honor of the twenty-second anniversary of our Order. Vice-President Pierson and Bro. Shields, of Division 44, boarded the train at Grand Central Depot on their way to New Haven as the special guests of 29. We were all well pleased with our reception, and hope to return the compliment in 1909.

Saturday evening, June 13, New York Division No. 44 celebrated the anniversary of our noble Order with a banquet, held at Imperial Hotel, Brooklyn. Our hustling brothers across the Sound are certainly up-to-date along the reception line. The wives and sweethearts who accompanied our worthy brothers filled the large and spacious dining hall to its utmost capacity, and every one seemed to have a jolly good time. The guests of the evening were Assemblyman Northrup, father of the eight-hour bill in New York State. Vice-President T. M. Pierson, General Chairman Cochran, of the Ontario & Western, General Chairman Manion and Bros. Gallagher and Terry, of the New Haven, and General Chairman Wooley and Bros. Dooley and Noon, of the New York Central.

"SCRIBE."

Springfield (Mass.) Div., No. 38.

Meeting of June 20th was the record-breaker in spite of the heat, which was very oppressive, both in the streets and in the hall. Meeting called to order at 8:30 p. m., with Vice-President T. M. Pierson in the chair. After reading the minutes of previous meeting and balloting on several candidates recess was declared for the Entertainment Committee to serve refreshments and allow the visiting brothers to become better acquainted.

Division 29 was represented by General Committeeman Manion and Bro. Leith, of Hartford, while Sisters Fribbs and Witherill, of the B. & M., and Sr. Kinnivan, of North Brookfield, were given the glad hand by all the boys present. We are very glad to see the interest these sisters take, which put to shame some of the other members of the division who stay away from the meetings. Now, boys, how can you expect recognition when, by staying away from the meetings, you do not give the support that your officers should have? Now that extra trains have been put on the B. & A. system there is no good reason why you should not try and show up. Now, brothers, our Vice-President T. M. Pierson has promised to be with us at our meeting July 18th, and hope the hall will not be able to hold the brothers from the west and east end of the B. & A. R. R. Bro. Powers has promised to bring fifteen applications from east of Worcester, so brothers, remember the date, July 18th, at 33 Lyman street.

C. & P. Notes-

Sisters Fribbs and Witherill, of Northampton, visited Montague recently.

Bro. Dunn was the guest of his parents the past week.

Bro. Haley, of South Vernon, has gone into the chicken business; going to supply broilers to the girls at Northfield. Bro. Haley understands the business.

Bro. McCarty spent Sunday at Concord, N. H., visiting old friends.

Business on the division is very good for this time of the year.

B. & A. Notes-

Bro. McClelland, formerly chairman on the Grievance Committee, has resigned such office to take position in the dispatcher's office at "LU." Bro. Powers, of Worcester tower, was prevailed on to succeed him. Let's assist him in the district between Worcester and Boston, and have all the desirable nons in the ranks before December 31st. Of course, Bro. Duffy, whose district is Springfield to Worcester and branches, is doing his part. We are strong now, but we can not be too strong. Bro. Holland, who is taking care of the agents, seems to work to good advantage.

Bro. Collins, of the Springfield-Pittsfield district, is doing as well as could be expected, considering the number of operators and agents which surpasses other districts in number, and up to the present has managed to keep the number of members in his district to a majority.

Bro. Donovan has been transferred from Russell to Athol Jct. tower 38, and Bro. Tom Powers from Washington to some place in Bro. Duffy's district, leaving Bro. Collins two new nons to get after.

Office at Dalton has been closed to reduce expenses, throwing three men out of work until this fall, then the company will have to hunt up more men to fill in.

"CR" office, Chester, also got it in the neck, throwing out Bros. Patterson and Promeroy, who will be on the extra list, relieving Bro. Sheridan, from "BR" office, Becket, who has been transferred to our district, formerly from 29.

The trouble with some of the boys on this end is, they say a whole lot but the secretary and treasuier has but very little to show from the results.

Division 38 inside of six months will be one of the strongest in the East. Keep up your courage and let us hope business will soon be brisker, and we shall have the best schedule in the East, if not in the country.

"C."

New York Div., No. 44.

Our open meeting, held in banquet hall at the Imperial Hotel, Brooklyn, was voted by all who were fortunate enough to be present to be a most enjoyable affair.

Never in the history of the division have we entertained so many prominent guests.

Our lady friends were out in goodly numbers, and we had many visitors from near-by divisions.

The Grand Division was represented, and we had the honor of entertaining a few of our political friends, men who have done all in their power to represent their constituents in the general assembly in an honest, upright and conscientious manner, and at the same time do the public a service in helping to pass laws restricting the hours of labor in responsible positions, where the lives and personal safety of the traveling public is at stake, and have helped the telegraphers of this State to enjoy a shorter work-day and better working conditions.



Later on we expect the old saying to come true:

Whether you work by the piece Or work by the day, If you shorten the hours You will lengthen the pay.

Bro. R. J. Edwards acted as toastmaster. Frank De Luisi's orchestra, composed of union musicians, furnished the music.

After all present had done justice to the good things spread before them the programme was as follows:

Address by Toastmaster Bro. Edwards, explaining in detail the object of the open meeting and banquet.

Address of welcome by our chief telegrapher, Bro. C. B. Van Nostrand.

Statistical report by Secretary A. F. Hellar.

Address by our honored guest and friend of the telegraphers, Hon. Frederic Northrup.

A very interesting address by Second Vice-President T. M. Pierson.

The toastmaster next called upon Hon. Wm. A Degroot, assemblyman from Queens, who delivered a most pleasing address.

Our toastmaster next introduced Bro. E. C. Terry, of Division No. 29.

Next in order was a very interesting address from Bro. E. J. Manion, of Division No. 29, general chairman of the New Haven System.

Bro. Manion was followed by Bro. M. G. Woolley, general chairman of System Division No. 8, who received marked attention.

Bro. Guy Cochran, general chairman of Division No. 20, was suffering from a cold, and in consequence thereof omitted the greater part of his very carefully-prepared speech.

The speaking was concluded by a short address from Bro. Fuller, of Division No. 44.

Letters of regret were read from President H. B. Perham; Grand Secretary and Treasurer Bro. L. W. Quick; Hon. F. C. Filly, Assemblyman from Troy, N. Y., who fathered the bi-monthly pay bill. (Note—After October 1, 1908, we get our pay twice a month in New York State.); Hon. John P. Cohalan, a very particular friend of the railroad telegraphers (he handled the eight-hour bill in the Senate); Bro. J. B. West, local chairman of Division No. 8; Bro. Frank N. Hall, general chairman of Division No. 42, and many others.

Among the visitors from other divisions the writer noticed Jim Dooley, Jimmie Stimson, Mike Goghegan and Tom Noon, of Division No. 8.

We wish to thank our friends and brothers from other divisions who favored us with their presence, and hope they will find it convenient to come again.

Division No. 44 extends condolence and sympathy to Grand Secretary and Treasurer Bro. L. W. Quick in the loss of his father.

Many changes have taken place on the L. I. R. R., but we have devoted so much space to the

open meeting subject we can't give a write-up this month.

Just a word about the race-track situation, which is causing quite a little uneasiness to employes of the L. I. R. R.:

At this writing it looks as if the racing game has been practically killed in this State for this season at least.

This will, of course, reduce the revenue of the road to some extent, but the L. I. R. R. does not and should not depend on racing for its revenue.

The president of the road has been quoted as saying that the road does not derive the benefit from racing patronage that newspapers and others would have the public think,

All other business continues very good, even better than in other years, and the season has been somewhat backward.

The outlook for business, from a local standpoint, is good. Freight shipments are increasing and passenger business has increased steadily.

The year 1909 will be the most prosperous ever experienced on Long Island. Have patience.

As our members are aware, Division No. 44 participated in the Jamaica celebration, June 4, 5 and 6, which was held in honor of its 200th anniversary and the running of the first train in the subway from West Farms to Jamaica.

We can assure you that the many thousands who visited the pike during these three days, and passed booth No. 49, "read the sign," knew that we had cigars for sale, and that they were union made.

The committee succeeded in selling their entire stock at a profit of about \$20, which was turned over to the treasurer of the Wild West show and Pike.

As you are all aware, the profits derived from the celebration, all sources, were divided between the two Jamaica hospitals. The writer is informed that the total profits derived were in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

Our committee deserves to be congratulated on their ability as salesmen. It is rumored that several have received flattering offers as "Coney Island barkers."

It was the intention of the committee to have a picture taken of their booth, but the photographer disappointed them at the last moment.

The committee is indebted to and wishes to extend their hearty thanks to Bros. Strauss and Mitchell, of the Cigarmakers' International Union, of Brooklyn, for their valuable assistance in procuring and selling our union-made cigars, which were the best to be had for the money. They were made and sold by union people.

We wish to impress upon the minds of our brothers who smoke, to ask for the union-made article; when purchasing union-made goods you discourage the trust, child labor and the sweat shop. The union label gives you the assurance that the article was made by skilled labor, who receive a fair day's pay for a fair day's labor, and under good sanitary conditions.



Members who are in the habit of purchasing cigars in quantities can secure names and addresses of good union manufacturers by addressing the secretary of this division, who will be pleased to render any assistance he can to encourage the purchase and sale of union-made goods.

Cor.

Woodsville Div., No. 45.

Bro. Wm. Mullavey worked three weeks on third trick at Newport, relieving Bro. Burt, who took a vacation, camping out down the lake.

Bro. Patrick worked at W. R. Junction in place of Bro. Mullavey.

Bro. Sheldon has quit East Ryegate, and is now at West Burke as operator and assistant.

In fairness to all, it should have been stated in the May TRLEGRAPHER that Operator Donohue, "K," at "JC," did not scab in any way during the W. U. strike, as he was then and still is a B. & M. operator. It is on good authority that we make this statement, and we are pleased that we are able to state this fact, and wish sincerely that we might state other cases in the same office, of the same nature. We understand "K" is thinking of getting a pasteboard and the password, and we would be pleased to have him for a member.

Our June 20th meeting was not very largely attended. I think that a lot of the boys might have gone if they had been very anxious about it. "Get anxious" and use your punch pass.

Have you paid up your dues yet; if not, do so at once, and get an up-to-date. It is a good investment, and, as we are not working for the Central Vermont, but a better road, there's no kick coming.

CERT. 99.

Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

First meeting in June held June 13th. Opened at 8:35 p. m. by Chief Telegrapher J. J. Standley. Roll call found all officers present with the exceptions of second vice-chief and past chief telegraphers, vacancies filled by appointment. Past Chief Telegrapher Kiger appeared later and assumed his office. Two petitions for membership, one from the Conemaugh and one from the Pittsburg Divisions P. R. R., read and favorably acted upon. Circular letter received from the general offices of the C. T. U. of A., announcing the election of Bro. S. J. Konenkamp to the presidency of that organization; same was received with great satisfaction by the members present. After the reading the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the division, which shows in a mild manner the high esteem which the members of this division have for Bro. Konenkamp. He has been a constant worker in this division for the past twelve or fifteen years and the O. R. T. in general, and Pittsburg Division No. 52 in particular owes him quite a debt of gratitude for his unselfish efforts in its behalf. While we regret very much to lose his wise council, we are consoled by the fact that the C. T. U. A. will gain several more than we have lost.

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, The Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America has honored our worthy brother, S. J. Konenkamp, with the highest office within their jurisdiction, namely, president of their organization; and

WHEREAS, At the meeting of Pittsburg Division, No. 52, O. R. T., held June 13, 1908, the members unanimously desired to show their love, honor and respect for Bro. Konenkamp, also their appreciation of the unselfish work he has done for the Order of Railroad Telegraphers; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby tender our hearty congratulations to Bro. Konenkamp, and also believe that the C. T. U. of A. is to be congratulated upon their newly-elected president, who, in our opinion, is capable in every respect to fill the position, and is absolutely "on the level" in everything he does; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Bro. Konenkamp, president C. T. U. of A.; Wesley Russell, general secretary and treasurer, C. T. U. of A., and a copy be sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

(Signed) C. C. McKalip.

Bills amounting to \$20,00 were read and ordered paid; no sick claims were presented, although several of our members are still on the sick list, and we hope for their speedy recovery. Meeting closed at 10:55 p. m.; number members present, twenty.

Please take note that we will hold but one meeting each month during the months of July and August, which will be on the second Saturday, July 11th and August 8th; meetings scheduled for the fourth Saturdays during these months will be dispensed with.

The prospects are that we will have at least a half dozen petitions for membership to act upon at our next meeting, June 27th. Let us keep up the good work; we now have the hours, next comes the money, and the only way to get the money is to keep organized by constantly getting after the nons and those members who are inclined to lag by the wayside, remember, "that in union there is strength," that is the secret of all successes.

Some of our members do not appear to be altogether clear on the rules governing the beneficial and non-beneficial departments of this division; for the benefit of those who do not fully understand same, I will offer the following explanation: As you are all aware, the beneficial department pays a sick benefit of \$5.00 per week. after the first week's sickness, for ten weeks, then \$2.00 per week for forty-two weeks. The nonbeneficial department pays no sick benefits at all. These two departments, as we term them, have nothing whatever to do with the Mutual Benefit (Insurance) Department of the Order, as all members, whether they join the beneficial or nonbeneficial department of this, or any other division of the Order, must make application to the Mutual Benefit Department for insurance. Some members do not understand why they are not in the beneficial department, or why their dues are \$4.75 while the dues of the man working with him are but \$4.25. As you all know, the initiation fee in the beneficial department is \$10.00, while in the non-beneficial department the initiation fee is but \$3.50, therefore, those of you who paid \$8.50 or less at the time of making application for membership, are in the non-beneficial department, and those who paid \$11.75 or more at the time of making the application for membership are in the beneficial department. Any of our members who now belong to the non-beneficial department and wish to transfer to the beneficial department. can do so by paying the difference between the two initiation fees (\$6.50) and filing a certificate of health at the time. The secretary will gladly answer any questions on the subject.

Don't overlook that non-member who works next to you; we want him if he is desirable.

Kline

Wilmington (Del.) Div., No. 58.

Division No. 58 met in regular session June 17th, Bro. Lynch in the chair, owing to Bro. Kennedy not being able to attend account having to work second trick on train sheet.

Many interesting communications were read; among them was a letter from Bro. Ellis, an organizer now working in the vicinity of Philadelphia. He is a hustler and gives very encouraging reports.

We are glad to see a number of the brothers from out of town; among them were Bros. Carr and Garris, from north of Wilmington, and Bros. Truitt and Magee, from Delaware Division, and others.

We were also glad to see the familiar faces of Bros. Coverdale and Hill, who have not been able to be with us for some time. Bro. Hill is quite an orator; he has had quite a little experience in organizations, and his talks are always interesting and helpful.

Maryland Division-

There seems to be very little news on the Maryland Division; at least your correspondent is unable to get it.

The boys in "WD," Wilmington, are now interested about their vacations. Mr. Feehley spent his vacation at Buffalo, N. Y., Toronto, Can., and Atlantic City, N. J. Bro. MacDonald spent part of his vacation enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Hudson River and the Catskill Mountains in New York. Our worthy chief telegrapher, Bro. Kennedy, spent part of his vacation visiting friends and relatives.

Bro. Beatty has been absent from duty account the death of his mother. We extend our most succes sympathies to our brother in distress. Mr. Ufferman has also been absent and at the bedside of his wife, who is seriously ill. We extend our sympathies and hope to hear of her recovery.

Bro. Miles, our veteran train sheet operator, recently spent two days with friends at Love

Point, Md. This is the first time he has been off for over a year.

Bro. Norris, train sheet operator Wilmington, holds the record for steady service. He has not lost a day's pay for thirty-three (33) years. The only time he has been off was due on vacations and relief days.

There is quite a number of new faces on the road this summer, which affords an excellent opportunity for a little missionary work.

It is with profound regret that we have heard of the serious illness of Bro. Hansen's wife. We extend our sympathy and hope she may soon recover.

Bro. Taylor and Bro. Freeny and wife spent two days each in Baltimore this month. Bro. Taylor attended the commencement exercises at the Peabody Institute; both report having a fine time.

Some improvements are being made at Delmar depot, which, when completed, will add much to the appearance of the place.

We are sorry to say that some of the boys seem a little indifferent about attending the meetings. Hope that all will go that can possibly get off, and take an interest in the meetings, as they are of untold benefit.

We want to make an effort to get every available non on the line during the first part of our new semi-annual period.

Delaware Division-

Operator Hutchinson, Bros. Byrd, Freeny, Butler, VanSant and Taylor, of "DR" office, spent their relief days at their respective homes, Townsend, Lecato, Mardela Springs, Prices, Millington and Hebron, while Bro. Truitt, also of "DR" office, contented himself with remaining at his home in Delmar.

Bro. S. R. Henry, one of our main standby's, formerly of "DA" block, has been promoted to the agency at Kennedyville. Sorry to see him leave the main line.

Bros. Taylor and Townsend, of "A" and "BE" blocks respectively, spent their relief days in Philadelphia.

Bro. A. G. Smith, relief agent, is relieving Mr. Johnson a few days at Goldsboro.

Bro. Bartlett has been off a few days nursing the mumps. Mr. Brewer working third trick at "C" in Bro. Bartlett's absence.

Bro. Atkinson, third trick "WI," is working in "X" office during the summer season.

Bro. Whitlock, third trick at "BE," spent his relief day attending a country strawberry festival; reports having a good time.

Bro. Kirk and wife, of Middletown, spent a day in Delmar recently.

Bro. Roe and wife spent his relief day in attending the commencement exercises at the Western Maryland College, Westminster, Maryland as the guest of his uncle, Dr. T. H. Lewis, who is president of the college. Bro. Roe's sister and niece were among this year's graduates.

We were glad to see the smiling countenance of our old friend Bro. Merrick, of Easton, one day recently out on the main line calling on some of the brothers.

Bro. Smith, of "C," spent his relief day visiting his parents.

Bro. Pippin has resumed duty at "M" block after being off for a while on account of an attack of appendicitis.

Seaford office has been put on an eight-hour basis for the summer. We hope to see it made permanent.

CERT. 113.

Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

Very little doing on the line during past month. Few changes and business very light, consequently, a small-write-up.

Bro. M. B. Quire, Grinnell nights, has been on sick list; relieved by operator Keefe.

Bro. J. W. Rankin now at Mason City nights; operator Briggs on days. Understand Bro. S. J. Rankin promoted to cashier at that place.

Bro. Boughtin, at Rockwell, lost his helper, and says anyone that wants a job where he can work, come ahead.

Bro. Harry Clawson, of Hampton days, informs us he has at last landed their night operator, Mr. Roberts. Glad to hear it. Mr. Roberts will be entitled to the name of "Brother" by the time this is in print. Let the good work go on.

Plans are being made for a new depot at Ackley. Don't think it will be a waste of money at all.

"13" Bro. Fred Lentz is again working for this company as night man at Albia. Glad to have him back. He quit the business a while back, when the wires were cut out at Dillon.

The company has ordered six new freight locomotives for delivery early in July. If any road needs any it is the Iowa Central, as their present power goes "dead" often.

Understand there are two students on the Algona branch.

Some one wake up our east end correspondent. No items from that end this month.

Have you paid those dues yet?

Correspondent.

Camden Div., No. 84.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 8 p. m., June 12th, by the first vice-chief, Bro. T. A. Hitchner, all other officers in their respective chairs. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Five petitions for membership were read and referred to the proper committees. Six petitions for membership were favorably acted upon, adding six members to Division No. 84. While a very interesting meeting was held, the business was of such a character that we can not give it publicity, but we think, as usual, the proper course was taken by the members.

We now have three ladies in our membership; might be a good idea to give them a special invitation to attend a meeting in a body and arrange special entertainment for them.

Dispatcher Bro. W. A. Atkinson enjoyed several days of pike and weak fishing while on his vacation recently.

Bro. Frank Patterson, of "CH," Woodbury, is working in "CD," Camden, during the summer season.

Bro. Eppleman, of "G" tower, Glassboro, is working in "CD," Camden, nights.

Bro. J. W. Diffenderfer spent ten days of his vacation roaming in the mountains of Pennsylvania.

Bro. C. E. Ellenberger has second trick and Bro. Geo. Hess third trick at Sea Isle Jct.

Bro. Fred Thompson has taken the extra agency on the south end of the Cape May Division. Bro. E. F. Horner works the cut-off schedule between Manumuskin and Gloucester.

Bro. Soults has been on vacation for several days, being relieved by extra agent Thompson.

Bro. Heath, of Mt. Pleasant tower, who was off duty for some time on account of the serious illness of his wife in a Philadelphia hospital, has returned to duty, and reports Mrs. Heath's condition greatly improved.

We regret to announce the illness of the wife of Bro. H. M. Smith.

THIRD RAIL.

Trenton (N. J.), Div., No. 85.

The regular meeting of Trenton Division, No. 85, held in June, was marked by one of the largest attendance we have had in our recollection. The boys that came out were enthusiastic and endowed with that spirit which goes to make up a successful lodge. The men are beginning to awake to the fact that they can ill afford to do without our Order, and a great many have signified their intention to join.

A great amount of business of importance was transacted at the meeting, two applications received, and three elected to membership.

Our membership in Division No. 85 is now at its top-notch mark. Never before since our organization has the membership been so large. Keep up the good work, brothers, as right wins always.

The Bel. Division brothers are not in a position to get out to the meetings on account of the train service, but those that can come are always on hand.

There are a few delinquents on their returns for the assembly. Bro. Morris would appreciate a prompt settlement.

Bro. Goddard has procured a new naphtha launch, and has placed a great many of O. R. T. boys around Trenton under obligations to him for the many delightful trips up the Delaware River.

Bro. E. G. Morris should be able to come over cach month, as it is only a stone's throw across the river.

Bro. Pletcher, extra operator and an old O. R. T. man, is proving the right man in the right place. "Pletch" understands the situation to a "T.," and has nailed a great many lies spread all over the division.

Bro. Hoffman did not show up at the June meeting. Something new for "Bill." He must have made an engagement and forgot the date.

liro, G. W. Cutler makes it a point to attend the meetings, even if it does fall on his relief day.

Rro. Schenck, at "MO," is a good man when it comes to helping make any of the functions undertaken a success. John sells the tickets and gets the money.

Bro. Stout, of South Elizabeth, calls on the boys when he comes down on the west end, and the boys all appreciate the fact that Jim is one of the staunch members, and always fights for the right.

Bro. Ritchie, formerly of Newark, and a former member of No. 10, but now a member of the Grand Division, has quit the railroad game and taken up farming for himself.

Bro. Bader, the relief operator from Rahway, is one of the boys who has proved his worth, and "Bade" is well liked by all the boys.

We were glad to hear of Bro. Darcy's recent promotion into the passenger trainmaster's office. The goods will always tell in the end.

A new office is being built at Trenton station for handling of N. Y. & Amboy Division trains. It should be ready for occupancy about July 1st.

Bro. Bryson, at "UX," surprised some of the recent hard-times agents by the showing made on business handled there.

Bro. Parker is wearing a happy smile these days. The continuous and healthy flow of application blanks is said to be the cause.

Remember, boys, individual effort makes the membership swell. "Uncle Si."

Belvidere Division-

Lots of changes taking place lately and more new men still arriving. Some of the latest arrivals are Mr. E. V. McKelvey and Mr. Doyle, both off the C. P. R.; Mr. McGetrick, a commercial man, and Mr. Kays. All four are first-class men and expect to carry up-to-date cards with the rest of us.

Glad to report a good number of applicants for membership this month.

Bro Glenn, formerly from this division, is working on the Long Island Railroad.

Mr. Samuel Hill has been appointed to the second trick at Hudson yard through the resignation of Mr. Norman Deshler. Mr. Deshler returned to the D., L. & W., and is now holding down the third trick at Manunka Chunk. He says his feet get to itching when he stops too long at one place.

The block system, which goes into effect the first of the month, necessitates the opening of three new offices, Manunka Chunk, Roxburg and Dempsey. Mr. Chas. Wharton takes charge of Manunka Chunk block station, and expects to move his family to Belvidere.

Div. Cor.

Altoona Div., No. 86.

Altoona Division, No. 85, lost their organizer, F. E. Carnes. Understand "CF" has gone in the boot and shoe business in Chicago.

Billy Seymour, the Philadelphia lad, is now doing a third-trick stunt at "RV." The only thing that bothers him is what to do with his large salary, \$66 per, as he was never used to drawing over \$90 in Philadelphia.

The main office boys are feeling the hard times, as they have lost nearly one-half of their force, and each and every one is getting the Irishman's promotion (backwards). There will be quite a lot of changing in a few weeks, as the seniority rules are in force.

Every man who expects to work as an operator should be getting busy and learning the telephone, as they will soon be all the rage. Three girls in "FA" and three in "B" on the 'phone is the latest. The dispatchers have no copiers. Lots of extra men and every one working full time only in cases where physical culture instructions are not carried out.

Bro. Haven's hair is turning black on account of being out in the moonlight fishing.

Bro. McFadden is enjoying a two weeks' leave of absence.

The operators from the east and west ends played a game of ball, Mr. Gilmore Miller acting as manager for the west-end bunch.

H. B. Kelley, of "WG," is doing the extra watching at the "Rocks."

J. W. Fike, of "GZ," had a narrow escape from drowning at "Mumford" spring last week.

Bro. John Oaks is still giving the boys the one day's rest a month.

Bro. Franks is sending out his notices for dues for the next six months. Don't forget to remit promptly, so as to have an up-to-date card. If any of the brothers along the road wish to see the correspondence of Division No. 86 increase they can assist by sending me notes.

DIV. COR.

Boston Div., No. 89.

Although our regular meeting, held June 6th, was not well attended, it was a red-hot affair, as all the brothers present took a hand in the business that came before the meeting.

Right here I want to say a word to the non-attendants. Why can't you fellows arrange to break off home ties the first Saturday of each month and come into our meetings, and see for yourselves how we do business? If you once come, you will always come, and that is just what we want. "The more the merrier." The boys that you hear along the line kicking and grumbling because the O. R. T. don't do this or that, are the ones that never attend the meetings. If you have any grievance, why not come in and put it before the division? The boys that attend the meetings do the best they can, but it is next to impossible to please every one, so why not all of you brothers come in and lend us a helping hand.

Don't forget, the first Saturday, at 8 p. m., 694 Washington street.

Twelve applications for membership were received. Eleven of them were brought in by our worthy general chairman, Bro. Manion. All of the applications except one was from the Boston terminal, and as they were all recommended by local organizers, they were elected to membership. Let the good work continue, boys.

The social and entertainment held by Div. 89. May 23d, was a great success, about one hundred couples participating. A musical entertainment of the first order was first on the program. Nex', a collation of sandwiches, cake, ice-cream and coffee, and then the "grand hop," with whist as a side line for those who wished to play.

A vote of thanks was tendered to those who took part in the entertainment, also to the committee in charge, which consisted of Bros. McDermott, Francis, Bickerton, Jacobs and Riley. Bro. Bickerton, treasurer of the committee, reports a balance of \$35.73. Not so bad for a starter.

Daylight meeting was held June 20th, at 10 a.m. A full account of the same will be found below. It is said that the "night owls" will turn out en masse. Perhaps the boys "are afraid to go home in the dark," and by having a daylight meeting, we may be able to get them out.

Three births and one marriage the past month, but not a smoke.

Bro. M. E. Jacobs, of Franklin, Mass., elected local chairman of District A, Midland Division. Bro. Jacobs succeeds Bro. J. P. Riley, of Readville, who now covers Boston Division. Bro. Riley has been chairman on the Midland Division since organization was first effected, three years ago, and has done much for the boys on the Midland Division, who wish him continued success on the Boston Division.

Bro. F. M. Alsever, of Andover, Conn., elected local chairman for District B, Midland Division.

The initial daylight meeting held by Division 89, to accommodate the second and third trick men, was held in Pilgrim Hall, Boston, at 10 a. m., Saturday, June 20th. Although the day was a sizzling hot one, there was an attendance of about fifty; all speaking in favor of the idea of holding a session for the night owls, who, up till now have had no chance of getting out among the active workers. Eight applications were read and voted upon favorably. After the usual routine had been disposed of Bro. T. M. Pierson, one of the grand officers, was called upon, and responded with a ringing speech, very instructive; delivered in his own easy style of oratory.

His comparisons to past and present day conditions on all railroads throughout the country, introducing the slavery question as synonymous with the telegrapher of yesterday and today, was a point strongly brought out, and quickly grasped by all present. Bro. Manion, of New Haven, followed next, and the boys are always pleased to hear from this energetic worker. Bro. Manion

gave some timely advice, which, no doubt, will be a benefit to all. His remarks were heartily applauded, especially where he alluded to the humorous by way of illustration. His prominence 28 a fighter while a member of the General Committee at the last session in New Haven, is well known, and it is for this same courageous stand that the boys have extreme confidence in the man. Bro. John F. Mullen, of Division 104, was there with the goods, and delivered them in no unmistakable tones. Others followed with brief remarks. The meeting closed shortly after 12 o'clock in order that some of the members could reach home in season to cover their jobs.

These meetings will be continued, and after this there will be no excuse for the croakers who do not have a chance to attend the evening meetings. Success to the daylight bunch.

Midland Division, East-

S. W. Turner, C. T. U. of A. man, working spare at Vernon Junction. Think it is about time Mr. Turner filled out an O. R. T. application.

Mr. Hubbard, who has been working at East Douglas, covered third trick at Hampton for one day while Operator Weeks was acting as agent at Clark's Corner.

Mr. Nichols, agent at North Windham, has a new automobile.

Bro. Gonsalus bid in second trick at Putnam tower, vice O. A. Weeks, resigned to enter the grocery business in his home town, Abington, Conn.

Mr. Dwyer, formerly manager of the Willimantic office, is doing spare work on this division.

Bro. Jacobs, first trick at Franklin tower, just back on his job, after three weeks' illness.

Freight business very quiet on this division, but look to see it pick up before long.

Bro. Moore bid in agency at Hopkinton.

Bro. Scully back to his old love at Milford.

Bro. Lawrence from Hopkinton to Manville.

Bro. Aldrich, formerly of this division, doing spare work on Providence Division.

Bro. Gerring. Franklin tower, has a new No. 5 Oliver "mill."

Old Plymouth Division-

Bro. J. P. De Santo, of South Bay tower, has bid in second trick at Readville.

Bro. C. N. Johnson, local chairman on Old Colony, was successful bidder on first trick at Campello tower. Bro. T. H. Flood landed third trick at Campello.

Bro. H. W. Curtis, of Duxbury, goes to Brocton tower, second trick.

Bro. Frank Erickson, of North Abington, has returned from two weeks' vacation spent at his old home in Maine. Reports a very good time.

Bro. J. Ludy is back on his job at Campello station after an illness of a month.

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Old Colony and Providence Divisions-

All trains between Newport, Fall River and Boston are now running via the "Old Road" and Myricks, owing to repairs being made on the Somerset bridge over the Taunton River. It is expected that the work now laid out will consume the greater part of a month. The single iron between Myricks and Somerset Junction is not rusty these days, as the boys on the jobs affected can testify.

Fall River station looks good to us at present with Bros. Fred I. Walker, A. F. Walker and Charley Wilson doing the first, second and third tricks, respectively.

Bro. Pat Eagan, formerly leverman at the Somerset bridge, now doing the first trick in the Framingham tower, has recently moved his family and household goods to the latter place. Pat comes to the old stamping grounds occasionally, and sits in with the tautog fishermen on the bridge, and always carries away the evidence with him that he is the "candy boy" with the hook and line.

John Callaghan, calling Manchester, N. H., his home town, has bid in the second trick at Somerset Junction. John was quick to see the advantages of being a union man, and filled out his application before he was very long on the job. At the next meeting he will be known as brother, and wear the smile that won't come off.

Col. Fasset, of Dighton, is working these days in the dispatcher's office in Taunton.

Mr. Riley, at Assonet, has decided to come in out of the wet and bask in the sunshine of unionism. By the time the readers of THE TRLEGRA-PHER scan the next issue, it will be Bro. Riley into clear with an easy conscience, knowing that he has done his duty.

Bro. A. M. Hathaway, first trick man at Somerset Junction, was relieved for a few days recently by G. W. Richardson, who was sent down from the dispatcher's office, where he was working spare.

Bro. Ross was in Fall River several times the past month in the interest of the Order, and his efforts will undoubtedly meet with success, especially in the direction of advocating the attendance of the second and third trick men at the daylight meetings held by Division 89, on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a. m., at the usual place of meeting.

We are sorry to learn there is a broken link in the chain at the Central street tower, known as "FA." This place was solid for some time, and as it is the busiest tower at this end of the line, it should again take its place with three cards, instead of two.

Bro. White, at Dighton, is preparing for his busy season with the strawberry shippers in his section, and says when the rush comes on he will be right there with the berries.

Newport, Tiverton and Somerset should be stormed again by O. R. T. specials. The parties at these places should be shown the dangerous ground on which they are standing. In our esti-

mation a man should be willing to invest his money where it will turn him a good profit in dollars and cents each month. If he is unwilling to pay for protection, and still insists in staying and partaking of the good things that comes through no effort of his, he should be singled out and shown no favors by the boys. No card, no favors, is good enough.

Sister Yvonne Pare at the wharf station in Fall River, has taken to bathing and can be seen occasionally in the swim at Point Pleasant beach, at the north end of the city. She says it is great exercise, and develops her arm so she can send in a bunch of delay reports in rapid order.

Bros. Charley Wilson, E. B. Beaton, Horace Crowell, A. F. Walker, of Fall River and Somerset Junction, and Bro. Cushman, of Whittenton, were present at the daylight meeting in Boston on June 20th.

Bro. Silvia, of Tremont, was unable to get into our June meeting on account of working.

Several brothers were noticed going over the Fairhaven branch on June 12th, headed for New Bedford and the circus.

Bro. Ela attended the June meeting the first time for over two years. He promises to attend more regular in the future. Brothers should attend all meetings and keep up with the times.

DIV. COR.

Chicago Div., No. 91.

Meeting Saturday night, May 23, 1908. This was our first meeting in our new hall room, 912 Masonic Temple building. A fair number of the brothers turned out, and were rewarded by hearing a fine talk from First Vice-President Jno. A Newman. Bro. Newman spoke at some length, and every word was well worth weighing.

Bro. M. E. Schooler, general secretary-treasurer, of Rock Island Division, No. 126, was also present, and gave us a fine talk.

An open meeting was called at Chicago Heights, Illinois, on Friday night, June 5, 1908.

President H. B. Perham, Vice-President Jno. A. Newman, General Chairman W. T. Brown and General Secretary-Treasurer M. E. Schooler, of Rock Island Division No. 126; G. Dal Jones, chief telegrapher, and W. F. McDonald, secretary-treasurer of Chicago Division No. 91, went down from Chicago, and were heartily welcomed by a roomfull of enthusiastic brothers from the roads in that vicinity.

President Perham gave one of his best talks, setting forth the benefits of thorough organization, the good work already accomplished and that expected to be done.

Bro. Newman followed with one of his good, common-sense talks, which always are welcome and appreciated by the brothers.

Bros. Brown and Schooler gave us fine talks, as did several of the brothers present.

We brothers in and around Chicago are indeed fortunate these days; in fact, we have one or more of our grand officers with us each meeting. The great good derived from their counsel, and from their talks on the good of the Order, are so valuable that none should miss the opportunity of attending these meetings.

You are always expected. You are missed if you are not present.

Remember, Division 91, fourth Saturday of each month, room 912 Masonic Temple.

C. T., Div. 91.

Div. No. 102.

It is gratifying to note the large percentage of the members that have paid their dues for the next term. It already far exceeds the average number that pay before the expiration of the current term.

This is good evidence that there is the right kind of interest taken by the members, but yet there is not sufficient to induce them to attend the meetings. There are always the same faithful few to be met at every meeting, and on these devolve the work of perpetuating and improving the division.

It would be a great encouragement if some of the others would attend, and take an active interest in the Order. Paying our dues is by far the least of the duties that devolve on a good union man. Come to the meetings, and forward to the secretary some of the happenings of your division.

Each and every one could furnish at least one item of news, and, if this was done, 102 would be well represented each month in the journal.

Bro. Reed has been assigned to the daylight trick at "DY" switches, Yardley. Mr. A. V. Mennig has been transferred from the extra list to the vacancy at Corsons.

Bro. "Bill" Stedman was unfortunate enough to fall from a cherry tree and break his right wrist in two places. But, then, he should have known better than to go after cherries on Sunday.

Our former secretary, Bro. Malstrom, has secured a lucrative position with the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., at Central Village, Conn. We are glad to hear that he is doing well, but sorry to lose such a hard-working brother from 102.

During the absence of Bro. Dechant, Mr. John H. Strough is filling in at Conshohocken. Am unable to say if he carries a card, but understand he is a member of Lancaster Division No. 9.

"Szilow."

Ayer Div., No. 104.

The regular monthly meeting of Division 104 was held on Sunday, June 20th, at Clinton, about fourteen members being present. Our secretary-treasurer, Bro. Mullen, was elected delegate, and our second vice-chief, Bro. Rutledge, alternate to attend a meeting of the State Branch American Federation of Labor, to be held in Boston on June 30th.

After the business of the division was transacted the members listened to an interesting talk by our chief, Bro. Willard, his subject being: "Duty Towards Your Organization and Employer."

Bro. Cook, first vice-chief of 104, formerly assistant agent at Groton, has been assigned to Nashua, east yard, nights. The position which Bro. Cook held at Groton was posted, but no one bid for it. This is the third job at Groton which has been posted in the last three months, and on which no one has bid. I wonder why? Perhaps those who have worked there can answer the question. One reason may be that the agent is a non, and, although he admits that it was through the Order that he received shorter hours of labor, he refuses to become a member.

Bro. Foley, ex-secretary-treasurer of Division 104, is at Groton temporarily, but will not accept it permanently.

Bro. Bates, of Sterling Junction, has taken six months' leave of absence, being relieved by Mr. Dugas.

Mr. Gokey, of Ayer, has been assigned to Nashua, north yard.

Forward, brothers, and find out what is going on and have a voice in the business of your division. We know that you can attend if you desire to do so. No doubt there are times when it is hard for you to attend, but when it happens month after month, I don't believe you have good reasons for staying away. Give up pleasures for one day a month in the future and come to Clinton to attend the meeting of that noble Order of which you are a member.

Elmira Div., No. 100.

On Friday evening, July 17th, we will again endeavor to tickle the palates of the members present with a certain amount of light refreshments and union-made cigars of the best make procurable. It is to be hoped that the brothers will turn out good and strong on this date.

The meeting of June 5th was somewhat better attended than last month. Bro. Osgood gave us a few well-rendered selections on the piano, which were greatly enjoyed, and, together with the yellow-haired maiden across the street, afforded much enjoyment for those present. Those of you who fail to attend daylight meetings miss the music as given by Bro. Osgood, who certainly "makes good." Brothers wishing to join the orchestra had better climb on the band wagon.

Bros. Phillips, Tipton and Elliott attended the regular meeting of Williamsport Division, No. 24, June 12th, and report having had an enjoyable time.

Bro. J. P. Ryan attended the meeting June 5th. He holds forth at "SJ," and we hope to see him often.

Division No. 100 has passed the 100 mark and is steadily growing.

All members in our territory holding cards in other divisions should not hesitate to make transfers at once. We can show a mighty good, energetic lot of members, who wish to see justice, peace and good will prevail.

The division was organized on June 3, 1907, with thirty-seven members. We now have a membership of 105. Only five members have been dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues since the date of organization. The meetings are fairly-well attended, especially at night, and we trust that all who possibly can do so, will continue to make them successful, as well as entertaining and instructive.

Several suspensions have been reported on account of third-trick telegraphers sleeping and detaining trains. Is it necessary to make further comment? Having just entered upon the dawn of a new day and better things, it seems that every telegrapher should sit up and take notice to the fact that these things are not only injuring themselves, but others as well. Don't be selfish. If you must sleep, lay off and rest. It will prove to be much better and cheaper in the end, and will put the discipline committees out of business, so far as our branch of service is concerned.

Semi-annual dues for the term ending December 31, 1908, are now due and payable. Pay them promptly, it has proven to be a very good investment thus far.

I am glad to report a fair attendance at the daylight meeting held June 5th, but want to have a full house to report next time.

All men recognize in their hearts that they must have the good will of some other men. To be separate from your kind is death, and to have their good will is life, and their desire for sympathy, and this alone shapes conduct. We are governed by public opinion, and until we regard mankind as our friend and all men as brothers so long will men combine in sects and cliques and keep the millennium of peace and good will a very dim and distant thing.

Bro. E. L. Hodges, second trick at Starkey, celebrated Decoration Day and was relieved by Bro. Havens

Telephone offices continue closed.

Bro. M. Hill, third trick at "G," Himrods Junction, has been spending a few days with his parents, Bro. Havens relieving him.

When there were only night meetings held some of the brothers who were working nights had a man relieve them, so they could attend the meetings, and now we are holding daylight meetings for the benefit of those working nights, so they will not have to lose any time. These same brothers do not show up at either of the meetings and I am sure you would be surprised at some of the excuses they hand out. They are setting a very poor example.

Bro. E. K. Harris, second trick at "D" tower, off a few days; relieved by Bro. Fuller.

Bro. Bryant on third trick at "D" tower.

 $B_{TO.}$ Reynolds, second trick at Milo, spent his relief day fishing with Bro. Seamans.

Mr. E. F. Parks, who was agent at Himrods Junction, has been transferred to Horse Heads.

Mr. W. N. Conklin, chief clerk at Newark, got Himrods Junction. Mr. Parks was given a farewell reception on the evening of June 10th, and his co-laborers at Himrods Junction presented him with a gold watch chain with charm.

Bro. Fox has been working at Horse Heads as agent, previous to Mr. Parks, for a few weeks.

Glad to report H. H. Pierson, third trick at Starkey, now a brother.

Bro. Quick and Bro. Reynolds, at Milo, first and second tricks, respectively, are still working nine hours each and the office is closed from 1 o'clock a. m. to 7 o'clock a. m., at which time the block is extended from Penn Yan to Himrods Junction.

Bro. P. L. Hovey, at Glenora, working from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m., closing the office from 10 p. m. to 10 a. m., and extending the block from Starkey to Rock Stream.

Be sure and keep an application blank in a handy pocket, and when you meet a non do not be afraid to show it to him and tell him what to do.

The young lady who was posting at Penn Yan has discontinued the practice and decided there are better jobs than working on the railroad.

Mr. James, from Montour Fall, relieved Bro. Seamans, second trick at "GW," Himrods Junction, June 10th.

Bro. Fuller has secured "D" tower, third trick, on hid.

The student practice at "JN," Himrods Junction, third trick, has been settled by the "Arnichist." "Sub."

Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular June meeting was held in Odd Fellows' Hall, Wednesday evening, June 17th. The meeting was called for 8 o'clock p. m. in order to give the members from the east end a chance to attend. We hope to see a better attendance next time. Probably the next meeting will be held at Corry or some other place in the western district, so the members from that district can assemble for the good of the Order.

The members from that district have been very faithful in their attendance in the past, and the new arrangement will give them a better opportunity than ever. Let us hope for a good attendance.

Bro. E. T. Wells, of "JN" tower, Emporium, has taken the third trick at "RM" tower, Emporium, relieving Bro. R. I. Price, who is working third trick at Jackson's tower.

Bro. L. Griskey is working first trick at "JN" tower, Emporium, while Bro. Wells is holding down "RM."

Bro. F. J. Confer has taken the third trick at Shintown, and is relieved at "DT," Benzingers, by Mr. Carney.

Bro. Flower has left for parts unknown, but we wish him well wherever he is.

A. B. Croop, who has been working at "HY," Huntley, for the past four months, has resigned and gone to Buffalo. He is relieved by Mr. Fos-

ter, who was formerly in the message room at Renovo.

It is a tie between Bros. Perry, of "CT;" Mc-Mackin, of "M," and Dice, of "SG," as to who will claim the championship title for catching trout this season. Time will tell.

Bro. Russell, of "CT," Keating, is visiting in Baltimore, Atlantic City and New York; relieved by Bro. McCartan.

Sister McGraw, who has been relieving at "RM" tower, Emporium, has accepted the second trick

I must apologize for not having something from No. 110 in the May and June issues of the journal. The letters were all ready, but one did not reach St. Louis in time and the other was lost. However, this will not occur again.

If any of the members desire a day's recreation they would do well to take a trip to St. Mary's and view Bro. Fehley's extensive poultry farm. He breeds white leghorns exclusively, and, in fact, he is white all through himself, which makes a pleasant combination.

Bro. L. Griskey, chairman, assisted by Bros. Getchell and Vought, of Emporium, had charge of the funeral arrangements for Bro. Prosser's obsequies. Owing to the hour set for the funeral it was impossible for more of the members to attend, only four members of the division being present.

James F. Burns, the highly-esteemed agent for the P. R. R. at Garland, Pa., was found dead in his home early Friday morning, June 12, 1908. His sudden death was due to heart failure.

Bro. H. F. Coyle has returned to "RA" office, Renovo, from "AK" tower, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. Prosser.

We are sorry to announce that Bro. Vought, of "OW" tower, Wilcox, fell down the tower stairs Sunday, June 21st, and injured himself severely. Bro. McCartan is relieving him.

I was promised a good budget from the Western District, but am unable to hold my letter any longer, as it must reach St. Louis by the 28th, so will cut out for this time; "73" to all.

Among the changes scheduled for the past month are:

Sister Kiernan to Clarendon, second trick.

Sister McGraw to Sheffield, second trick.

Mr. Carlson to Johnsonburg, second trick.

The telephone operators at "EY" and "BY" towers are rapidly becoming efficient in telegraphy, and are anxious to enter the Order when eligible.

One new member received in the division this month, A. C. Minter, of Sunbury.

Mr. Doyle, of Howards, will soon become a member of this division, and we will be glad to welcome him, as he is all to the good.

We wish to thank Bros. Shea, Johnson, Goodwin and Getchell for their help in furnishing material for this write-up.

DIV. Con.

IN MEMORY OF BRO. JOHN H. PROSSER.

Another brother has been called,

Another true heart has ceased to beat. No more his old, familiar hand Will tell us "OK" or "Complete."

His summons came at eventide,
Just after his day's work was done;
He had no time to speak or pray,
Or say goodby to his loved ones.

His kindly manner never changed, No matter how the work perplexed. In work or play he was the same, His answer was, "OK BX."

His earthly trials now are done,
His soul has gone to God's bright home,
Where he awaits his loved ones there,
And watches over 'till they come.

We mourn and miss him sadly here,
But he is now with heaven's elect;
Yet time will not make us forget
Our brother and our friend, "BX."

JOHN F. SULLIVAN, Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, In His infinite wisdom it has pleased the Almighty God to call from our midst an honored brother and fellow-worker; be it

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the Divine will and power, yet we deeply mourn the death of our esteemed brother, Mr. John H. Prosser, of Division No. 110.

Resolved, That the sincere sympathy of the division be extended to the bereavd family of the departed brother, and that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days, in honor of his memory; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the division, a copy delivered to the bereaved family and a copy forwarded to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. L. GOODWIN, H. S. GETCHELL, J. E. O'LEARY, L. GRISKEY.

Committee.

Fredericksburg Div., No. 125.

Lost—Somewhere between Richmond and Washington, one division correspondent. Liberal reward offered for his return to secretary of Division No. 125. Any information as to his whereabouts and condition will be appreciated.

Bro. J. A. Crowley, first trick operator at W., O. & W. Junction, is off enjoying his vacation. Understand he contemplates seeing New Orleans and other cities on the Gulf.

Bro. Binford, first trick "PO," back to work again, after an extended tour through the Middle West.

Mr. Gemeny, third trick operator W. O. & W. Junction, off. "13" he got thirty days for failing to relieve second-trick man promptly at midnight. Mr. Keely, "HI," and Mr. Moss, "QN," doing thirty days for same offense—three nons, and a fair sample of what they are and are not capable of doing. Mr. Moss, of "QN," I understand, will do the right thing when eligible. Once in the grand O. R. T. we will see that he is rounded into shape, and trust he will make as good a man as his brother, "OU," at "YD."

The perishable season is here in earnest. I learn from good authority that business for the last two months has never had an equal in the history of the road. Let it keep up, it is what we want to see. It means much to all, and to every member I would say, do everything in your power to better the record you have. Don't forget that the reputation of not one, but many, men depends upon you. Endeavor to make your employer feel that you are indispensable. It is true that things are not just what we have a right to expect, but I am satisfied that in a very short time things will change materially. Watch and wait.

The boys at "YS" are doing their ten hours per day, and doing it like all up-to-date men do.

We expect a large attendance at our next regular meeting; some of the boys will be absent, as usual, and able to give a good excuse for their non-appearance. It is sad, but true, that these men who are the most irregular attendants and the slowest to pay their dues are the hardest and most persistent kickers on conditions in the Order.

Now, brothers, be ye loyal;
Our standard, bear it high;
We'll clip the wings of every non,
We'll conquer or we'll die.

CERT. 56, DIV. 125.

North Adams Div., No. 139.

Remember the meeting, July 11th, and make an extra effort to be present.

A number of the boys are taking their vacations, a few laying off for six months.

Business is very good on this section of the pike. Every man is busy; no extra list.

In several previous issues Bro. Carry, agent at Montague, has been mentioned, and through the ignorance of the writer and the poor penmanship his name has appeared spelled in several ways. At our last meeting he "put me on." Bro. Carey says his name is not Kerry or Cary, but is Carry. At any rate he is a live, up-to-date member of the Order, and in the future we will try and give his name correct.

This copy has to be mailed over a month in advance, and in our efforts to get in the very latest news we sometimes over-reach. With no help from our fellow-members we find it difficult to give a write-up as we wish, but as this division covers the B. & M. from Rotterdam Junction to Keene, N. H., I am unable to mention all the changes without some help.

Bro. Hoag decided not to bid in Petersburgh Junction and remains at Wendell, Mass.

Bro. Burt has accepted second trick at Johnsonville gravel pit until the matter relative to the displacement at Williamstown is settled by the committee.

Bro. C. P. Howard, of Division No. 41 was a visitor at our June meeting. Bro. Howard holds first trick at South Deerfield.

Bro. Downing, first trick at Williamstown, was on hand at our June meeting and presented the applications of the two operators from his office. We may add Bro. to Van Ness and Nillis, as the applications were approved. Let other members do likewise. It looks like a solid division, as only a few nons remain outside our ranks they begin to look lonesome.

Bro. Hodgeboom is working third trick at Shelburne Falls. Bro. Hunt transferred to Charlemont until the third trick is bid in.

Mr. Simons, manager W. U. T. Co., North Adams, is running a ham school in his office. Having failed with the Simons' School of Telegraphy, he has several girls and boys learning at the W. U. office in the Richmond Hotel. Simons sent four girls to Boston during the C. T. U. A. strike, but none of them made good.

Mr. Clark, first trick at North Adams, is working at West Portal in place of Operator Carley. Operator White is holding down Clark's chair until he returns.

Bro. Gammett, a member of Division No. 139, has been running a moving picture machine in "Dreamland," North Adams. Expects to go to Portland, Me., in K. & P.'s theater there. Our brother formerly held the night job at North Adams, resigning for the picture business last November. He is still a strong advocate of the O. R. T. and carries an up-to-date card.

Your correspondent had occasion to visit Valley Falls recently. Making myself known, Bro. Miller, agent, proceeded to extend a royal welcome.

Bro. Moak is holding down the chair at Mechanicsville (Siberia). While the name would remind one of the cold country, Russia, the position at "FX" is hot, being the transfer point with the D. & H. Co. Bro. Moak is equal to the occasion.

The molasses treatment of some of the nons by our members, possibly, is the proper thing, but old flies get educated up to the sugar-and-cream method after a while. As for me I have no use for this class of men, who never miss the chance to show a musty, several years out of date card. Has-beens will never solve the question of labor vs. capital, and these parasites should be made to feel the necessity of membership in our Order. If we fail to get their applications after several years it's our place to give them the cold shoulder. The keynote of our organization is "No card, no favors."

Charlemont, third trick at Mohawk River Bridge, second trick bulletined.

June 18th the four-color system of signals was effective on the Fitchburg Division. The electric

block signals are of the double-arm kind, the top signal, red, controls the immediate section, while the lower arm, yellow, governs the block or section ahead. The telegraph block signals are red, stop; yellow, caution; green, clear. It is the supposition that the electric blocks will do away with the hand spacing of trains, although, no orders as yet, have been issued.

Another change effective with time table No. 21: Telegraph orders from "19" will be used in moving opposing trains, provided the rights or class is not to be restricted.

I am advised that W. S. Ostrander, operator at "RO," Rotterdam Junction, N. Y., formerly with the N. Y. C., scabbed during the W. U. strike. Members of our Order are warned to avoid this fellow and to make life a burden for him, never failing to point the finger of scorn at him when opportunity presents. Let us make the Fitchburg Division too hot for him. Webster's Dictionary defines a scab as "a mean, dirty, paltry fellow. A nickname for a workman who engages for lower wages than are fixed by trades unions; also for one who takes the place of a workman on strike."

CERT. 117.

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

Regardless of the money panic business is pretty good on the Mollio.

Bro. J. E. Hardcastle has been reinstated as agent at Fruitland, relieving Bro. A. M. McCullum. Am unable to say where Bro. McCullum will go. Glad to see Bro. Hardcastle back working again.

Bro. Roberson, agent at Oakton, off sick; relieved by J. M. Overall, a "non." Understand Bro. Roberson is improving, and expects to be back working by the first of July.

Am unable to give any account of north end. Guess they are still in the land of "nod" up there, though.

We still have a few desirable nons along the line, but, gee, they are hard material. Some of 'em are going to join pay-day; others when they get able. While others are "knocking." "Nothing to the O. R. T. All a fake." Still they turn in every hour of overtime they possibly can, and receive their increase in monthly salaries. Isn't it funny? Looks like some of those fellows would return part of their pay-checks to the company. Well, such is life. The Christian people have been working 1,908 years to Christianize the world. and have not succeeded yet. We can not expect to get every one in line, but thank God for a majority who will hold out faithful to the end, and our cause will yet advance to the proper plane.

Aren't pay-days long apart for some people? I know a fellow that has not had a pay-day in four years. Guess he hasn't. He promised me about that long ago to join pay-day, and I have not received that application yet. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

C. & A. Ry.

Eastern Division-

I think the brothers on this division should pay more attention to the secret work. There are some that do not understand the wire-test when it is given them, and without this we are unable to tell whether the person being tested is up-to-date or not. Get your key, brothers, and learn it; it will only take a few moments of your time to do it, and with the nine hours you should be able to do it.

Bro. Devault, second trick at Atlanta, has returned to work, after being away for a few days on account of his sister being sick.

Bro. Beyer now working first trick at Atlanta; formerly at Auburn. Let out there on account of operator being taken off, and the agent required to do the telegraph work.

Bro. Eads McLean is doing the split trick stunt there, going on at 9:45 p. m. and off at 8 a. m., with one hour and fifteen minutes for lunch.

"13" Bro. Bradshaw, second trick at Lawndale, spends most of his spare time fishing. Mr. Elwood (non), at Lawndale, has again promised to come across with his naturalization papers next pay-day.

Mr. Mason also promises to come across with the necessary papers in the near future.

Bro. Craig, first trick operator and agent at Lawndale. Hours: 8 a. m., 2 p. m.; three hours for reports and book work.

Bro. Russ, third trick at Atlanta, formerly of Normal, being bumped there by Bro. Pruett, of the yard office at Bloomington. That office being closed, Bro. Pruett chose the nearest office to Bloomington, so he could be near home. "13" all are up-to-date at "JN," Athol.

Now, boys, let's try and see if this division can not have a small write-up every month, as well as the rest. Send in some news to Bro. Quick or Bro. LaFever, and they will see that it gets to the right place. Remember that this division is young in the Order yet, and we want to get up with the rest of the brother roads, and to do that every member must do his part.

Get after the nons on the Eastern Division, and see if we can not get the other 10 per cent that are nons, as I "13" there are about 90 per cent solid on this division. Wish some one could convince the agent at Shirley what the O. R. T. has done for him, and may be he would change his mind in regard to the grand O. R. T., also Mr. Fey, who relieved Bro. Devault, of Atlanta, when he was away.

Let's hear more from Division No. 2 in the next journal. CERT. 3090, DIV. 2.

Bro. Hal Calson, second trick at Funks Grove, called home a few days on account of sickness of his mother; relieved by Bro. J. Flynn.

Bro. F. C. Minor, third trick at Funks Grove, has been home a few days visiting his mother and friends; relieved by Mr. Mason.

Wabash Ry.

Peru Division-

While our efforts as correspondent for THE TELEGRAPHER are rather crude, still we are a little bit proud that we did not allow our enterprising brother of the Springfield Division the sole honor of representing the Wabash in the June number. However, we are willing to divide the honors, and would like to see something from the other divisions this month.

We are now on the last half of 1908, and as the prospects for the last half are much brighter, as the first half was depressing, let us keep "eternally it," and be prepared to turn prosperity to our advantage as soon as she offers us the opportunity.

Bro. Dickman has bid in second trick at Defiance. Bro. Seiple taking the first trick. Mr. Hein going to Attica, third trick.

Understand Bro. Zentmyer is taking a vacation, visiting points of interest in the east.

Bro. N. J. Bechtal and wife enjoyed a week's vacation at Lakeville, Ind., his former home. Bro. Chase relieving him at Lafayette.

We hear of Bros. L. R. Yuill, R. A. Lason and Nicewander, formerly Banner Route boys, now doing stunts on the Big Four, and Bro. Andy Osterling now at Peoria, Ind., on the L., E. & W.

Dispatchers Ross, Kurtz and Webb had vacations during June. Understand Dispatcher Mannen will go back to the farm for the month of July.

Bro. Tom Elvidge, of Tilton, off for a month's vacation.

Bro. Jones, of State Line, attended Masonic Grand Lodge at Indianapolis; relieved by Bro. Hetrick. Bro. Hetrick then taking a few days off; relieved by Bro. G. W. Waddell, recently from the I. C., in Louisiana.

Our old friend, C. R. Van Gundy, is with us again for the summer; at present working third trick at Toledo yard. Bro. Banfield being on a leave of absence.

Bro. L. Hanson now working third trick at Williamsport, relieving Bro. Lichtens.

The late "wholesale" bulletin looks as if we were all going to have regular assigned jobs; something heretofore entirely unknown to a good many older heads on this division. We know several who have seemingly been on the extra list for the past five or ten years.

DIV. Cor.

Union Pacific Ry.

First District, Nebraska Division-

News seems to be a scarce article this month, as ye scribe was away for a week, and it threw us off of our feet a little. I wish again to call the brothers' attention to send me some news. Have been unable to get any news from the Hi Line at all, and I know that some of the brothers down that way are not so busy but what they could find time to send me a few items each month. Come, brothers, wake up and get busy.

Bro. W. O. Clark enjoyed a month's day work during Bro. Costelle's absence.

Bro. D. D. Lawton, Council Bluffs, laying off; relieved by E. M. Tinklepaugh, formerly a conductor.

Bro. J. D. Perry, Schuyler, laying off for thirty days. Bro. Jensen has taken the trick, and Operator Alfred Davis, a new man on the U. P., has taken Bro. Jensen's trick.

Dispatcher Zentmeyer is taking a thirty days' lay-off visiting with his folks at Schuyler, and taking in the sights in Colorado.

Bro. F. C. Shumaker, Silver Creek, is taking a three weeks' vacation, visiting in Omaha and Milwaukee, Wis. Mrs. Shumaker went along to take care of him.

Operator Hord, from Central City, is doing the relief stunt now, and relieved Bro. Shumaker at Silver Creek. We understand that we will be able to call Mr. Hord brother soon.

Operator Alfred Davis is holding down one of the tricks at Valley. We are unable to learn if this man is up-to-date or not, but hope so.

J. White, who has been working at Lane and Valley, drew Lexington, on the Second District, on bid.

P. K. Jeffries, who has been working for the company since 1902, is working nights at Sanberg, "QN."

Bro. A. A. Vyberial, who has been working on the Wyoming Division, is visiting with his brother, Frank, at North Bend, and with his folks at Schuyler.

Bro. McKean is relieving Bro. Ownby at Polk.

Bro. McQuiston has been laying off for a few weeks on account of Mrs. McQuiston's illness. "13" Mac will resume his duty as night owl at Sanberg the first of July.

North Bend has been furnished a helper. Understand G. L. Carter, who has been helper at Stromsburg, gets the job. Mr. Carter is a nephew of Bro. Carter. This will be quite a help to Bro. Carter, as we understand that "NB" is a pretty stiff joint for one man to tackle.

Bro. Riley, who has been at Gilmore for some time, got second trick at Summit on bulletin.

Operator Sims is holding down third trick at Gilmore until regular man gets it. Bro. Combs taking second trick. Div. Cor.

Nebraska Division, Western District-

After a period of a month's incessant rain and washouts, we are having nice weather and a pick-up in business. Eastbound almost normal again, but westbound has steadily refused to wake up. We are hoping for a decided shaking up of old bones among the Eastern manufacturers soon, and then the ball will roll properly.

News rather scarce just at present; not so scarce if I didn't have to hunt it up alone, but since Bro. Root has resigned, leaving me to hold the bag, under Bro. Stump's instructions, I can't devote much time to fixing this up. You know my address and if you won't volunteer to do the writing up yourself you will at least have to keep me posted on the doings in your neck of the



woods, and I will try to get it through the mill. I'm talking to each one of you.

Second trick at Cozad and agent at Wood River open for bid last month. Bro. J. R. Nicholson goes to Cozad and Bro. Gard, relief agent, bids in Wood River.

A new brother, Bro. Flynn, goes to Simonds extra. Bro. Root has resigned to accept a better position as cashier of the bank at Wood River. We certainly are glad to know he has this work, and only until he has his eight hours' work, no Sundays or holidays, will he realize just what a wise move he made. He has served us as local chairman satisfactorily to all, notwithstanding the fact that he was forced to do the work of two men to keep up his station in the proper order. Our best wishes go with him.

Bro. E. O. Pearman, second operator at Lexington, resigned. Did not learn where he went. F. L. Wright, from the N. P., working there extra at present. He has not his last card, but promises to get right.

Bro. G. C. Gabriel, third trick at Lexington, off a few days the first of the month to help some of his friends get married. Funny he don't pay more attention to his own fences.. Relieved by H. D. Maloney, new man, but think he is O. K.

Bro. C. W. Nichols, agent at Overton, off ten days the first of the month, spent his time in the shallow water around home, just resting up. Relieved by Bro. Gard, relief agent.

Bro. R. F. Miller, working extra at Simonds. M. A. Miller, a new-born Sieverite, lately of Buda agency, nights at Josselyn.

They have also put in another of the genus Seiver as student at Odessa, a place hitherto a blind siding. He is welcome to that—at least have heard no one kick for it.

Bro. B. C. Clinton, St. Paul, off for three weeks; relieved by Bro. C. R. Conger.

Bro. W. C. Stevenson, Pleasanton, off for two weeks; relieved by C. R. Haines, who will be up-to-date soon.

F. S. Wertz, formerly agent at Elm Creek, but now in a hotel at that point, just returned from his home this week, after serving three weeks in the hospital at Omaha, with an abscess. He was only too glad to leave it for the more pleasant company of his folks at home. We are glad to know he got away whole, too.

Boys, you will notice a number of new men, mostly brothers, on the district this month, but we want them in division No. 6. Please do what you can. With your help we can keep this district up to its standard, which is as good as any.

CERT, 765.

Eastern District, Utah Division-

Bro. Cue, from "GR" office, on vacation, attending the national convention in Denver.

Bro. T. N. Ankrom is working Bro. Cue's trick. Bro. McGovern, from Goodland, Kan., new arrival at Green River, takes Bro. Ankrom's trick.

Bro. Thigpen expects to leave the service about the first of July. Sorry to see the brother quit us, as he is always there with the goods, and doesn't seem to use that figure "9" as much as some when you want him.

Mr. W. E. Newcomb is still manager at Green River.

Bro. Bailey, new man on noon to midnight trick at Wilkins. Understand Mr. Logan, from Review, will bump him as soon as he returns from the East with his new bride. Mr. Logan has been here since last November, and has had a nine-hour trick ever since the law went into effect, yet he claims he sees no good in belonging to the Order. Possibly now that he is a family man he will see the errors of his way, and hand some of us his application.

Why not organize the signal maintainers with us, as well as the towermen. I believe they would make a valuable addition.

Bro. Tipton, first trick at Blairtown, is spending his vacation in Missouri, the same old rumors floating around as were rife last year, when the brother went to Missouri. Wonder if he will bring her back with him this time.

Bro. Borset has resigned agency at Point of Rocks; job bid in by Bro. Shaw, from Wamsutter. Bro. Dooley, acting agent at Point of Rocks, takes second trick at Wamsutter.

Mr. Ridge, acting agent at Wamsutter, vice P. F. Follen, transferred to Green River agency.

There is a good agency for some of the brothers; look out for a bulletin in the near future. Black Buttes made noon to midnight job.

Bro. Kring made a flying trip to Rock Springs last p. m. to see the dentist. We thought from the spiel he put up to the chief that he had lost an arm or a leg.

S. A. Sturdevent, Riner third trick, resigned on account of ill-health.

CERT. 410.

C., P. & St. L. Ry.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to express my grateful thanks and appreciation to each and every brother who so bindly assisted in furnishing the beautiful flowers for my wife's funeral.

D. E. MONAHAN.

New York Central & Hudson River Ry.

Fall Brook District-

Our meeting this month was well attended. The meeting was called to order by our worthy chief, Bro. Mourey, and business handled with dispatch. It is very evident that the boys on the north end are satisfied with their conditions and contented to sit back and watch the rest, except when they see something coming our way, when they will come to the front and do more kicking than all the rest put together. "Enough to eat, something to wear and let me sleep."

Mr. H. J. Holt is still doing a successful business with his peanut line, extending it from time to time, as the victims drop in. Understand these would-be telegraphers expect to pay the fee this fall when papa sells his buckwheat and chickens.



Bro. L. V. Webster has also found it necessary to have a student.

It seems to me a brother working eight hours could get enough rest without trying to sleep on duty. This is neither fair to himself or the com-

Mr. Sharpe, of "MO" tower, has graduated his third student in the last year.

Bro. Dee, of "JC" tower, has left for parts unknown.

Mr. H. C. Klinger, of "GY" tower, still comes forth with the same old story, will go in next month. Next month never comes. Will try and give you a list of these kind of men next month.

Bro. H. E. Reaser has withdrawn his bid on Newberry, second trick. He has decided to keep the agency at Linden, his old home.

Bro. G. W. Ormsby is now located at Ramsey, first trick.

Mohawk Division-

Bro. J. C. Hunter, agent, "SB," South Bethlehem, has lost his operator, and understand stone inspector at that place is also assistant to Bro. Hunter in place of an operator.

Feura Bush will soon be filled with nons. Some cast end brothers get busy and line them up.

New Scotland has a new agent. Mr. Connors, former agent, asked for promotion, and was reduced to extra list. Be careful, boys, how you ask for advancement now.

Bro. J. E. Oliver, "NE," South Schenectady, is no longer in service of N. Y. C. Understand he is working for the D. & H. on extra list. Bro. Wood assigned to second trick in his place; third trick will be up for bids, and it is a hot trick, as third trick leverman position has been temporarily abolished. Second lever trick has been placed on nine-hour basis. How about the eighthour law?

Mr. Ostrander, scab during the Western Union strike last year, and who has covered several jobs on the east end since that time, has been dismissed from the service for insulting the train dispatcher.

There are still a few ex-members among us who each month draw their increased salaries and enjoy improved working conditions secured through the efforts of the O. R. T., but who still persist in remaining in the non class. Which is best, brothers, to remain true to your union, pay your dues promptly, uphold its principles and be respected by all, or desert your union, forget its principles, disgrace yourself and family, and lose all your friends?

Harry Rector, a one time O. R. T. man, is now running the ham factory in the Y. M. C. A. building at Albany. A few sugar-cured ones have been graduated from this school, and are making sood (?) out on the road. What are we to think of a man who turns traitor to his union and for a few paltry dollars conducts a ham factory, roping in innocent boys who are led to believe that in a short time they will be given a fine position at a large salary, when he must be fully

aware that there are hundreds of trained telegraphers available to fill any vacancies which may occur.

Your local chairman is busy preparing a list of nons which will be on exhibition at each meeting.

An enthusiastic meeting was held at Albany, evening of June 17th, about forty of the faithful being present. Among the brothers from the west end were Driscoll and Morey, from Utica.

DIV. COR.

Western and Rochester Division.

Bro. Heath, afternoon trick at Amboy, "WS," has bid in afternoon trick at Jordan, "WS."

Regular relief, Bro. Mastin, is holding down "RW," Syracuse, and regular relief, Bro. Dunn, at "B. S. 2," Syracuse Junction, on account of Bros. Ellithorpe and Casewell on vacations.

Mr. F. D. Brown, "B. S. 2A," is coming in the Order when we get seventy-five-ride passes for the one-year-service men.

Bro. D. D. McCowan, from "B. S. 28," Center Park, to "B. S. 30," second trick.

First Trick Leverman T. Quinn, of "B. S. 14," Lyons, to day trick at Lock Belin.

Bro. Juffs, third trick at Lock Berlin to third trick "B. S. 9," Fox Ridge.

"B, S. 30" reported closed.

"13" Operator Shorthall has gone home.

Carroll, third trick "B. S. 38," Byron Hill and Wallbeck, has gone to Palmyra.

Bro. Slattery, afternoons, and Burdick, days, of "B. S. 29," Rochester, are changing tricks for a few weeks.

Bro. Joe Brennan, ticket agent at Center Park, is busy these warm days selling tickets for Charlotte.

Bro. French has resigned as agent at Oaks Corners and bid in afternoon trick at Clifton Springs.

Yours truly has taken the agency at Oaks Corners, and is enjoying the simple life.

HAINES.

Becch Creek Subdivision-

Glad to see the boys sending a few items for this month. Now, as I have volunteered to do a little in the news hunting I hope you will continue to send me something each month. Don't forget my address, R. N. Snyder, Panther.

Our local chairman, Bro. Martenis, has been circulating among the boys lately, getting acquainted with the new members, and otherwise working for the benefit of the Order. He reports the organization in a very flourishing condition, not only on the B. C., but on the entire system, and is more than pleased with the interest the boys are showing in the movement, and says we are now 98 per cent to the good on the B. C. Very few nons left at this write-up. We also have the promise of what are not already engaged in the pleasing pastime of filling out application papers.

No card, no favors, is our motto.



Notice that some of our \$15 helpers have passed and their vacant chairs have very quickly been filled by new recruits, but the boys here are well lined-up, and I can safely say that they are having a fine time in the freight house.

Some offices here are not honored with a freight house, but have a helper just the same.

Bro. Fred Roffe has bid in second trick at Mill Hall, and Bro. J. D. Roffe has bid in "SR" at Jersey Shore Junction. Who will be the lucky man for the agency at Mill Hall, just vacated by Bro. J. D. Roffe?

Mr. Conser (who will soon be numbered with the membership) late second trick at Mill Hall, has bid in second trick at Youngdale, his home.

It is rumored that one of our worthy brothers is thinking seriously of hitching up and finishing the race in double harness.

Sister C. P. Seid has bid in second trick at "SX" tower.

Bro. W. W. Forcy has bid in second trick at Winburne. He can now board at his home.

Telegrapher Beauseigneur has bid in first trick

Bro. Carl Hoover, late second trick man at Winburne, has bid in Clearfield passenger station, second trick, and is now on the job.

Bro. Wetzel has bid in and is working second trick at Viaduct, a hot old place, where it is all work.

Why not wear a button in honor of Bro. Murphey. Bro. P. G. Murphey has bid in second trick at "J" tower. He is working third trick at Monument at present.

The boys on the road are somewhat better natured since the third man has come to be a reality.

Bro. Bitner, second trick man at Beech Creek, has been having his eyes treated, and is now wearing a pair of glasses. He says he can see the girls much better and farther.

Bro. Moyer, at Morris Dale mines, has returned to work after a serious illness.

Bro. Fillman, at Hayes steady, second trick.

Bro. Henninger holding down Brown's tower, third trick, while Bro. Bierly is taking a vacation.

Bro. Poust, first trick at Browns, says he don't like the way they put men in there to post up. His last recruit hardly knows how to make the alphabet. What do you know about that kind of posting?

Mr. Keeler who at one time worked on the B. C., but who was fired for being impudent and cursing on the wire, has started a telegraph school at Lock Haven. He was one of the greatest kickers about the low salaries while working here, and has decided to raise his own by attempting to start a telegraph school. He has succeeded in inducing two students to attend. His rates are \$10 per month, so his salary is not much more than what he got on the B. C. Just to think, \$20 per month and pay for the college room. He says his health failed him and he had to quit the road service. The boys on the B. C. know his ability as an operator. It would be a good thing for him to take a few lessons himself before he attempts

to train the youthful mind how to shoot lightning. You are aware it takes some ready cash to open up-to-date telegraph schools. These are the kind of men that soon get tired of an honest and honorable calling, and strike off to make more money, through graft or any other means that fall their way. I don't think Mr. Keeler will set the world afire with his torch at Lock Haven. He is getting all the advertisement he needs, and parents who desire their sons and daughters to learn the art of telegraphy will not let men like Keeler graft off them.

Bro. Hunt, day man at Avis yard office, has been off duty for three weeks, taking a trip to his old home, near Scranton.

Bro. Andy Harris, agent at Lock Haven, is still on the job. He says Lock Haven was the garden spot of the world before the snake came in, but with careful watching he will not sting any one.

Bro. Long, day operator at Lock Haven, has his weather eye on the college at that town. He knows his business.

I notice there are places throughout the State of Pennsylvania where the conductors copy their own train orders along the road over the telephone in booths provided for this purpose. It would seem to me, where the conductors do this, they are practically acting as a telephone operator, and if they are they should be held strictly to the law, and not be allowed to work fourteen or sixteen hours, no more than a telephone operator is. I think if this matter was looked into the train men would be relieved of this copying of orders, and reporting themselves clear of blocks, and more positions be open for telephone operators. The local chairmen on these lines should get onto their jobs, and look up the abuse of the service law.

There has been considerable complaint by the dispatchers of operators sleeping on duty, especially the third trick men, and your local chairman made it his business to investigate some by working five weeks at night. He was located at a point ("YA" tower) where the F. B. and B. C. train wires both are in, and I regret to say the dispatcher's complaints were well founded. It was something fierce to hear the dispatchers calling offices and unable to raise the operator in many cases until some train would arrive and wake them up. Boys, this is not right, there is no excuse for any one sleeping on duty now, working only eight hours, and sixteen hours for sleep off duty.

I think the chief would be justified in discharging any one who makes a practice of sleeping, and if he did it would be all the better for the service, and the general membership, as a whole, I notice the officials are not making any great effort to break it up, and I want to warn you all that unless it is cut out and you give better service you will be back to your old twelve hours again within another year, as I know the company is compiling all these reports of sleeping on duty, stopping trains and poor service in a budget to take to Washington next winter, and it will be one of their strongest cards to show there is more

sleeping and poorer service than under the twelvehour service. The object of the shorter day was to secure better service and promote the safety of employes and travelers. I would like to know how you expect to do this by being asleep on duty, and just as soon as the railroad companies can show to Congress or to the Interstate Commerce Commission that there is greater danger now than when we were working twelve hours, your law is a bad one, and should be wiped off the books

It would be too bad to lose our short day through a few who do not appreciate the good that has been done for them, and it would be better to have a few discharged that are so ungrateful than to have the twelve-hour day again. I hope you will get wise to your own interest, and be Johnnie on the spot, answer your calls promptly, and every one try to give the best service, just a little bit better than his neighbor, and see if there is not a change. It is due us all to appreciate the eight hours, and the concessions gained by our committees, by giving our undivided attention to our duties while on duty, and show we appreciate everything that comes to us, and are willing to give good service in return. You have 28 good a bunch of dispatchers as ever honored the dispatchers' chairs, and I can assure you if you show a willingness to do your part they will meet you more than half way.

Now, one more word before I close, and that is, there seems to be some few men on the road with the mistaken idea that the officials have it in for them, but can not give any reason for their belief. I want to assure you all that this is a very erroneous notion, and far from the truth. Our officials are men of broad minds and know very well, in order to get good service, there must be a spirit of harmony existing between the employer and employe, and it is to our mutual benefit that we enjoy our official's confidence, and they ours, and I hope the few men who have any of these narrow-minded notions in their heads will get rid of them at once, and make up their minds to be the best men in the service; make yourself feel that the chief or your superintendent will stand by your as long as you put forth your best efforts, and I know they will.

CERT. 2133.

Hudson Division-

The Hudson Division notes this issue must necessarily be brief on account of the correspondent's time, in conjunction with a few of our expert mathematicians, being taken up in computing the averages of the several members of the baseball team, including the manager.

Well, with no element of an apology for the teams' past achievements we still have unbounded faith in their ability to shine in the winning column. At the several burgs where the team has performed it has been their fate to be lemonized, and on one occasion nearly Oslerized, but the slogan is "Wait until we meet the Hapsos. August 1st is the date and Van Cortlandt Park the place where the O. R. T.s will proceed to execute them.

Have you got your current dues paid up? If not, do so without delay. This is just as important as your rent or grocery bill. Just figure it up in your mind the result should we all fail to pay our dues, which would mean the extinction of the O. R. T. On the N. Y. C. now who would suffer, the O. R. T. or you and I? It is not necessary to have any brains to reason that out. It is only a very few of the Hudson Division boys that are negligent in paying their dues promptly, and I trust these few will be with the majority in being prompt.

Bro. Ballien just returned from a trip through Vermont State. He reports his O. R. T. card was just as good as a gold certificate, and yet we have a few among us without them.

Does your partner hold an up-to-date card? If not, induce him to, or get his patched-up excuse, which may be he has another job in view, or probably he will say, as Dick Tobin does, "He can get the benefits without paying for them."

CERT. 525.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREBAS, Death has visited the home of our esteemed brother, F. McManus, and called away to the great beyond his beloved wife and affectionate companion, in manifestation of our sympathy for our brother, be it

Resolved. By the members of Division No. 8, that we extend to the bereaved brother our heartfelt sympathy in his sad bereavement, and commend him to One who doeth all things for the best; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publica-

J. B. WEST, S. L. RUGMAN,

H. GROUPE.

Committee.

C. P. Ry.

FRANK ALTA, June 14, 1908.

I wish to thank all the operators of System Division No. 7 for the great financial help and many kindnesses extended to me while under arrest accused of causing a collision at Brocket Alta last December, of which charge I was found not W. E. MULLIN. guilty.

Norfolk & Western Ry.

One of the most important matters with us now is the service bulletin, which is issued monthly, showing the number of men disciplined each month, and for what cause, also from what department. The operators on the Western District, that is, west of Bluefield, have shown that they are capable of doing the right thing, and have been perfect for one month; so it is up to the boys east of Bluefield to make good. It would certainly be very gratifying to the telegraphers' General Committee on the N. & W., as well as all of the membership, to see the entire system perfect, and not an operator on the system disciplined for any cause. Now, we can do this if we only try. Let us each strive to accomplish these results, and see that it is not us that is caught violating the rules, but let us always do our full duty, and show to the managers of the N. & W. that we appreciate what they have already done for us, and that we are willing and anxious to give to them first-class service in every respect. Watch the bulletin next month, and strive to improve.

The efforts this organization has made to improve the service has certainly met with success. The boys seem to have caught the idea of going on to perfection in this department, and recently I heard a dispatcher say that he had even quit calling his men; but if he had anything to say he simply made the office call, and said what he had to say, and that the boys were always on the spot, and heard everything that was going on, and gave necessary reply. Now, this remark came from one of our best train dispatchers, and is certainly flattering to the boys who are employed on his district, and it is hoped that this will spread over the entire system until the great body of train dispatchers can come together and truthfully and conscientiously say to the higher officials: We can ask nothing more in the way of service from the men along the line. They have done their duty, and have given to you their best efforts. Your service from this department is perfect. Then the great men who manage our large railway systems will say to the O. R. T. committee: Well done. We are perfectly willing to give the men a \$2.50 raise in pay. They are worth almost as much to us in train movement as the colored brakemen on our freight trains. Boys this will be a great day, and we should strive harder and harder to make such a state of affairs real.

The new seniority clause is still the subject of some discussion, and while there is some objection, the majority of the men very much prefer the new one to the old, and I hardly think it possible to vote the new clause down, as it gives protection to so many more men than did the old. However, all will be given a chance to vote on this question before our General Committee goes up for the next schedule, and each member should post himself thoroughly on the subject, so as to be in a position to vote to the best interest of your organization.

I regret very much to learn that our assistant correspondent on Radford Division was cut out on account of the office at Singer being discontinued. When the new seniority rule does hit a fellow it certainly shakes him up, and especially if he is an old man. However, we are very much in hopes that this reduction is only temporary, as the block office is of so much importance it will be necessary to reopen it when business picks up. In fact, numbers of trains are being delayed now on account of no block at Singer; among which are some of the fast passenger trains. Of course, this will not do. Through passengers will not submit to such delays, and the N. & W. can not

afford to sacrifice its enviable reputation for rapid and safe train movement for the sake of a block office, so here is hoping Bro. Wilson will not be cut out very long.

M. G. HARPER.

Scioto Division-

Gradually business appears to be assuming its normal condition, and general improvement is felt along the line. Freight and passenger business on the increase.

An unusual expression of gratitude is noticed in General Road Master, Mr. L. C. Ayers, lately. He explains stork bulletin is correct. "Twins" arrived at his home Monday, June 1st.

General Yardmaster Mr. J. A. Sult was united in marriage to Miss Susie Mault, of Eifort, Ohio. Tuesday, June 2, 1908. They will spend a few weeks in the East, after which Mr. Sult will resume his duties and go to housekeeping in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Bro. Grover C. Murphy, first trick at Naugatuck, W. Va., spent his vacation in Cincinnati, Ohio; relieved by Bro. F. C. Stratton.

On June 1st it was announced that the general office at Portsmouth, Ohio, Mr. G. J. Kirk, who was auditor's agent for many years up to within the last few months, had died suddenly at Baltimore, en route from Roanoke to his home, which is about fifty miles from Baltimore, Md. Mr. Kirk was obliged to retire from active service in May of last year on account of ill-health, and never recovered sufficiently to resume his work. His death was caused by heart failure. In life he was kind-hearted, a good and efficient officer. We deplore our loss, and with his many friends Division No. 14 join in sympathy.

Monthly service bulletin for the month of May appears in good form, and indicates vast improvement in telegraphers. No discipline entries appear against us. We hope for this record to come out from month to month in this same form. It indicates attention to business.

Mr. Henry C. Nunn, of Nolan, W. Va., a prominent member of the International Trackmen, has been advised that his invention, a guard rail fastener, is a success, having been in test at Portsmouth, Ohio; Joyce Avenue, Ohio; Kenova, W. Va., and several other places on this division, as well as at various points on the Radford Division constantly for the last ten months. In order that his invention be given a severe test they were placed at points where accidents would most commonly occur. It is to be noted all that have been placed for trial are in perfect position after having been in use this length of time, and not one accident has been charged to them. This is, indeed, very complimentary to Mr. Nunn's invention, and we hope he will have no trouble in having it adopted, it being a sure preventative agains' wheels climbing a frog-point.

Freight depot at Chillicothe, Ohio, was entered by burglars Thursday night, June 11, 1908, securing considerable money and valuable papers, checks, etc. It will be remembered this is likely

to occur anywhere along the line, where an office is closed at night, and great care must be exercised in closing your office, care of money, etc. Chillicothe was formerly a night telegraph office.

Bro. A. V. Osborne, agent at Fort Gay, W. Va., is taking his vacation; relieved by Bro. A. L. Peake.

Bro. Charles Mathews is working third trick at Naugatuck, W. Va., for a few nights.

Mrs. L. M. Spaulding has been assigned to second trick at Wheelersburg, Ohio, permanently.

Bro. G. A. Mooney, agent at East Portsmouth, Ohio, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, has resumed his duties as weighmaster and agent. Bro. W. L. Clardy, "RA," his relief, was assigned to the agency at Kenova, W. Va., for a few weeks.

Bros. R. J. Watts, J. S. Hall and W. M. Jaynes attended court at Williamson, W. Va., during the first week of this month.

Bro. D. W. Crabtree, night operator at Kenova, W. Va., met with a serious if not dangerous accident on Wednesday night, May 26, 1908. After making transfer to the third trick man at midnight, he started for his home. In some way he missed his footing and fell from the bridge, a distance of thirty feet, breaking his collarbone, besides sustaining other injuries which are of a serious nature. At this writing, however, Bro. Crabtree is reported recovering slowly.

Bro. W. F. Hoptry has lately taken service with the Poca. Division, and is located at Honaker, Va Reports from this division indicate there is no surplus operators, and that some of our boys who are not working would stand a show for some extra work, at least, if they will apply to that division.

N. & W. Railway has recently assumed control of the B. S., E. L. & G. Railway, a line from Warne, W. Va., to East Lynn, W. Va. Improvements will be commenced at once, and regular train service established between Kenova and East Lynn. The newly-acquired road opens up new coal and timber property, and will be put up to the N. & W. standard.

Bro. J. M. Sotcher, second trick at Naugatuck, W. Va., will begin his vacation July 1st; relieved by Bro. F. C. Stratton.

Do not overlook your dues for the last semiperiod of 1908. If you have not been working, follow instructions outlined in our journal in the last two issues, and you will be taken care of. It is necessary for you to make application early, and not allow yourselves to become delinquent. Arrangements have been made in your favor. Don't delay your application.

Your correspondent will appreciate any assistance you may give him in matters of interest to the division. If you desire our division write-up to be up to that of other divisions, we will all have to get busy. It is a difficult matter for one to get the news and be stationary. Send your items, no difference how few they are.

Bro. A. M. Cross, agent at Sciotoville, Ohio, is spending his vacation in Columbus, Ohio; relieved by Bro. R. H. Chitwood.

Bro. C. M. McMillion, agent at Radnor, W. Va., is spending his vacation at his home in Virginia; relieved by Bro. W. A. Johnson.

With the exception of a small number of the membership, all have paid dues for the current term. Those that are not able to make good have been provided for, and it is a sure thing Division No. 14 will stand up, regardless of resisting influences. Now is the time for every one to get interested in organization. We will say in this connection, several of the most conservative nons on this division have agreed to get cards, especially those that are holding good positions, having realized what their position would have been had it not been for the men at the head of our division. Present conditions have also caused them to awake to a sense of duty, and is a warning for them to get in rank. Remember the slogan: "No cards, no favors."

Every member that is not working on the night of our next meeting at Portsmouth, Ohio, and as many as can attend, that work tricks that will allow them to come in, are requested to be present. There will be a good bunch of business to transact, and you will, no doubt, be interested in many ways. This is not intended as a complaint as to attendance. We always have good attendance at our Portsmouth meetings, and if you do not believe this, come out next meeting.

In Saturday's Cincinnati Post, June 20, 1908, appears a wood cut of Hon. T. S. Hogan, Wellston, Ohio, and his intended bride, Miss Mary Deasy, of Cincinnati, Ohio, which event will take place Saturday, June 20, 1908. This announcement, while apparently insignificant, will be better understood when it is learned Mr. Hogan is nominee-elect for attorney-general of the State of Ohio, and has always stood for the cause of labor.

CERT. 750.

Poca. Division-

There are too many nons on the Poca. Get after the one next to you, and keep after him until you land him.

Have you paid your dues? Better do it now before you forget it.

Who knows where that student is that has been monkeying with the west end train wire so much lately? Somebody is going to get into all kinds of trouble over this wire business yet.

Business has been good on the west end this month. Been running trains of eighty loads, 4,500 tons, west, out of Williamson. That's going some.

Bro. N. S. Blankenship, of Sands, was visiting friends in Williamson Sunday.

Bro. Taylor, of Tip Top, was at Williamson last week attending court.

Bro. Armstrong, third trick at Vine, has left the service; relieved by Mr. Smith.

Bro. Fred Williams, of Vine, was at Williamson Saturday to see the ball game.

Bros. Osborne and Hill and Mr. Lemon, of "WY," each taking a few days' vacation this month. Mr. Fouts relieving.

Bro. C. Henry Vaughan, second trick at Vine, came down to Williamson Saturday to ride the merry-go-round.

Mr. Moyers, of St. Paul, was attending court at Williamson the first of the month. He has promised to send in his application in the near future.

Bro. Geo. W. Pile spent Sunday with friends at Tazewell.

Miss Lucy Clapp, first trick at Tazewell, is off on a three months' vacation, and is visiting relatives at Oakesdale, Washington.

Miss Launah Hall is working first trick at Tazewell in the absence of Miss Clapp.

Bro. J. P. Lawless, agent at Maybeury, wife and son, have returned from a visit to relatives at Lynchburg, Danville, and to points in North Carolina.

Bros. Gormley and Coleman, of Hull, spent a few days with Millard, Pendleton and Crites at Lindsey. Everybody had an immense time, and many fine fish were added to the larder. Thanks to Bro. Gormley's success as a "piscatorial artist."

Bro. D. M. Carroll, third trick at Lindsey, has resigned on account of his health, and in the future will engage in raising oranges on his ranch near Los Angeles, Cal. Best wishes, "DC," and may he make good.

Bro. Connor, formerly third trick at Davy, has been assigned to Roderfield agency, vice Mr. Tompkins, resigned.

Bro. T. J. Coen relieving Bro. J. B. Neal at Decon. This place being vacant at present, suppose Bro. Neal has been assigned to other duties.

Bros. Pendleton and Millard off for a few days attending court at Williamson; Millard relieved by Bro. Hamrick from Gary, and Pendleton by Mr. Vass from Sands.

Bro. Walter Coen, formerly assistant agent at Iager, and later of the Coast Line, in North Carolina, now employed as assistant agent at Devon, vice Bro. Patrick, resigned

Mr. E. Counts relieved Bro. Millard at Lindsey for a few days. Millard off seeing the sights in Cincinnati.

Mr. Dyer relieving Bro. Henry, third trick at North Fork. Bro. Henry visiting home folks in Virginia.

Bro. DeHart, formerly of the C. & O., relieving Mr. Coleman at Hull; Coleman having left the service.

Bro. Richardson, formerly extra in "BF," Bluefield, assigned to Finney agency, vice Bro. Morrison, assigned to Bluestone, third trick.

Bro. J. T. Jewell, formerly of Virginia City, doing extra relief work at Finney until Bro. Richardson returns from his vacation.

Bro. H. A. Fortune assigned to Virginia City agency.

Bro. E. Counts, extra, relieving Bro. Gormley on third trick at Hull for a few days.

Bro. Steinke, at Hull, says the three-mile walk to Iager seems like a ten-mile stretch of desert since the coming of the summer days.

Operator Gibson, third trick at Alnwick, off a few days visiting in neighborhood of Cincinnati. Former Bro. Zims relieving Gibson; he, in turn. being relieved at Alnwick by Mrs. Alvis.

Bro. Alvis, at Alnwick, says he is about all in cwing to the water supply at Alnwick, which is of an inferior quality.

Former Bro. Coleman, third trick at Hull, has again resumed duty, having had to lay off on account of injuring himself very seriously by falling from a cliff while trout fishing up Dry Fork.

Bro. Thompson, at Tug, third trick, off for a few days, being relieved by Bro. D. M. Carrroll, regular third trick at Lindsey; he, in turn, being relieved by Bro. Marvin Crites, an extra man.

Understand there is an extra man on Poca Division who is a non that kicked on a regular man being taken from his position to do extra work, and an extra man relieving him. This was the case with Bros. Crites and Carroll. Bro. Carroll being a married man, living at a point near Tug, was thrown out of a position when Huger was cut out, and kicked Bro. Crites from Lindsey; this put Bro. Crites on extra list. Regular man at Tug wanted off, and Bro. Crites offered to work Lindsey for Carroll, and let Carroll work extra at Tug, thereby enabling him to be at home, even for a few days with his family.

Such a brotherly feeling as this among the men is very gratifying. I am sure there is not a brother on the Poca who would register a kick on such as this.

Operator Dyer relieving Bro. Beverly at North Fork for a few days. Guess Bro. Beverly will have many "fish yarns" to spin when he returns.

Bro. T. J. Coen, extra relief agent, has been doing the cashier act at Graham for a few days.

Two out of three men at Alnwick without cards, sore at the committee for putting new seniority ruling through. Will not pay up until it is changed back, etc. Is this the proper way?

The correspondent has talked with at least twothirds of the men between Vivian and Williamson, and about 98 per cent of these voted against the change in the seniority clause. However, after a full explanation, they have, with but few exceptions, said that had it been explained to them fully they would have voted for the change, admitting that the new seniority ruling will benefit them more than the old, and in the long run will afford protection to more men.

I will venture the assertion that when this matter is again submitted to a vote of the membership that 90 per cent will vote for the new ruling to remain in effect.

CERT. 278.

Kadford Division-

Your correspondent, having just received a, dose of the new seniority clause, can not write very enthusiastically at this time. After fifteen years'

service on the division, to be cut, and not allowed to say what one wants, is a poor construction of seniority. We, however, will not make the assertion that we frequently hear made by some of the other brothers, i. e., "Until the old seniority classe is restored I will pay no more dues." We have tried to reason with these brothers, but it does no good, and they seem determined to drop out. This is unfortunate, as they could, by renaming in the Order, assist in restoring the seniority clause, but by dropping out they wil! not be in a position to do anything. We sincerely hope they will reconsider, and pay their dues, and send the next committee up with a solid rembership backing them.

Singer office having been closed, throws Bros. Wilson, Thomas and Broderick out, or to displace younger men in the service. We understand they will remain on the extra list rather than go to the places they would get under the present rule. The present seniority (?) clause makes no provision for the youngest first or second trick men when they are displaced, but throws them back on the extra list, though, by seniority they might and should have a regular position. Is this seniority?

Shawsville closed at night, gives Bro. S. S. Parrish twelve hours per day, and cuts Bros. S. A. Givens and C. W. Tynes out. We understand Bro. Givens will take second at Curve, and that Bro. Tynes will remain on the extra list.

Bro. Kent Givens was assigned to third trick at Glen Var, but prefers Ada (his old position), and has asked for the vacancy there.

Since our last communication two or three of the brothers have been disciplined for sleeping on duty. This is to be regretted. It makes it hard on the Order men and hard on the committee. We have tried to impress this on the brothers, but it seems they will persist in this when they know the result is dismissal from the service. Brothers, if there is to be any sleeping on duty, let the nons do it. We do not care what they do, and the profer service they give the better it is for the Order men. But we should endeavor to give the test service we possibly can.

We did not get to attend the last meeting in Romoke, we are sorry to state, and as we have not seen any one that was there, nor heard what was done, we are unable to give an account of it.

Business seems to be at a very low ebb on the K. & W., and though we all hope for a return of prosperity, there is very little signs of it getting better yet.

Bro. J. A. Broderick is taking his vacation with his home folks at Locust, Pa.

Bro. F. B. Thomas has returned from a trip through Georgia and Alabama. We understand he had a fine time.

Bro. Apgar is spending some time on his farm, and fixing up the new house he recently built.

Having received no news from any of the bothers this month we are unable to give the news of the division. Send in the news, brothers, and make this column as interesting as possible.

CERT 231.

Norfolk Division-

Those brothers that did not attend the Roanoke meeting, which was opened with our worthy chief, Bro. Layman, in the chair, as usual, missed a treat. When the meeting opened, and the minutes of the Crewe meeting were read, things looked pretty dull, but before we got down to business, the number had increased to something like fifty present. Every brother began to get interested in what was up for discussion. The new seniority clause being the paramount issue.

General chairman, Bro. Layman, introduced the seniority subject, giving a full and clear report of how the change came about, and under what circumstances a change of such vital importance to the telegraphers was made. He referred to a good many of the circulated reports, proving them false, and in his usual earnest way, showed the boys the necessity of sticking firmly together, and working harmoniously for the good of the organization.

Bro. Harper, our active general correspondent, was quick to respond to the question if anything the boys wanted to say along the seniority clause, reports that had been circulated, etc., and gave us a ringing account of the workings of our General Committee in the past, and from statistics gathered from the various conferences held with the management from time to time, vindicated the General Committee, speaking in the highest terms of their faithfulness to the organization, and condemning the few, that before understanding, or through selfish ideas, had done and said a good many hurtful things.

There was one thing specially noted at our Roanoke meeting, i. c., all the brothers spoke their honest convictions as to what they thought was the better of the two seniority rulings, and we are proud to see such brothers as Cord, Foler, Kerr, and others stick up for what they thought was for the greatest good to the greatest number, and this holding up for the old clause brought out some fine points, and long discussions from Bros. Atkins, Spedin, Abrams, Lane, Cabaniss, Crabill, Birchfield, Calloway and others. The final conclusion was that the General Committee acted wisely in changing the seniority ruling under existing circumstances, and that their work in the past, and in securing the last schedule with the company, was everything that the membership could expect.

The Radford Division boys who were the mest dissatisfied with the change of seniority ruling, after much discussion of this matter, came out like men and joined in a motion by the Shenandoah Division, voting unanimously reaffirming their confidence in the General Committee, and expressing their appreciation for what they have done in the past, and I venture to say if a vote had been taken from the Radford Division boys present, they would have voted to retain their present worthy chairman, who, during the meeting, had thoroughly vindicated himself of the reports that had been circulated.

Notwithstanding the unpleasantness that had been brought about by a few agitators, this meeting was one of the most pleasant that your correspondent ever attended. It reminded me of the old saying: "Without the clouds we would not know how to appreciate the sunshine," so that without some accusations, even if false, we would not know the noble character of the men whose reputation and character is assailed. I can not refrain from saying in this article to those who have been active men in this or any other organization, making many sacrifices to bring about better conditions, God bless each one of them.

Very best wishes to you all, and hoping to see each telegrapher remain loyal to the organization.

Tom.

Grand Trunk Ry.

During the past three months a number of very successful meetings were held at different points on the Middle and Southern Divisions, thus giving members who are located on branch lines and at out-of-the-way places an opportunity of gathering together, becoming acquainted with each other, and a chance to discuss matters pertaining to their welfare. At these meetings, while the attendance was good, yet there were those who could have attended easily, but did not. It is our purpose to hold a series of meetings between now and the end of the year, covering the entire system, and if all concerned, whether a member of the Order or not, will take the trouble to attend a great amount of good will be accomplished. Therefore, in order that I may be at liberty to carry out this program, it means that the present members must pay their dues for the new term within the next month. By doing so, it will enable me to present a clean sheet and an up-to-date list of members to your General Committee, and give me more time to visit the members through these gatherings.

D. L. SHAW, G. S. and T.

Michigan Central Ry.

Valley Division-

Bro. E. B. Greenfield, from South Haven, has taken possession at Nashville as agent and operator, commencing June 1st.

Bro. W. W. Lewis, who has held the position of agent and operator at Eaton Rapids for a few years, has resigned his position to take up a more prosperous line of business.

Bro. E. E. Gamble, from second trick at Van Horn, was checked in as agent and operator at Eaton Rapids June 1st. He is an old-timer at the freight and general station work. He was formerly employed by the Southern Railway.

C. T. U. of A. Bro. John Chissold, holds Mr. O. P. Edget's position as second trick operator at Van Horn at present.

Bro. Leroy Mead, who relieved Bro. C. Marshall at the time of his resignation at Nashville, has returned to his old position as third trick op-

erator at Middleville. Mr. L. A. Baker, from Lawton, relieved Bro. Mead.

Bro. G. W. Lewis, at Middleville, while taking a few days' rest, was relieved by Relief Agent Thoms.

On April 20, 1908, F. J. White was a graduate from the well-known telegraph college at Vermontville, of which Non C. A. Anderson is professor. The former working at Vermontville as helper up to June 8th, when he was relieved and placed on the extra list, making his headquarters at Battle Creek. He is an operator now, and working with the men. His intentions are right, and he will be in the Order as soon as practicable. It is a fact that this man Anderson intends to continue using his place of business as a ham factory. On June 8th a ham named Smith was placed as helper there with the agreeable understanding that he was to give him the necessary instructions to make him an operator as soon as possible. Smith has a good start, as he is a graduate from the Jackson, S. F. McKays, Battle Creek, Didge's institute of telegraphy, Valparaiso, Ind., and the Lansing telegraph schools. We should take immediate action on this matter in some way, or we will soon be flooded with extra operators.

Mr. L. A. Baker, mentioned in last month's items as a prospective member, has failed thus far to forward his application, as promised. We are in hopes that this young man will keep faith with us.

Bro. C. J. Hoffman has bid in the third trick at Nashville.

Mr. Rynburg bid in "CJ," Grand Rapids, second trick, for keeps. Unable to learn whether Rynburg is a brother or not.

Every member should remember that even at our best there is a chance for improvement.

Never lose sight of the fact that when we are serving the public and our employers faithfully and honorably we are booming our stock in trade.

Do not lie down for a minute. There is missionary work to do, and plenty of it. Take hold. Do your part, and ask your brother to do his.

"S'matter" the east end.

The New York, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

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Cleveland Division—

Bro. J. Holt, third trick at Euclid, was taken

to the Cleveland city hospital sick with pleurapneumonia; relieved by Bro. L. C. Raynor.

Mr. W. H. Stoltz has been appointed agent at

Mr. W. H. Stoltz has been appointed agent at Mentor, vice W. G. Lyman, who relieved Bro. E. M. Mulcahey at Dunkirk for a few days while Bro. Mulcahey is attending to committee work at Cleveland.

Bro. Sherwood was relieved for a few nights by Operator Bastian. Bro. Ross, second trick at Painesville, relieved by Operator Murphy.

Mr. W. H. Barnes is now agent and operator at Wickliffe.

Bro. Now, second trick at Woodland, relieved a couple of days by Bro. Hammond.

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Bro. C. F. Mayer, our worthy local chairman, was relieved by Operator Murphy while he was assisting Bro. Mulcahey on committee work.

On June 1st Mr. J. T. Callahan, night chief dispatcher at Fort Wayne, was appointed chief dispatcher of the Buffalo Division, vice Mr. J. J. Brown, appointed to other duties. Mr. Brown has our best wishes for his future success. As Mr. Callahan is a very nice man to work for, the writer having worked for him in 1900, we know that the boys on the Buffalo Division will not lose anything by the change in chiefs.

Bro. Mollenkop is still holding down the second trick at East Lorain.

Bro. Shaver, agent and operator at Shinrock, was relieved for a few days by relief agent, Bro. W. S. Carroll, on account of sickness in Bro. Shaver's family. We hope it is nothing serious.

On May 16th, on account of the street car strike in Cleveland, this company put on a suburban service consisting of six trains each way, daily, between Euclid and Rocky River. As these passenger trains were all run as extras, it made a whole lot of extra work, and increased responsibility upon the telegraphers at Euclid, East End, double track, and Rocky River, and also to the train dispatchers, who certainly had their hands full, but who handled the increased traffic untany delay to the regular traffic. The dispatchers are "white," and treat the boys all right every time. The suburban (bug runs) trains were taken off on June 2d, and everything is lovely again.

With the suburban trains also came the loss of the copiers in "CF" office, making a few changes in and around Cleveland. Bro. Ross, from second trick Cleveland, to second trick Woodland, vice Bro. Now: Bro. Wiltse taking second trick at Cleveland.

Some new "fist" signing "B," is working first trick at Cleveland, and a party signing "N" third trick. Don't know where Operator Harris, who worked first trick for a few days, until relieved by Operator "B," has gone.

It looks very odd to the boys out along the line that the best-paying office on the whole division should always be kept open, and given to new men as their first office on the road. Vacancies in this office should be advertised the same as other offices on the road. It seems to me that the brothers out on the line who have spent the biggest part of their lives in this company's service could do the work in this office better than new men.

Speaking about advertisements: the fourth operator at Bellevue yard was advertised on June 1st. The first advertisement in two months. We would like to see all vacancies advertised, and hope our committee will watch this.

We "13" on account of changes in Fort Wayne and Conneaut, that Dispatcher Robinette goes to Fort Wayne as dispatcher, and that Copier Balhagan has been promoted to third trick at Conseant

I was disappointed not to find something in our journal from this division last month, and I

would like to suggest that either Bro. Mayer or the local committee appoint some good man on this division to act as correspondent, and for him to get his letter in for each month, sure. Would like to suggest, also, that all brothers pay their dues promptly, and get after the nons good and hard. More next time. CERT. 5.

Third District-

Have you paid your dues yet?

Well, our committee got back from Cleveland alive. I had my doubts about ever hearing from them again after they got there. Business has not been brisk enough to make a very good showing for us, but the new Rule 2 we have now is worth a great deal to all of us. Our committee have been trying for years to get the company to bulletin vacancies, and finally landed it. This will prevent any favoritism, as every man will have a chance to apply for a position that is made vacant, and the man that gets it on bulletin will know that he will not have to leave whenever some general office or other "preferred" man wants to get away from the strenuous life.

While they were unable to put he twelve-hour men on as good a basis as they wanted to, they did everything they could for them, and as soon as business opens up again we can look for another conference. In the meantime, let's all dig in and get the non we have in our office next door to us in the fold, not forgetting to pay our dues, and thus have things in the best shape possible for our committee. We should also have another delegate to the Grand Convention, and the only way to do this is to get the nons in before the first of the year.

By the way, did you ever notice the first thing a non does when he blows in on a new job is to ask what the place pays, and the next to see the schoule? Funny that he should have any interest in anything like wages, as he don't help to get any increase.

A third-trick man who is too bashful to let me use his name contributes the following touching poem:

THE OLD-TIME OPERATOR.

Oh, where is the "Op" of the olden time; The "Op" of yesterday, Who never got "kristone" for "keystone," Who never got "hay" for "pay?"

Oh, where is the "Op" of the olden time, Whose memory green we keep, Who never sent "bitting" for "billing," Who never sent "shop" for "sheep?"

He's gone where the woodbine twineth. He's gone to eternal "hay," The peerless "Op" of the olden time; The "Op" of yesterday.

He's making pen-copies in heaven. We hope that he went that way. The gilt-edged "Op" of the olden time; The "Op" of yesterday.



Sad, but true.

I regret very much to have to report that we have a ham shop on our district. I was in hopes we would never again have that disgrace. Mr. Adams, the agent at Melrose, has taken up this detestable profession. I understand that he has three at the present time. It hardly seems possible that any man who had given the matter serious thought would do something that hurts not only himself, but every other man on the road.

I still cling to the belief that Mr. Adams has not fully considered the consequences of this action, and I believe that if he will listen to reason we can convince him that his loss is greater than the few paltry dollars he makes from the students. I wonder if he does not know that every office on the line could have from one to five students all the time if the operators would allow it, and I wonder what he thinks is the reason they do not all start doing it.

He surely never thought of that side of it, or he would have realized that there were reasons for it, even if he could not tell what they were.

Bro. O'Neill back on the job after his honey-moon. Operator Davis relieving Bro. O'Neill at Continental to Oakwood, second trick. Understand he has this regular, and if so, he should be in soon, as his promise has been in for some time. Also understand Operator H. W. Bechtold, third trick at Oakwood, and Operator Cornelous, third trick at Maple Grove, will be members by the time this is in print. We will be glad to call them brothers.

Bro. Niles, at Fostoria, has been very ill with pneumonia and blood-poisoning for the past three weeks, and is still far from well, although, at last accounts, he was improving slowly. We all hope he will soon be on his feet again, and back at his old job.

Bro. Poe and Operator Hanna on second and third tricks there while Niles is off. I understand that Bro. Poe remains there, but do not know which trick he will eventually take.

On June 12th, while Bro. Redman, at "FS," was working, he was notified that his brother, Michael Redman, had been accidentally shot, and death had resulted. As soon as the facts were learned, a list was started over the road and \$8.15 was secured, which was more than was expected on account of the time being so short, and so few of the boys knowing anything about it. This amount was turned over to Bro. Poe at Fostoria, who expended it for a nice lot of roses and ferns, and presented them to Bro. Redman with the sympathy of Division 18.

Bro. Ericson, of Leipsic Junction, is back from his vacation, which lasted, I believe, two days. Well, I can not even afford a two-day vacation. Wish I could.

Bro. Brudi, at New Haven, who has been on the sick list since last October, is still unable to resume duty. This brother has certainly had a long

siege of sickness, and hope that he will soon be back at work.

Some of the rest of you send me some items.

Am indebted to Bro. Poe for most of the news this month.

"HIX."

C., M. & St. P. Ry.

Third District-

Wish to correct the statement made in the May TELEGRAPHER relative to C. L. Harris being the Katy scab. My information, I have learned later, was based on circumstantial evidence, namely, that the name of a C. L. Harris appears in the scab list, coupled to the fact that Mr. Harris refused to join the Order, saying he had no use for it, etc., giving as his reasons that he got as much as the rest of us that paid out money to support the organization; that he did not believe in insurance of any kind, and that he would be foolish to spend any money in any way on the O. R. T.. While we are very glad to make the correction as to Harris being from the Katy, as none of the St. Paul boys wish to work with such a breed, we are sorry that Mr .Harris has not investigated conditions that obtained on the St. Paul before the advent of the O. R. T. If he had, and wished to be fair (as he wants us to be), he certainly would not refuse to pay his share to support the organization that has raised both the jobs he has worked on ("WC" tower and Rock River tower), from \$45.00 per month to \$60.00, a yearly increase of \$180.00, and to cap the climax, succeeded in obtaining the nine-hour law, which applied at both these stations, making a decrease of 1,095 hours per year on nine-hour day, equaling 121 days less work per year at the same money, namely, \$60.00.

There are no students at Rock River tower on any of the tricks. Now, in making these corrections and statements Mr. Harris (or any others that are in the same boat) can not but say that we are more than fair, and that the statements are facts as to wages and hours. It would seem that it would appeal to any one that enjoys financial benefits and improved working conditions that they should be willing to pay their share to keep things at the present status. It can not be denied that it is nothing less than a grafter who will not assist defraying the expenses that necessarily are made in obtaining these benefits.

The boys on the Janesville line procured a floral offering as an expression of their sympathy for Bro. Sizer in the death of his wife, and their respect for Mrs. Sizer. Bro. Sizer and the relatives have the full sympathy of all the railway boys who know them in this their bereavement.

Two of the men working at tower A 23, have been discharged for doubling over beyond the nine-hour limit. Employes doing this can expect nothing else, as the railway companies are liable, should the government see fit to bring action in such a case. I want to warn all brothers, especially those working nine-hour tricks, that they can expect no intervention from the O. R. T. if they get into trouble by disobeying the law or

skeping on duty. The ones doing this are injuring the cause, for don't you forget the companies are going to leave no stone unturned to have the law repealed, or made void, and each one of these cases will no doubt be presented to Congress at a future date, to the railway's advantage. The most of the sleeping cases that I have heard of are not among brothers (we should be thankful for this), but there is no excuse for any nine-hour man at all.

Understand there is a non on the Janesville line serving ninety days for being asleep at 4 k. p. m. What do you think of this?

A new man, by the name of McCloskey, working third trick at tower A 23, and Bro. Beaversson from Shermerville, working the second trick, temporarily.

Bro. Reed, of Rondout, "RX," is on a two weeks' leave, visiting home at Frankfort, Ind. Have not learned who his relief is.

Harry Derrickson, off Warrenton nights, temporarily, is visiting at his old home, Shelbyville, Ind., for a few days.

Bro. A. J. Hornung, of Greensburg, Ind., visited Bro. Ed Derrickson of Chicago, "RH" office, for a week. Bro. Hornung is local chairman of the Chicago Division, Big Four Railway, and reports the General Committee just secured a revision of the schedule on the nine-hour basis, with no reduction in salaries.

Chief Dispatcher Hoehn was out on the line asking all the men what they thought of the action of the committee. Understand he found out that the committee represented "me" in most of the cases. Both he and the superintendent were out on a "scrap special" picking up all the old junk, stationery, chairs, etc., at all the depots. Some stations they did not leave enough stationery to make out the monthly reports—cutting down expenses. If it was not for the O. R. T. they would be cutting down expenses in another way. Don't forget this, and keep your dues paid up. "Do it now."

Things are now in status quo as far as your corespondent knows. Understand the ballots upbold the committee very near unanimously. This is certainly gratifying. If the same spirit prevalls when the pinch comes, we will "do something" worth while, namely, represent everybody
(the agents included) we have the lawful and
moral right to represent. CERT. 1129.

La Crosse Division-

On account of the hours that I am working at the present time, and duties I have to perform, I think it advisable to have some of the brothers that have lots of time accept the trick as correspondent, and see how the wheel will turn. Some months I fail to find the spare time to make the write-up, and then comes a roar; so think the matter over, and any one who wishes same can try his hand.

Not many changes on the division at present. Some of the brothers on vacation out on the coast extension looking over things, and by all appearances, at this time, we are very short of men, although when a good man appears and asks to be given work, he can not get it. This case has occurred several times in the last two weeks. Why is it we can not get a day off, and men looking for work? Is this just?

Bro. Frank Hunter, who at one time served as operator for several years on this division, now of Fort Steele, Wyo., home on account of serious sickness of his father, and I am told chances are doubtful for his recovery.

What is the matter with having a meeting in the near future? We are up to the top notch in membership. Why not wake up and talk things over? Consider this matter, and write your local chairman to call a local meeting. We know business is picking up fast at the present time, but most of us can get away in some way or manner, so, when the day comes, boys, don't all stay at home, and make an excuse. Let us see some of the faces east of Waterton appear once. Don't ask what has been going on when we get back. Come and find out.

DIV. COR., CERT. 24.

South Minnesota Division-

No notes received from any one on west end or east end so it's same old story, mainly hearsay and gossip.

Another change at La Crosse in dispatcher's office. Second trick man, F, D. Campbell, has gone to Pacific Coast extension as trick man at Miles City, Mont. This makes two S. M. Division men dispatching on the extension at Miles City, and another working as day trick at Marmath. The vacancy caused by Mr. Campbell's departure filled for the present by Bro. E. J. Whalen. Extra dispatcher, Bro. T. P. Horton, taking side wire until permanent appointment is made.

Rain, washouts and wire troubles keeping every one busy for several days. From Whelan to La Crescent washed out so badly that trains were detoured for three days via Reno and Preston Line of Dubuque Division.

Bro. Benson, at Peterson, worked at Isinous a short time while the M. W. A. specials were running.

Thompson, from Peterson, went to Iona Lake, but on Bro. Lieser's return he came back to Peterson, and will go to the extension in a short time.

Bro. M. M. Kellogg, of Colman, is visiting relatives and friends at Spring Valley, and slowly recovering his health.

We hear that during the flood, "Charlie" and "Red" took to the woods, and stayed there. Water was high, all right, along the Cedar River. One conductor could not swim, so could not take his run out. Guess that's going some.

Bro. Clayton still holds forth at Ramsey awaiting developments.

Bros. Fuller and Gunderson, of Alden and Lily, on ragged edge awaiting outcome of recent bulletins.

Bro. Huseley still at Good Thunder waiting for relief.

Bro. Harmon acting as relief agent at Minnesota Lake until Bro. Huseley is transferred.

Leo Schendel has been appointed day operator at Fairmont to wear Bro. Johnson's shoes. He will no doubt wear the button before very long.

Have nothing to offer in regard to west end, as I can not keep in touch with them.

Would like to say a word or two in regard to grounding wires and leaving them open so promiscuously. It's hard work to test wires when business is heavy, and no joke to have wires carelessly left open or grounded. Another fact in regard to South Minnesota Division. She is the banner division for students monkeying on the wires. Some agents are letting their helpers report trains and fool with wires, especially the train wire during noon hour, and trains are being delayed in consequence.

Have you got your new card yet? They look good to me. Div. Con.

River Division-

Everything is running along nicely after the hard rains and the washouts.

Double track and work trains are still the usual line of conversation heard.

Some few of the boys of this division are talking of going on the extension. Conductors Gregg and Spears have been called to take their places on the extension, between Miles City, Mont., and Lind, Wash.

The pile-driver crew from Wabasha was called to Marmarth recently to do some necessary work on a bridge that high-water had weakened.

Bro. Sainsbury, of Winona, has been doing the catcher's act for the Wabash City ball team this season.

Mr. Stoneman, of St. Croix tower, is off on a vacation, and Mr. Brunner is handling his trick. Bro. H. C. Vogel, of Hastings, is taking Brunner's trick.

Bro. Stegner, of Lake City, is off on a vacation at present.

DIV. Cor.

C. & C. B., Ill., and R. & S. W. Divisions-

Once more I will jog your memory and tell you that if you want to see anything in THE TELEGRAPHER from this pike, it is up to you to let us know. You all know where Bro. Carroll is located, and it should not be any trouble for you to drop him a line, and let him know. There are one or two that are doing this, but they can not get it all. It is now a case of either you lazy ones waking up, or there will be no more writeups. It is strictly up to you.

I "13" the C., B. & Q. is carrying on a "wigwag" and telephone system of moving trains; using coal smoke for stop signal (as they used to do in remote years). During the last hard rainstorm they borrowed the Milwaukee's telegraph between Savanna and East Moline, the ding-a-ling arrangement having gone up in the air. It has been proven cheap but dangerous. The telephone for moving trains, as the "Q." does, has been unreliable. Any unreliable loafer around the office can run the office while the attendant is attending a dance. A farmer line crossed stops the whole works.. No one knows what is going on unless he butts in; and with the class of men and women cheapness that the "Q." likes so well, will bring them, there will be plenty of errors in train orders. No protection but the vigil of some of the wide-awake old-time operators. There will be no such men, and if there were they would not know what was going on, and would never hear the laporders.

Mr. Hughes, who signed "H" in C. G. so long we understand is compelled to quit telegraphing, owing to shattered health. He was not a believer in organized labor. Men are not constructed like engines, nor not so well taken care of. Both are furnished just enough coal and oil to keep them going, but when an engine burns out a grate, she having real value in the eyes of the employer, an investment is made for repairs, and she continues in service. When the man, from long years of using up vital force as fast as created, finds he can no longer create vitality fast enough to meet the requirements, his place is filled by a new man, and the old man must do his own negotiating for repairs, with nothing but a clearance of faithful service to point to as letters of credit, and the bank where they advance you anything on such credentials, up to this writing, has never been located-probably it is in heaven and the sweet bye and bye.

Bro. Ira Overcash, of Pingree Grove, took a vacation for three weeks; relieved by Bro. Swanson.

Bro. Esterday working third trick at Kirkland. Bro. A. J. Althaus, who used to work third trick at Kirkland, now working third trick at Kittredge in place of Bro. Burridge, who has left the service.

Mr. Sword, third trick at Fairdale, contemplates coming in the Order July pay-day. I "13" he used to belong, but got behind in dues. We are glad that he is coming in again, and hope that he will stick this time.

Bro. Buzzell, agent at Leaf River, took a day off; relieved by his son, Bro. Roy Buzzell, who was relieved by Bro. Althaus.

Chas. Cunningham, first trick at Kirkland, took a day off and went to Rockford. Do not know who relieved him.

Bro. Switzer, second trick at Kittredge, took a few days off, the first and third trick men doubling up.

Bro. F. H. Miller, at present working third trick at Rockton. Bresee, who used to work third trick at Rockton, now has the last trick at Burlington.

Bro. Jas. Smith, second trick at Rockton, took his brother's place at Thomson, while his brother, Bro. M. J. Smith, took a few days' lay-off.

Bro. Jas. Davis worked second trick at Rockton while Bro. J. Smith was at Thomson.

Well, after all, I have got quite a few of the boys, but there are more that I didn't get. I am very much obliged to the few that helped me out, and know that you will come again next month.

JOHANN.

Vandalia Ry.

To All Members of Van. Ry., Division No. 27:
A good many of our members seem to think that they should learn from the write-up in The THEGRAPHER the doings of Division No. 27. We can not scatter broadcast in THE TELEGRAPHER our plans and intentions. These things are discussed at our meetings. Come out and learn what is going on. The meetings for the next few months will be very interesting. Every member who can should attend, as matters of the greatest importance to us will be taken up.

It should not be necessary for me to explain to you why the report is circulated that most of the boys on the Van. are dropping the Order. You can see why this is done. In a very few places this report has had the desired effect. There you will find backsliders. There, also, you will find the new man, hired for the third trick, a non. There have been only a few members who have dropped out. Our percentage is still high. We will have several new members in July. One operator has been mentioned as one who has dropped the Order. Now the facts are that this man never was a member, but he has his application in and will be a member in July. Do not heed the reports that come from questionable quarters, but get the facts from the proper source. When we organized we were 95 per cent strong. After placing 30 per cent more operators on the third trick we are 80 per cent strong. Is that not 2 good showing?

Compare our condition today with what it was eighteen months ago. You can surely see what the Order has done for the boys on the Van. With this record let us take no answer from the nons, except a set of application papers filled out. Consider yourself an organizer and report to the officers of Division No. 27 the prospects to land every non you can have a talk with.

Remember we have more coming to us which was at one time promised us. Let us be up and doing, and be ready when the time comes to act.

In conclusion, I can say that Division No. 27 is in a very prosperous condition, and that things look very bright for the boys on the Van. My best wishes are for the success of Division No. 27, and I trust that each member will put forth his effort to help the cause along. CRRT. 115.

Middle Division-

I notice that not many of the members like to send in news to our journal, but every one of you like to read them, and would like to see the Vandalia represented stronger than I can or do, but I am afraid if you will not send in your little bit of news we will not have very much in the journal.

I wish you would all send in a little news each month. If you do not send them to Bro. Quick send them to the nearest O. R. T. officer, who would be only too pleased to have them put in.

I am glad to state that Maurice Hanks, of Martinsville, Ill., is a member in good standing. Most of you boys received a notice that he was a non, but this was incorrect.

Mr. Valentine, a non at "K" tower, has been off a few days on account of sickness. S. R. Sweney has been relieving him. Understand he carries a card in Division No. 138.

This is bad weather for the night owls, for many of them are trying to get along without sleeping, as it is too hot to sleep unless they use an icechest.

J. E. Archer, at Fifteenth street, and J. W. Archer, of Liggett tower, have been off on a few days' visit to their old home in Illinois. J. E. Archer was a member, but got cold feet and dropped out. J. W. Archer is a non, and, like his brother, he can not see what good the Order could do him. We hope his eyes will be opened, so he can see light.

Bro. Walter L. Darner, of Fifteenth street, is taking a vacation. He will visit his people in Wisconsin. We ought to give Bro. Darner a medal, for he has remained true to the Order while he is surrounded by nons and knockers.

Bro. H. C. See, second trick man at McKeen, is preparing to take a trip to the West, where he will visit his sister. We hope he will not like it too well and stay there.

We are all glad to see the business picking up again on the Vandalia, and we hope it will get as good as it was last year.

Brothers, have you a new card yet? It is a peach. Let us be prompt with our dues, and get a card as soon as pay-day comes. Do not put it off any longer.

Get after the nons and make them see where they are foolish in lagging behind.

I notice the students are getting pretty thick. While we can not refuse to let them in the office we can make it so warm for them that they will not care about staying.

If Bro. Quick will permit, I will publish all of the nons' names in the next month's journal, so watch out that your name does not get in. If you have an old card not later than December 31, 1907, you will be classed as a non.

CERT. 68.

West Subdivision-

About the first thing I do when I get my journal is to turn to that part that contains the write-ups, and read the items from my own road, but I have not seen many for the last few months, so in order that some of our distant brothers may know that we are still in the ring I have assumed the task of sending in a few changes which have taken place.

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Bro. W. D. Parks, third trick at Vandalia, has left the service. Unable to say where he is located at present.

Mr. Siddens, from Greencastle, relieved Bro. Parks at Vandalia. Do not know whether Mr. Siddons is up-to-date or not.

Bro. C. H. Johnson, third trick at Greenville, we "13," is taking his honeymoon.

Our former brother, J. L. Simpson, who is taking a law course at Bloomington, Ill., is back filling in his vacation with us, now working third trick at Highland. J. S. will get his "sheepskin" next spring, and then will be ready to fight our legal battles.

"13" our former brother, O. M. Beck, third trick at Bluff City, has undertaken to alleviate the poverty-stricken condition of his exchequer by teaching young ladies how to "sling lightning." This will never do.

Bro. C. C. Chesterson, first trick at "RY," Rose Lake, attended a "clam bake" at East St. Louis a few days ago. He reports all present were lobsters

Bro. C. N. Jones, first trick at Knightsville, is back from a short vacation. Cert. 40.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

Omaha Division-

General Chairman Nance recently spent a few days on this division, and called on as many of the men as possible. He was unable to say just when President Perham would be able to reach our case on the Missouri Pacific.

At present we have some rumors of a reopening of several of the offices that were made non-telegraphic a few months ago. Business is gradually picking up, and fast approaching normal.

The jurisdiction of Trainmaster R. G. Carden has been extended as far east as Atchison. Mr. Carden impresses us favorably, and will no doubt give us fair treatment.

There has been quite a delay in bulletining the vacancy at Union, created by the transfer of Bro. L. R. Black, but we are assured that the bulletin will be issued immediately.

Bro. W. F. Dainton received the appointment as night telegrapher at Everest.

Bro. A. E. Dappen has been assigned temporarily as agent at Dunbar, while Bro. J. H. Teegarden received the permanent appointment as agent at Brock.

Vacancy at Julian has been bulletined to be filled July 5th, and Bro. Chiles filed his bid early.

Bro. W. S. Dickerson, of West Side Junction, has recently returned from a trip to South Dakota.

Bro. Forbes, of Sprague street junction, has very generously donated a Christie pipe-organ to the Salvation Army.

Bro. L. D. Fullington, West Side Junction, nights, will shortly leave for an extended trip.

Bro. L. T. Smith, South Omaha nights, has been off more than a month on account of sickness. His speedy recovery is hoped for. Extra Dispatcher Reveal has recently returned from his Utah ranch, and reports good crops in that country, he alone having shipped forty-five cars of alfalfa to San Francisco.

Bro. Cross, of Auburn, has recently returned from a week's fishing outing on the Nemeha, and if his report of his success be true, Nemeha County will be abundantly supplied with that class of provender for the summer months.

Three members now located at Union, Whitlow, Thomas and Reynolds. This is a good showing for that little station.

Bro. S. A. Naffziger, of Berlin, has gone to Colorado to spend his vacation; relieved by Bro. H. L. Thomas.

Bro. Liston, of Eagle, has just returned from a thirty days' vacation. Bro. Robotham relieved him

We understand that Third Trick Dispatcher Leach will soon resign and go to Oklahoma, where he has business interests. We regret to lose "Dad," as he is one of our warmest friends.

The Atchison telegraphers have organized a base ball club, and are prepared to scalp the Omaha telegraphers, or at least give it a trial.

Bros. Shaffer and Leffel have the candy jobs at North Cypress, but the recent flood put them out of business a few days. Sister Hequembourg, at Nearman, was surrounded by water, but refused to retreat, as she has had ample opporunity during past floods to become thoroughly familiar with the antics of the old Missouri River.

Bro. A. B. Campbell, of lower yard, Atchison, is getting to be quite a fisherman, making triweekly trips to the Missouri lakes, and returns with good strings and stories.

Bro. J. E. Duncan has resumed duty at Shannon, relieving Bro. Fisher, who bumped Walker at Leavenworth.

Bro. Collyer has been doing relief work at Atchison relay office, and was relieved by Operator Lott at Thirteenth street. Lott is an old-time Missouri Pacific telegrapher, but this is his first work at the key for several years.

Bro. Blacketer, of St. Joe, recently made his parents at Everest a short visit. Oscar is hankering for a job in relay office at Atchison to secure an opportunity to drill for train dispatcher.

The offices on the Crete branch have been opened as "exclusive Western Union telegraph offices." That branch has never had more than one wire and one train each way a day. duties of station agent and Western Union operator are performed by the same man, who receives the magnificent sum of \$35.00 per month, regardless of the fact that these men clearly come under Article I of our schedule, and are telegraphers, performing the duties of telegraphers beyond the shadow of a doubt. Are you wide awake, Mr. Missouri Pacific Telegrapher? If not. this action upon the part of the company should be an eye-opener to you. Several years ago the Burlington was equipped with \$35.00 telegraphers, but we never dreamed that the Missouri Pacific would reach this level.



We were in error last month in stating that Bro. Densmore had returned to Dunbar as agent. Bro. Densmore will remain at Talmage, and no bumping will be permitted.

Bro. Johnson has been a very busy man during the flood, as Kansas City, Kan., was made a terminal for some time on account of trains being unable to cross the Kaw River.

We have enough members in Atchison to start a Sunday school class. Bros. Collyer, Hoffheinz and Taylor at upper yard. Bros. Carmody and Campbell at lower yard, and Bros. Johnson and Daniels at "CB," relay office.

Southern Kansas Division-

It would seem that about everything worth saying had been said, and about all that is worth writing has been written, but we find it an easy matter to add another mite; another grain of sand on the seashore; one more drop of water in the barrel. Some of the boys are pretty badly disappointed over the nine-hour law. Permit me to remind you, my Christian friend, that law was not placed on the federal statutes in order to make your feather-bed softer, nor to dot your pathway with a sweet-scented rose, but simply to promote public safety. There is nothing about it for us to greet with a whoop or criticise with a frown. It is true that the law has resulted in reducing hours in some cases, which we all welcome, while in others a hardship has been imposed. However, it is safe to say that when business becomes normal, the crop commences to move, and if we have time to take an inventory of our stock in trade, we will have lost nothing. So the one-station man need not worry about the nine-hour law.

Our local superintendent has been transferred to Osawatomie. We trust that we have as good a man; he could not be better.

We have three or four nons on the division, and to you, let me say just a word: We do not recommend the Order for everything, for instance, we do not claim that it will take corns off of your toes or grow hair on a bald head, but bear in mind that it has helped others that were worthy. You might need a little help sometime. I am exceedingly anxious to place all the boys on the line in good standing, commencing June 30, 1908. Permit me to appeal to your fairplay qualities. Do not overlook the good old-fashioned Golden Rule logic, just slightly modernized: Let your relations with your fellow man be such that you can look him square in the eye and tell him to go straight to ---. Kindly make applications to your local chairman for blanks. He will be pleased to furnish them at once, and other information you may wish. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

St. Louis District-

Bro. Goff, third trick at Valley Park, resigned; relieved by Bro. Shepherd, who has not been working since Labadie nights, was closed.

Bro. Hemple, nights at St. Auberts, bid in Boonville nights; relieved by E. F. Ford.

Bro. Walkley returned to Washington, relieving Mr. Powell, who went to Morrison to relieve Bro. Turner, but only stayed a few days on account of getting injured while wrestling baggage, and was relieved by Bro. Tipton, night man; he being relieved by Bro. Williams.

Bro. Duncan, nights at Chamois, visiting in Illinois; relieved by Operator Backshies, who stayed a few nights, and was relieved by "Red" Hunt.

Bro. Joe Ford relieved his father at Etlah a few days, and was relieved at New Haven by Bro. Martin.

Operator McClennan, nights at Dundee, laying off; relieved by Bro. Martin.

Bro. Walkley relieved Bro. Davis at Jefferson City several days, then relieved Bro. Cook, third trick. Both brothers sick.

Bro. Walkley relieved at Washington by Mr. Powell.

Bro. Wood, days at Washington, relieved agent several days on account of sickness; he relieved by Mr. Powell; he relieved by Bro. Oman from Blackwater. Blackwater being closed several nights on account of high water on River Route.

Bro. James, third trick at Washington, laying off on account of sickness at home; relieved by Operator Pitts, a new-comer, without colors.

Business was picking up some during high water, as we handled Rock Island and Katy trains for ten days or two weeks, besides our own.

CERT. 243.

Osawattomie Division-

In April journal it was stated that Mrs. Gertrude Miller was now agent and operator at Delaware. This should have read: Sister Julia H. Miller, who was agent at Kipp, and was relieved by her daughter, Miss Gertrude Miller. It was stated that Bro. Harry Miller had left for "parts" unknown. This was not meant as in anyway derogatory to Bro. Miller, simply that we did not know where he had gone. Bro. Miller is now at Hays City, Kan., for U. P. Railway.

Frisco Ry.

Pages might be written under the caption, "Davis Had His Banquet," but we will content ourselves by giving the mere facts:

At the first meeting held by the Springfield local of Division No. 32, Bro. J. H. Davis suggested we have a banquet to celebrate the eighthour law, but his proposition did not carry. At the next meeting no one could get in a word, Davis did all the talking, and it was all banquet talk, but it again failed to pass. However, at the following meeting he took the floor and, judging from the way he waded in, he would have been talking yet had his banquet proposition not been adopted.

Bro. Davis was appointed chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, and it was largely due to his tircless efforts that the swellest function ever given by Division No. 32, or any other division for that matter, was pulled off at the Colonial

Hotel on the evening of the 25th of April. Bros. Wolfe and Flaherty assisted Bro. Davis, and, as to their efficiency, the 100 guests who were present can testify.

We quote the following from the Springfield Daily Republican:

"Division No. 32 of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, which includes the entire Frisco system, and boasts of a membership of over 1,000, gave a banquet at the Colonial Hotel last night in honor of Hon. A. P. Murphy, of Rolla, former member of Congress from the Sixteenth District of Missouri, who is the author of the eight-hour bill passed at the last session of Congress for the relief of the railroad telegraphers. Covers were laid for 150 guests. The dining room of the beautiful hostelry was appropriately decorated for the occasion, and a profusion of sweet-scented flowers added to the beauty of the scene.

"The national officers of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, who graced the occasion with their presence, were: A. D. Thurston, of St. Louis, founder of the Order; H. B. Perham, national president; L. W. Quick, grand secretary and treasurer; C. E. Layman, of Troutville, Va., chairman of the board of directors; A. O. Sinks, of Portland, Ore., member of the board; George E. Joslin, of Providence, R. I., member of the board; George O. Forbes, of Montreal, Canadian member of the board; C. G. Kelso, of Springfield, general chairman of the division; J. E. McQuade, general secretary and treasurer of the division. The committee in charge of the banquet was composed of J. H. Davis, N. Wolfe and D. A. Flaherty.

"The officers of Division No. 32, who were present at the banquet, included C. G. Kelso, Springfield, general chairman; J. E. McQuade, Springfield, secretary and treasurer; P. E. Daugherty, Fort Scott, Kan., local chairman; C. A. Emory, Sikeston, Mo., local chairman; J. A. Huekeby, Sikeston, Mo., assistant local chairman; C. C. Larson, Chester, Okla., local chairman; J. W. Kemp, Hugo, Okla., local chairman; F. G. Casey, Oklahoma City, local chairman; P. M. Gamble, Neodesha, Kan., local chairman; J. E. Jones, Atlanta, local chairman; J. M. Flinn, Olive Branch, Miss., local chairman; J. M. Bennett, Newburg, Mo., local chairman.

"C. G. Kelso acted as toastmaster and introduced the different speakers in a most pleasing manner. The Hon. A. P. Murphy delivered a masterful address after he had been presented to the guests as the homespun Missourian.

"In opening his remarks he told of his work in this city years ago, when the Frisco system kept but three operators.

"'I worked then,' said the speaker, 'until I became manager and until there was a change in superinendents. I was discharged because my way did not suit the new superintendent. But he was not contented with dismissing me from the office here, but he placed me on the black list.

"'I made up my mind at that time that some day my name would be on a different list. I made up my mind then that the treatment would not always be that way."

"After these words Mr. Murphy reviewed the fight made to get the eight-hour bill through. He stated the three objections made by the railroad magnates to the bill. The first reason urged against its passage was that the organization does not allow the art of telegraphy to be taught, and that a supply of operators could not be secured for this reason. The claim that the passage of the bill would bankrupt every railroad in the country was one of the strongest arguments used by the railroad companies.

"'I believe,' continued the speaker, "that it will cost every railroad \$100 per day for every day that this law is being violated or evaded.'

"In concluding his remarks he said:

"'There never was a better set of men in all the world than the telegraph operators. God never made a better class of men. I know whereof I speak because I have been with them.'

"A. D. (Dad) Thurston spoke at some length upon the organization of the Order. 'I realize the respect you have for me, but you must know, as I do, that I could not have founded and organized this Order had it not been for the assistance of many of those who are present tonight.'

"J. E. McQuade, George O. Forbes, and others, also responded to the request of the toastmaster.

"Those present were: George E. Joslin, Providence, R. I.; George O. Forbes, Springfield Junction, N. S.; C. E. Layman, Troutville, Va.; A. O. Sinks, Portland, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. C. F Moffitt, Turner, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. David Meeker, Norwood, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Daugherty, Ft. Scott, Kan.; J. N. Dishman and wife, Ozark; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Miller, Ft. Scott, Kan.; J. G. Campbell and wife, Rolla, Mo.; R. C. Beale and wife, Aurora, Mo.; B. F. Smith, Marionville, Mo.; A. B. Stram, Monett, Mo.; C. E. Carney, Monett, Mo.; C. W. Gardner, Republic, Mo.; G. C. Roope, Republic, Mo.; T. D. Daniel, Jonesboro, Ark.; Grace Richardson, Marshfield, Mo.; S. O. Haynes, Marshfield, Mo.; Dora Haynes, Marshfield, Mo.; Elmer R. Haymer, Marshfield, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Bradshaw, Marshfield, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. W. McNew, Strafford; A. D. Thurston, St. Louis; L. W. Quick, St. Louis; H. B. Perham, St. Louis; J. H. Marshall, San Francisco; W. A. Tayman, Nichols; B. S. Anderson, El Paso; M. E. Lingenfetter, Upola, Kan.

"The following were from Springfield: Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Kelso, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McQuade, D. M. Kelso, N. R. Wolfe, Miss Willean Groves, Edward T. Ellitt, Ruth Whitmire, F. N. Clayton, E. V. Collins, E. W. Smith, F. C. Schmidt, Mrs. Mollie Roth, Mary Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Lyons, G. F. and Miss Florence Logan, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McAfee, J. H. Davis, D. A. Flaherity, Miss Marie Jones, W. B. Holland, Mrs. Gertrude Perkins, Miss Maude Dishman, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Moss, L. H. Bolander and Miss Mae Bell, of St. Louis.

"THE MENU.

Bullion in Cups. Queen Olives. Saratoga Flakes. Hot-house Radishes.

Planked White Fish a la Colonial. Beef Tenderloin with Mushrooms.

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Little Dot Peas. Mashed Potatoes

Banquet Rolls. Fruit Salad.

Banana Ice-cream.

Bent's Water Crackers.

Northern Division-

Assorted Cakes. American Cheese.

Cafe Noir."

E. W. Smith, Div. Cor.

June opens up with not much doing in the news inc. The May journal came out with nothing from the Frisco in it, but, nevertheless, I sent in a nice bunch of dope in two installments, and we should have had a good write-up, but must have been crowded out.

One of our \$25.00 agents went wrong. Jess Smith, a young man who was checked into the agency at Scott Junction the last of March. It seems as if so much prosperity was too much for Jess, or the metropolitan life of the city was more than he could stand, for he stocked up on jagwater and got arrested for having too much of it on hand. Then the traveling auditor came around just as he had paid his fine and got loose from the minions of the law, checked him up, and found him something over \$100 short in his accounts. Jess tried to make his get-away while the process of checking up was going on, but they nabbed him at Paola off No. 104 one morning, and clapped him in jail again. Verily, the way of the transgressor is hard.

After this little excitement, they put on three men at Scott Junction for a few days, and then closed it nights. Bro. W. S. Butler resumes the agency, working a twelve-hour day trick. Bros. Kepler and Bowers worked the second and third tricks there while they lasted.

Bro. C. A. Teubner bumped at Fontana by Mr. W. L. Skipper, from Opolis. Bro. Teubner took second trick at Pleasanton, and Bro. Ben Butler, who was working the trick, took third trick there, letting Bro. Kepler, who was working as relief for Bro. Fleshner, out. Bro. Fleshner bumped Bro. Husted at Pendleton, and have not heard from Bro. Husted since.

The paid apprentices at Hillsdale and Spring Hill were taken off the last of May. One of them is baggage smasher at Olathe now, and the other is a "phone boy" at Bonita.

The writer took a trip down the line recently and met a few of the boys. Coming back, who should get on the train at Fontana but our local chairman, Bro. P. E. Daugherty. Said he was out trying to round-up a few backsliders. I was surprised to learn the number of men that are delinquent, but they will all come back in, all right. We must keep our lines solid. Nothing less will do.

Mr. G. N. Samuels, agent at Pleasanton, was taken sick June 1st, and the station was placed in charge of Bro. Teubner, second trick operator, and ex-agent at Fontana. Bro. Graves was sent there to take Bro. Teubner's trick. Mr. Samuels was reported, later, to be very sick; unable to speak and tell them the combination of the safe. We hope he will soon recover.

Bro. C. Alden, formerly agent at Lenexa, took second trick at Hillsdale, which let Bro. Bowers out.

Mr. W. P. McCool is working at Olathe in a store, I understand, and likes it better than railroading. Lots of the boys have gone into other lines of business since the "shake-up," and they will not return. There will come a time when the railroads will be crying and hunting for operators again, and it is very likely that their cries will not be answered, and their hunt far from successful.

C. O. Whitford, formerly agent at Garland, was checked in as agent at Pleasanton. Mr. Samuels reported no better.

W. B. Kepler relieving C. Alden, second trick at Hillsdale. Graves went from Pleasanton to Lamar.

There have been several changes in telephone kids and \$25.00 agents recently, but I do not think they are worth mentioning.

S. K. Elder, of Mason City, Iowa, with the Chicago Great Western, was down visiting his old haunts around Linton and Prescott recently. He promised to drop in for a smoker with ye scribe, but so far we have smoked alone.

High water at Kansas City and along the Kaw River, west of there, made it necessary for the Santa Fe, Rock Island and Union Pacific to use our line between Kansas City and Olathe, and the Rock Island between Kansas City and Paola. The boys at Olathe had a pretty busy time of it handling the trains for the five roads. The telegraph station at Lackmans was opened up temporarily, and a night operator placed at Bonita.

Bonita is a night and day telephone office, and while they had a night man there they worked him twelve hours, and also worked the three phone men their regular tricks. Bro. Graves did the telegraphing at Bonita. Graham and Gillihan were two of the trio at Lackmans. Did not learn who the other man was.

Miss Howard, formerly of "OX" office, is relieving Mr. Belknap at Rosedale. Bro. W. B. Kepler relieved Bro. Alden, second trick at Hillsdale a while this month, and, at this writing, is relieving the third trick man at Paola, Bro. Hobson.

Business is picking up on this end of the system. The train crews are all working full time. We had forty-nine trains in the twenty-four hours, June 21st, and fifty trains June 22d. This averages up a little better than one every thirty minutes. While the rush of foreign trains detouring between Olathe and Kansas City was on, they

handled eighty-five or ninety trains every day between those points.

Cert. 1228.

Springfield Division-

Our regular meeting, June 14th, was very well attended. About twenty-five present. Meeting called to order by Bro. Holland. All officers present except three. Five petitions for membership presented and approved. Good talks by Kelso and McQuade, and some hot discussion on various subjects for the good of the Order, by several visiting members. Bro. Fryer was with us again, and we are certainly glad to know we have a member who will ride two hundred miles to be with us. Wish it could be arranged for a larger attendance, and hope every one will get busy on this point, and urge better attendance at the meetings.

Business is picking up along the line. Some increases in the force have already been made, and we are looking for business to be about normal by the first of July, and all idle operators put to work.

CERT. 10.

Kansas City, Clinton & Springfield Ry.

Quite a number of changes on the pike this month; both the north and south end.

Miss Cleary, of Coleman, off for one month's vacation, beginning June 10th; relieved by Telegrapher Rhn, a student from Fairplay. We "13" Miss Cleary is spending her vacation with her parents at Springfield.

Telegrapher Glendon, at Raymore, off on indefinite vacation; relieved by Bro. Bamford.

Bro. Bamford, from Hartwell, giving up same on account of reduction of salary, and taking out the Western Union wire. Ye scribes were getting scared, too, as they talked of getting us also.

Bro. Dempsey, of Phenix, transferred to Walnut Grove. "JD" has wanted Walnut Grove for some time, and we hope he will like it there. We "13" he is going to take a short vacation on important business in the near future.

Telegrapher Nettles, from Daugherty, relieved Bro. Dempsey at Phenix. Phenix is not a very desirable place, but Nettles don't carry a card.

Telegrapher Barret, of Eudora, takes Bro. Bamford's place at Hartwell. Mr. Barrett relieved by Miss Lucile Smythe, from the Springfield ham factory. She sends the code that none of the boys can understand; only we notice she has changed Walnut Grove's call from "MF" to "NF."

Bro. Pedicord, of Osceola, off on month's vacation; relieved by Bro. Otto Gage, of Urich.

CERT. 1304.

B. & O. Ry.

Wheeling Division-

I desire to call your attention to the fact that our horizon is being darkened by two dangerouslooking clouds, namely, the non and the student. Since the application of the nine-hour law to the telegrapher there has been a grand rush of applications for apprenticeship, and the surprising feature of this is that the average telegrapher seems blind to his own interests, and encourages the student, at the same time knowing that there are hundreds of telegraphers out of employment, and that the student he is harboring and teaching is coming in line to step into the first vacancy, thus keeping a worthy brother and competent telegrapher out of employment. Do not forget your obligations to your brother. You owe to them all assistance that is in your power to give. If you keep this in view you will find you have no time for the student.

Now, another important question, worth more than passing consideration, is the non-member. I am not going to name them to you, but if you look around you will find them in your office. They are feeding from our trough with a relish of seemingly more gluttonous appetite and less appreciation than the member with an up-to-date card in his pocket. The nerve of them completely surpasses my comprehension. I have thirty-eight cards which show my loyalty to the Order for half as many years. During that time I have seen the wages go up from \$40.00 to \$62.50, and the day reduced from twelve to eight hours. In fact, there was no limit to a day's work prior to 1890. I have put in eighteen hours many a time for a day. The question of overtime was undebatable, so far as the company was concerned.

Our future depends on our loyalty. If we suppress the student, and keep the non alive to the fact that he is drawing each month from the company at least \$15.00 that the Order has secured for him; that he has an unlimited amount of gall; that if he desires any favors from us he must get in line, and that if he is not man enough to pay up and be a man, that we do not wish to pay up and be a man, that we do not wish to affiliate with him any longer, and that we would be obliged to him to take his snout out of our trough.

I have posted the former razorback conspicuously, so that the non can see his image at all times, while on duty. I suggest you all do likewise.

CERT. 6.

Connellsville Division-

Six new members caught in Bro. "Bill's" O. R. T. dragnet since last write-up. Not a bad record for the old division.

Bum turnout at last meeting. Too many factions and personal grievances. Cut these silly things out, and come in.

Bro. Bowers has returned to his old flame, "Q" Junction, first trick. Bro. Bowers never lost his head from the weight of the papier mache T. D. crown, and a more popular little dispatcher never issued a "31" out of "VI."

Bro. S. M. DeHuff, "D," Connellsville, spent a week's vacation about Hyndman with his wife and daughter.

Bro. Reynolds, formerly of Cassellman, now rules supreme on first trick at Confluence.

Bro. J. G. Kuhn has been assigned to night managership at "D," Connellsville. Bro. Furt-

aey, who formerly held this position, is working extra at present about Connellsville, but rumor has it he will soon be surrounded by yard masters at "RN," Connellsville days.

Bro. C. B. Kelly now satisfactorily installed at Greene Junction, third trick.

There is a very excellent place for a \$5.00 investment just at present. Prospects bright for big returns. Better take advantage of it at once.

The two new Underwood typewriters furnished "D," Connellsville, are proving very beneficial to the boys doing the stunt there.

Bros. Barfoot, Snodgrass, DeHuff, Lehew and Phenice were members of a base ball team which played the crack Dawson club a nine-inning tie on the latter's grounds, June 15th. The game was called at the end of the ninth inning to allow the telegraphers to catch a train. The playing of Bros. Barfoot and Phenice was easily the feature of a very interesting game. Score at end of the ninth was 6 to 6.

To see Bro. Phenice perform on a base ball diamond one would wonder why he continues to 0. S. trains at \$60.00 per.

The above also applies to Bro. Barfoot.

Orders for fancy chicken egg's settings will be promptly filled upon receipt of price by Bro. Bloom, of Cooks Mills.

The pay-day celebrations are gradually becoming fewer and fewer on the division.

Bro. L. A. Maust, for years agent at Garrett, Pa. has left the service. He is succeeded by Mr. W. H. Hoffmyer.

Bro. Bartholemew is again at his old post, Markleton, first trick. Bro. Reynolds gave Bart a little scare, but it didn't last long.

Bro. Lohr, third trick at "RX," Rockwood, is the star pitcher in the Somerset County League. He is playing with the Rockwood team, and has won his five last games.

Bro. Vincent, of Brook, has returned from a visit to his home in Ohio.

Bro. Margroff, of Hyndman, had a few days' vacation recently. He was circulating among his many friends in Confluence, and was accompanied by his wife.

Bro. Green, of Markleton is an admirer of the Ursina base ball team and may be seen at all their home games, whooping, yelling, perspiring and plugging for a victory for his favorites.

Bro. Bartholomew, of Markleton, and Bro. Prince are in the poultry business this season.

Bro. Thornton has also stepped up by being assigned to the position of wire chief in Connellsville.

If we are reliably informed, there is a "smokebouse" located at Bidwell, Mr. Phenice posing as master of all ceremonies. DIV. Cor.

Cleveland Division-

Nearing vacation time again, and as the boys are getting their regular leave of absence, it is a hard time on your division correspondent, as he

has to hustle, and then can not keep abreast of the moves.

Bro. Evans, third trick at Beach City, has had some rather startling experiences with night callers lately. A few nights ago a man came to his window and asked for a drink of water. He was told to come inside and get a drink, but remained standing outside, whereupon Bro. Evans took a drink outside to him, but he would not drink that water, saying, "You are trying to poison me," and threw the water out. dipping up and drinking instead, some rainwater that had gathered by the waiting-room door. The poor fellow was wet from head to foot, and said he had been down to the creek trying to drown himself, but the water was not deep enough, and that he was going to lay down upon the track and let a train finish him. All efforts to get him to go inside the office were fruitless, and he finally made his escape down the track, and was found next morning wandering around in Strasburg, the next town. It was finally discovered that he was from Brooklyn, N. Y., and was on his way to some point in Pennsylvania, and had apparently lost his mind, got off the train, and was thus wandering around. He was held at Strasburg for a few hours, and upon recovering his reason, as strangely as he lost it, he returned home.

Not long after this, in the wee sma' hours of the morning, a couple of husky fellows, one believed to be a negro and the other white, walked into the waiting-room at Beach City and knocked on the office door. Bro. Evans asked who was there, and was told he would find out when they got inside, and began to kick upon the door. He told them to stop, or he would shoot through the door at them. They went outside and shot through the window. Bro. Evans put out the lights and crept to a place of safety, then returned their fire, and scared them away. All efforts to trap the rascals were in vain.

Bro. S. D. Beir, first trick at Seville, off June 10th visiting friends; relieved by relief operator.

Mr. C. E. Jacobs, second trick at Seville, off for a couple of weeks' vacation. Bro. Elford working second trick during his absence, and Bro. Pope working third trick at present. We expect Mr. Jacobs to join our ranks soon.

Bro. Pope, "the physical culturist," came to Seville from Akron, Howard street, where he relieved Bro. Schott, third trick, while Bro. Schott was off sick a few days.

Bro. V. E. Goodrich, first trick at Uhrichsville, absent from duty on acount of rheumatism, being relieved by Bro. Gooden. We hope the sickness of Bro. Goodrich is not of a serious nature, and that he will be promptly answering his call at "X" as usual, in a very few days.

Bro. Goodrich, of Valley District, at present working second trick at South Park. Understand the other man, a Mr. Gereson, or some such name, laying off at request of the company, for the six months twice a year period.

Bro. O. F. Weaver, New Philadelphia, off Decoration Day; relieved by Bro. Evans, from Beach City.

Bro. "Mike" Blackstone, of Chicago Junction, is visiting among the boys on this division.

Bro. B. H. Betton assigned to Columbia, third trick.

H. H. Baumgardner is new extra man on this division, coming here from the C. & M. Railway. Unable to say if he has a card, but think he is one of the boys.

Old reliable, Bro. Stafford, at Lorain, took suddenly sick while on duty, and was relieved a few days by regular relief operator.

The dues for hall rent from July 1st to December 31st, are now due. Those who have not remitted same will kindly do so soon as convenient. Ten cents a month, boys, and remit to Bro. A. F. Blank, S. and T., Massillon, Ohio.

Understand quite a number of students being hung out on the Valley now. Ham offices, or shops, located at Mineral City, 3; East Akron, 2; Peninsula, 1; Boston Mill, 1.

Harry Marlow relieving Bro. Lampe at Everett for a few, days.

DIV. Cor.

Baltimore Division -

I "13" our local chairman was very much disappointed to see such a small crowd at our last meeting, held at Washington Junction. Boys, try and all come to next meeting, and help to push the good cause along. Did you ever stop to think how nice the new schedule looked to you, and how much you appreciated it, and say the O. R. T. is the real thing? Still, on the other hand, did you ever think how much you had done towards securing this new schedule, how many times you had attended the meetings, how many members you had put in the union, how often you let your dues drop, and still wishing and waiting for a new schedule year after year? Can you say, "I've done my duty, I've worked hard for this schedule for this extra compensation?" So many of us can not. Now, boys, wake up, do your duty, attend your meetings, keep your dues paid up, never fall again. Work while you work and play while you play. Work now and in a few years it will come our time to play.

Business in the freight line has picked up somewhat in the last few weeks. We are all glad to see the company's business improving.

Bro. Warfel has erected a large store room at Barnesville, which will be opened in the near future. It helps the looks of our little town very much. Wonder if he will sell only union goods?

The Hall system is now being operated over Washington branch, Baltimore to Washington, and over the Metropolitan branch, from Washington to Germantown. I "13" everything is moving lovely. This caused several offices to be cut out, but I think all parties affected have been placed at other offices.

Following vacancies exist—Baltimore Division for June: Monropia, second trick; Ellicott City, first and second tricks.

Vacancies filled last month: Hollofield, C. D. Sullivan.

Don't forget the coming election, boys. Vote for the man that will stand by you and ask your friends to do likewise. Do not elect a man who will down organization, who will not defend the laboring class. Do not overlook this when you cast your vote next November.

Bro. J. W. Williams, of Boyds, expects to attend the convention at Denver on the 7th of July, thence to New Mexico to visit relatives. We all wish him a pleasant trip.

Bro. Austin is now working third trick at Boyds. Bro. G. W. Crump, of Barnesville, Md., has taken a snapshot of B. & O. engine No. 2120, one that collided with train No. 66, Terra Cotta, D. C., December 30, 1906, killing forty-three passengers. Same printed on post cards and will be mailed to any address, three for twenty-five cents. He will appreciate all orders.

Boys, if you will send me a few notes about the 20th of each month will be glad to have same placed in our journal each month. "73" to all.

CERT. 1546.

Newcastle Division-

Bro. Robinson, first trick, and Bro. Sarff, third trick at Newcastle Junction, traded off for a couple of weeks, so Bro. Robinson could play ball. Bro. Etter worked a day at each end of the trade so as not to violate the nine-hour law.

Mr. Meagher, second trick "NK" tower ((Edenburg), is away on a wedding trip; relieved by (soon to be) Bro. Seiring.

Bro. T. C. Cahill, third trick at Ohio Junction, was called home by the death of his mother; relieved by Bro. Etter. Bro. Cahill has the sympathy of the division.

Bro. E. C. Reid, who worked Newton Falls, third trick, a few weeks, has accepted the agency at Boughtonville, account of wanting to get in a more moist climate. Mr. Post, who was enduring a thirty days' vacation, returning to relieve Bro. Reid.

No change reported in Bro. Jones' condition-Mr. Bell still working first trick.

Bro. G. R. Fisher, who caught the extra work at "FS" tower, while the positions were being advertised, is taking a week's vacation; relieved by Bro. McBride. Have not heard who the successful applicant for second trick was.

Bro. Green, first trick Ravenna tower, was off a couple of weeks in June on account of sickness and death of his father-in-law. The ham factory at "TF" tower (Kent) was transferred to Ravenna, first trick, to relieve Bro. Green. Professor Russell (better known as Coal Oil Willie) and his student making the move. It is reported that Bro. Green, on his return, called on the health officer to disinfect the office to clear it of the smell of "ham" and cigarettes.

Mr. Fearer relieved the "Professor."



Bro. Schatz, second trick at "TF" tower (Kent) is now settled down to quiet life, returning from Defiance, Ohio, with his bride, May 26th.

Bro. Gray, third trick at Akron Junction, took a two weeks' layoff the 1st of June for a honey-moon trip to his home in York State. He is again on the job; was relieved by Bro. McBride,

Weddings seem to be about all the news on the east end this month. It looks as though the boys were pretty well satisfied with the eight-hour day, all positions being on eight hours, except Painesville, West Farmington and Boughtonville, which are on nine hours, and both offices, Easton, "SK," and "X," on twelve hours and no violations of the law. The night yardmaster at Deforest Junction did work twelve hours, but the position has been abolished and three eight-hour telegraphers put on, so we understand, with Mr. Reed as yardmaster during the day. Bro. Pennell, who was night yardmaster, now has a chance to pick his job, and his seventeen years seniority puts a good many in danger of a "bump." It is said he is making eyes at first trick, Ravenna. We hope second and third trick men will be put back on at Easton offices again soon to relieve Bros. Smith and Stephenson of their twelve-hour stunts.

We have not heard who got West Farmington, second trick, on the bulletin. A Mr. Biddle was working it during advertisement.

Bros. Milburs and Cecil, as telegraphers, and Bro. Waldron, as yardmaster and telegrapher for une hours at night, are doing the stunts at Painesville. Business on the Lake Division is picking up, likewise on the main line, which we are all glad to see. We hope the telegraphers will get wise to the fact that sleeping on duty or non-confirming of block means a thirty-day wacation. It is all right to take a vacation, but you can get it another way, which will be more to your credit and less of a disgrace to the Order which represents you.

Bro. C. A. Brillhart, who held third trick "SK" office, Easton, and Bro. Lee Sweet, third trick "X" office, Easton, are now holding down first and third tricks at "MR" tower (Homer, Ohio). They evidently prefer city life.

No weddings to report on the west end. Boys, if you want to get married, go to the east end, Cupid works overtime there.

Extra men are more plentiful than ever before, and men asking for a chance to get on the extra list, but "nothing doing." It must keep the division operator awake nights as much now to find work for his extra man as it did a couple of years ago to find men to fill the offices.

July 1st is the date when we should have the new card in our clothes or a receipt for dues paid. We have a couple who are behind with their dues, but hope to see them fully paid up to date again. Remember, that while Uncle Sam gave us the nine-hour day, there was a "man behind the gun" who furnished the ammunition, and who stood at the front until the nine-hour day was a reality, and it was the membership, 40,000 strong, which enabled President Perham to do the good work

for which I am sure all telegraphers (O. R. T. men, I mean) give him full credit.

Pay your dues and M. B. D. promptly and protect your family and yourself. Div. Con.

Western District, Cumberland Division-

Our meeting night, May 21st, arrived, and as it had been raining for the last six months, all business was put in order and mailed to lodge room on morning mail. We had an idea Old Noah had ordered some water to try his new ark. About 4 p. m. all were making preparations to go to lodge. Our chairman started for Piedmont. After going five miles on a helper, the mountain went on a coasting trip, when it stopped. So did the B. & O. R. R., but the chairman was sure in it; five miles of a walk would get him to Piedmont, where he could eat and sleep. Arrived at P. we find Bros. Lovenstine, Fraley, Stevenson, Fazenbaker. The figure on track was eighteen hours; no lodge for east end boys. One of our brothers then started out to hunt for a pair of union-made shoes. After canvassing the whole town we found the Douglas shoe. There is one store in Piedmont that handles union-made shirts, and one store that sells Douglas shoes. Now, boys, no excuse for absence of label.

In Keyser the disappointment was as great as at other points east of slide. Here Bro. Melody was on deck, but as tide was running too high for B. & O. trains he had to give it up.

We hear Foxy, at Keyser, is now doing a fine prospect on first crop of peaches. Glad, indeed. We all wish him success; by the way, he is the only O. R. T. man in "KY" office. Mr. Burke and Mr. White can not see why it is for their benefit to pay in to our Order. We are very glad to say that we are all the mustard on these kind of men, and we feel they will get worked up when their oldest boy will ask them, "Pop, are you a union man?"

We are very sorry indeed to have to say it, but charges are filed against Bro. Baker for teaching a student, as the investigation is set for June 18th. We hope to see all charges settled to suit the majority. We trust this will keep all young brothers on their guard, for our local will expel every brother who can be proven guilty of this act.

We are pleased to say, Bro. Carrico, of Rowlesburg; Bro. Fisher, of Piedmont, also Bro. Dyer, of Piedmont, all have taken out a paid-up ticket to ride on O. R. T. wagon down grade, and to get out and help shove up and over all bad breakers. Mr. Kenny, of Tunnelton, has not joined us yet.

Mr. Cobourn, of Terra Alta, W. Va., is still a professor.

Mr. C. E. Ott and J. Coyle are still holding out; they are some little sore on the W. Va. eighthour deal. We think they are making a mistake, and hope to see them come back and help us with our unfinished work. If those dissatisfied brothers who dropped out will only come back and attend lodge and help us make or build conditions to suit us all, we may then be able to make con-

ditions to fit all concerned; but, boys, you can not benefit your conditions or self outside, so forget it and come back and try again.

We are pleased with Bro. W. T. Roush, of Newburg, W. Va., who has spent his spare time since coming to us trying to build up all weak points and educate the younger element to the meaning of unionism. He also has stirred up some very warm feelings with members who had quit attending meetings. Now, boys, if you are in search of an experienced man for local chairman turn your attention to him; he has had wide experience, and has a head full of broad views. We all owe him much for his good work since he arrived, and we hope to have him long with

Bro. Hosler, of Grafton, the local chairman of that division, is out late and early looking for members. We feel his name will be well up to the head on prize list, and we hope to see a B. & O. system man get it. We have the promise of five new members June pay. Our percentage is now 84, and still growing, which after next payday will find us near the top.

Meeting at Oakland, June 18th, called to order by Bro. C. M. Pennington, local chairman. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved, and we had a very good attendance, and hope it will continue so in the future.

It was moved and carried that names of all nons be read at each regular meeting, and same be published in journal.

We sent a small donation to Samuel Gompers through Frank Morrison, A. F. of L secretary, but failed to receive any acknowledgment of same to assist in legal battle against injunction of freedom of speech and press. We received a very satisfactory report of local receipts and expenses from Local Treasurer E. A. Shaffer.

Trial of Bro. J. J. Baker was taken up and postponed until next regular meeting in July. Bro. Roush extended thanks to lodge for kindness shown him. Bro. Pennington responded by thanking Bro. Roush for good work done while among us and the lodge wished him good luck wherever he may be.

Understand G. W. Chambers, who works first trick at Hancock, W. Va., has started a ham factory. This man dropped out of the O. R. T. and is now doing something which is lower than a scab. A non in "WC" office refused to work with the student.

It was unanimously moved to extend a vote of thanks to our past local chairman, C. W. Staub, for the good work he did for the west end Cumberland Division in the past. Therefore, in accordance with the above motion, I wish to thank him in the name of the lodge for all his aid to us while local chairman of the west end Cumberland Division. We know that when he accepted the office it was at a great sacrifice, not only to himself, but his family as well, and we also fully know that to keep up the work of a local chairman on this is no sinecure, and that many happy hours that rightfully belonged to himself and fam-

ily were sacrificed for the common good, and the Order in general; we therefore extend to him our appreciation for what he did for us, and hope in this way to at least pay the interest on the great debt of gratitude we feel that we owe him

It is said that a man's works shall live after him, so also shall his in the hearts of the boys of the west end, Cumberland Division.

Many thanks to Bros. "CM" and "El)" for local news, and by time next journal is to be issued we will not have to publish any names of nons on our end.

CERT. 129.

Monongah Division-

An enthusiastic meeting was held at Flatwoods, W. Va., May 26th, in the Red Men's hall. Meeting called to order by our local chairman, C. E. Hosler, of Grafton, W. Va., in the chair, at 10:30 p. m. On account of the distance, some of the brothers had to come we were rather late in getting assembled. Bro. K. O. Wade, of Heaters, was appointed secretary, Bro. Samples sentinel and Bro. Knight, marshal. Upon examination of current cards, all present were found to be entitled to remain, and the regular routine of business was gone through with as speedily as possible, and nothing for the good of the Order was overlooked. Owing to the volume of business transacted we were in session until I o'clock a. m. This was the first opportunity ever offered the brothers on the W. Va. & P. branch to attend an O. R. T. meeting, and it did our hearts good to see the turn-out, and the interest that was manifested by the brothers, who all joined in the able discussions which arose; every one feeling as if his whole heart was in his work. This was far the largest meeting of the kind ever attended by the writer, who feels proud of the work. The hall is large, and seated us all comfortably, and every brother had a chance to spread himself to his heart's content, and they did.

At 11:30 p. m. we adjourned to the Garrison Hotel and partook of the banquet spread for the benefit of all, and it surely was great. The tables literally groaned under the weight of the good things of life. The landlady knows how to get at the appetite of an operator, and they did justice to the layout. The brothers tender a vote of thanks to the hotel management for the magnificent treatment shown them in every respect. After the banquet we reassembled at the hall and finished up the business.

We must not forget Bro. Waggoner, of Flatwoods, who knows just how to show the boys a good time in his home town, and make them all feel welcome. He secured the hall free of all costs for us, and assisted in arranging the banquet.

Everybody was well pleased, and enjoyed themselves hugely, and think it is good to be together in the cause. Now, let's get to work and give our best service. The nine-hour law is in effect, and has lightened the burdens of the majority of us on this division, and we should endeavor to

give good service in the discharge of our duty; hold what we have, and look for something better to come our way, and it will, if we keep going the pace we have in the last few months. While there are only a very few offices on this branch that enjoy the nine-hour law, it is up to the balance of us to put up good service, and then we will be justifiable in asking our committee to get us twelve-hour men an increase of wages per hour equal to the nine-hour positions. That is what we must work for. At present we are getting the little end of the horn working twelve consecutive hours per day at the same rate of wages our brother is getting for nine hours' work. This is not justice, and we wish to see it remedied at an early date. Let us stick together on this, and we will gain the day.

Bro. J. W. Spurlock, of Division 90, agent and operator for the Coal & Coke at Orlando, W. Va., attended the meeting at Flatwoods, and gave us a long talk of the conditions on the C. & C.

Bro. Waldo, of Centralia, could not attend the meeting on account of a nice case of the mumps.

Bro. Fury, of Holly Junction, could not attend the meeting on account of the sickness of his wife.

Bro. Samples has resigned his position at Orlando, and is gone. The company filled the vacancy there with a man by the name of Furgeson, who (a non, of course,) only stayed a few days, and locked up and left for parts unknown. He sent the keys to the superintendent, left a bottle of whisky on the desk for his successor, also a board bill, as I understand. But such is the practice of the ham.

Bro. R. E. Smith is working Richwood a few days while Bro. Orahood is taking a short vacation.

Mr. J. A. Minnich, who was expelled from the Order for scabbing in the C. T. U. of A. strike, has resumed duty at Weston shops, after serving sixty days' suspension by the company.

Bro. C. L. Harstock, of the Grand Division, has been appointed agent at operator at Erbacon, W. Va.

Mr. J. W. Stickley has been appointed agent at Pickens, and has promised his application right away.

Mr. W. D. Rollyson, of Camden on Gauley, is spending his vacation at home at Heaters. Bro. Satterfield, the night man, is working his trick. Mr. Rollyson promises to fill out an application and be one of the brothers from this on, and that will make us solid, Clarksburg to Richwood.

Bro. R. Nestor, of Jane Lew, has accepted third trick at W. Va. & P. Junction.

Bro. W. W. Mawrey, of Jane Lew, resumed duty after spending a few days' vacation.

Bro. F. D. Knight is working Arnold a few days while Bro. Matheny is off. Bro. Knight was with us at Flatwoods, and knows just how to inspect cards and current pass-words.

Bro. K. O. Wade is now permanently located at Heaters, his home, and worked hard for the meeting at Flatwoods. Bro. E. J. Nuzun, of Grafton relay office, is off on a short vacation; relieved by Bro. F. L. Losey.

Bro. W. P. Turner, of Grafton relay office, off visiting friends in Washington, D. C.; relieved by Bro. F. L. Reynolds of Fairmont.

Bro. C. L. West, who has been assigned third trick copying job, is moving his family to Grafton from Central.

Bro. W. B. Moffatt, of Parkersburg shop, is working at Cairo a few days on account of circus trains unloading and loading at that point. Bro. C. F. Theiss working his trick.

Sister K. G. Shaughnessay, of Central, is absent for a few days doing shopping. Bro. A. S. Edelan working her trick.

Sister T. E. Lovelle and Bro. J. Griffin, of Cornwallis, are both off a few days. Bro. Doyle is working Bro. Griffin's place. Did not hear who has relieved Sister Lovelle.

Bro. W. A. Duffy, of Webster, is spending a few days' vacation. Bro. J. B. Glenn working his turn.

Mr. F. C. Laughlin, of Clarksburg depot, has resumed duty after spending a few days' vacation. Bro. Nestor relieved him.

The following operators have promised their applications, and ere this is in print it is to be hoped they will be full-fledged members: Mrs. II. J. Cahill, Smithburg; Mr. O. Donnell, agent at Camden on Gauley; Mr. W. R. Long, Shinston; Mr. C. F. Schroeder, Grafton; Mr. W. D. Rollyson, Camden on Gauley, and Mr. J. W. Stickley, Pickens.

The following appointments have been made recently: Bro. A. Lynch, third trick at Byron; Bro. E. F. Ankron, second trick at Tygart Junction; Bro. Q. E. Meyers, third trick at Tygart Junction; Bro. B. H. Gobbel, third trick at Webster; Bro. Ellis Wilson, second trick at Chiefton; Bro. S. Law, second trick at Enterprise; Bro. B. C. Taylor, second trick at Gypsy; Bro. John Doyle, second trick at Petroleum; Bro. U. V. Long, third trick at Parkersburg; Bro. M. M. Johnson, third trick at Parkersburg shop; Bro. M. E. Price, third trick at "WD" tower; V. D. Pringle, second trick and Bro. E. J. Hoover, first trick at Buckhannon; Bro. Joe Hickman, second trick at Byron.

There are many changes on account of closing offices, and the bumping process being applied according to seniority that we can not give all of them.

I have done the best I could with the material at hand, and if the brothers will endeavor to help me each month by sending me items I will do all I can to compile them into reading matter for the journal. But do not expect much if I am to do it alone; it is no easy matter for me to gather the news with no assistance.

The following appointments were made effective June 1st: Second trick Chiefton, Bro. Wilson; second trick W. Va. & P. Junction, Bro. R. S. Smith; second trick "WD" tower, Bro. M. E. Price. The only vacancy now existing is third trick Chiefton, which, I understand, Bro. Shin-

gleton has bid in, and hope he lands it, as it is his home.

Bro. D. J. Curry has returned to "FA," after being off for a while through a mistake in the doctor; he was taken out on account of his eyesight, but glad he has got back to his old stand again.

Bro. E. L. Willey is off on his vacation, being relieved by Bro. J. M. Stiles. Suppose when Bro. Willey returns the dispatchers will start taking their vacations, as Bro. Willey is the extra dispatcher.

Bro. C. A. Stealey held a meeting at his home on the evening of June 22d, at 7:30 p. m., to organize a base ball team. Bros. O. L. Farlow, T. J. Howatt, H. F. Farlow, E. L. Zimmerman and W. W. Satterfield were present, and some other fellows who belong to the B. R. C. Understand that they got up a team all right, and have ordered the outfits. Suppose we will see some great games now.

The boys in "GR" have been taking their vacations early this summer. Most of them have been away and are back at the key again.

While I was reading over the May number of the journal this morning I saw an article by Bro. M. J. Johnson, of the C., B. & Q., and I certainly feel with him that if the officials were to come around among the men once in a while, and get acquainted with each other, and be more generous they would find it more pleasant, and the men would work more for the interest of the company than they do at this time.

CERT. 1198.

To All Members Pittsburg Division, Eastern District:

Bro. H. W. Mason, Carola Apartments, No. 9, 1314 Arch street, N. S., Pittsburg, Pa., has been elected local chairman for the Eastern District of the Pittsburg Division, vice Bro. Will Carr. Any business appertaining to the interest of the organization for that district should be refered to Bro. Mason.

Yours fraternally,

E. N. VAN ATTA, General Chairman.

Pittsburg Division, Eastern and Western Districts—

Regular meeting June 20th, Hotel Wilson, called to order by Bro. Harry W. Mason, who was elected chairman pro tem. on account of both Chairmen Bros. Lanning and Carr being unable to get relief. Regular order of business followed, and a very interesting meeting was the result. Bro. Mason gave us a very interesting talk in regard to several grievances which had been adjusted satisfactorily by Bros. Van Atta, Lanning and himself, but was interrupted by Bro. Baker from "DS" office, who came in all out of breath with a telegram from our general secretary and treasurer, Bro. W. Edgar Frasher, announcing the news of Bro. Mason's election to the chairmanship on the Eastern District of the Pittsburg Divi-

sion to succeed Bro. Carr, resigned. Bro. Mason was forced to suspend business for a few minutes to receive congratulations, which he did in a very graceful manner. Our division is very fortunate, indeed, to have a man of Bro. Mason's caliber who can take up the reins and handle business as it should be. All you need to do now is to support Bro. Mason. Come out to lodge, one and all, and he will do the rest.

We are sorry, indeed, that our train service is such that some of the brothers can not attend, but sincerely hope you will try and be with us as much as possible.

Why don't some of you single fellows get busy and see that our lady members are present? Suppose we appoint Bro. Fitzgibbins, of Hazelwood, a committee of one to see that Sister Cunningham, our popular little girl of Glenwood, is escorted to lodge next meeting? We would also be glad to have Sisters Alley and Magee come around occasionally. We know how to treat you right, and will do all in our power to make the evening-enjoyable.

We certainly can not understand why "DS" office, not fifty feet from our lodge room, can not be represented by others than Bros. Mason and Buck. Brothers, you have been honored by electing our new chairman, Bro. Mason, from your office; now get busy and help us support him. Come around once in a while and let us know you are living. You know where the place is, the time; why your absence?

Our regular meeting night has been changed from the third Saturday of each month to the third Thursday of each month, and we sincerely hope it will prove beneficial. Do not forget this, and bring your neighbors with you.

Bro. Chas. Paul, of Wheeling Junction, on six months' leave of absence, trying a new position in Panama.

Do not forget the dates of our meeting, brothers (every third Thursday of each month), and bring your neighboring brothers along.

We are all glad to note that business is picking up, and trust that it will warrant the opening up of all the closed offices soon.

Mr. Daugherty, formerly first trick at Elfinwild, has left the service, being relieved by Bro. McDonough, who returned from the West.

Bro. Boyer has resumed his trick at Wildwood, after being absent a few weeks with the fever.

We would be very glad to receive Mr. Robinson's papers, which he has promised for some time past.

Mr. Johnson has just served fifteen days more for sleeping on duty. He had better get a card and stay awake, like the rest of the men with cards.

Bro. Secrist, second trick at Ellwood City, has resigned to engage in real estate business. We wish him success in his new field. Dry. Cor.

Notice to All Members Pittsburg Division, Easton and Western Districts:

Our monthly meetings will be held at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield street, up-stairs, on the third Thursday of each month, instead of the third Saturday, as heretofore. Please be governed accordingly, and be present as often as possible.

H. W. Mason,
J. J. Lanning,
Chairmen.

Chicago Division-West District-

Bro. C. J. Marsh bid in Napanee second trick. Bro. C. L. Quigg bid in first trick at Walkerton, Bro. Osborne getting first trick and Bro. Halterman second trick at Wellsboro.

A. C. Allwine, a non, bid in second trick at Cromwell. He is a good running mate for Peg Weaver, who has thus far failed to make good.

We take pleasure in announcing the fact that Bremen and Teegarden are now solid O. R. T.

Bro. Baker, of Ripley, had visions of political honors, but is now resigned to his OS job.

We are sorry to say that some of our old members are now delinquent. If you drop out now you will not get back with the small certificate numbers you now have. I consider it an honor that my certificate number is the smallest of any on the Chicago division, and would have to be very hard up indeed to lose it. Keep up your dues and don't drop out now, when we are just beginning to make our strength felt, and thus keep your original number, which you should be too proud of to lose.

The meeting at Garrett June 19th was not as well attended as usual, and we hope that in future the brothers will endeavor to be present. We have a nice hall to meet in and there is always business of importance which makes it very interesting for the brothers who attend. We earnestly desire each member who can to be present hereafter. Write for your pass in plenty of time and come out. The brothers on the east district have been turning out better than the west district, and we should make an effort to hold our own, as we have good enough train service now to enable us to be present at every meeting. Remember, the third Friday night in each month, and every good brother is expected to be present. CERT. 135.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe has called Bro. J. J. McKerven to the great terminal; be it

Resolved, That to the sorrowing parents and brothers of the deceased we express our heartfelt sympathy, and mingle our tears with theirs in a common grief. We can not doubt that after life's fitful fever their beloved son and brother and our estetmed and loyal comrade rests well, and that sometime, somewhere, in a sphere wherein pain and sorrow can not enter, we will meet and greet him again and part from him no more; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. B. PIERCE,
D. J. McGrath,
E. E. Hurdle,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Providence to call to the great beyond our worthy brother, I. C. Mitchell, removing from our midst a cherished brother, and from his wife a devoted husband; therefore, be it

Resolved, That although we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well, the members of the Monongah District, B. & O. System Division, No. 33, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in his death lost a staunch and worthy friend and brother; be it further

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy, in this their dark hour of sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy be spread on the minutes of this division, and a copy be sent to The Railroad Telegrapher for publication.

C. E. OGDEN,
J. W. RINKER,
C. E. HOSLER,
Committee.

Chicago & Eastern lilinois Ry.

Illinois Division-

On account of nothing taking place this month out of the ordinary, we have nothing to report other than the usual routine of changes, mostly local, although a few have left the service. On account of the over-supply of operators, the West does not seem to offer many inducements to the "boomer" as in former years. Business is steadily increasing on this division—very little, it is true—but still the showing is good for this time of year.

The increase of membership on this division since last report is very gratifying to those interested. At least seventy-five per cent of the nons promise to get cards commencing with the semi-annual period, July 1st. This will make our division almost solid. A splendid time for a rousing good meeting to keep up this interest. We have heard some talk among the brothers for a meeting on the Illinois division. We have always received the best of treatment at meetings on the north end and we wish to show the north end brothers that we can extend the same to them. We feel that if the right party will make the initial step the majority of brothers will promptly respond.

Bro. J. J. Ferguson, formerly of "TY" tower, is working second trick at Tamms; relieved at "TY" by Bro. J. D. Ferguson.



Bro. N. E. See, agent at Fairland, was seen on our division June 15th. He reports O. R. T. prospects good on the Chicago division.

Bro. E. Sands, second trick at Findlay Junction, and Miss Ruby Armstrong, of Longview, were united in marriage Wednesday, June 10th. We extend congratulations to the happy couple.

A brother at Villa Grove reports three invincible nons at that place: Messrs. O. Wood, at "Q;" C. R. Sprinkle, at "VG," and P. W. McKinley, at "VE." We would suggest to the brothers at that point to remember "No card, no favors."

Messrs. F. D. Parry and D. M. Muirhead, of "VG" tower, Villa Grove, promise to make good next pay-day.

Bro. B. D. Thompson, third trick at "VE" tower, is taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. M. L. Uhrich, formerly of Salem Yards.

Mr. R. J. Hooks, agent at Olive Branch, promises to get an up-to-date card the first of July. He formerly belonged to Division No. 93.

Bro. L. Finn, first trick at "SA" tower, is off on a few days' vacation; relieved by Mr. I. G. Laws. Understand Mr. Laws has sent in papers for one of the new cards.

A Mr. Hankins is doing extra work on this division. Says he will be in line soon.

Bro. R. H. Downs, formerly of "VE" tower, bids in first trick at Pana.

Ullin station reopened June 4th, checking in a W. H. Schuman as agent. Unable to learn if he carries the up-to-date or not.

Bro. Bower, second trick at Tamms, has left the service to accept a position with the C. & A. at Chicago.

Bro. Stout, recently with the L. & N., is at present working the day trick as telegrapher at Joppa.

Mr. B. F. Grace, lately of Thebes, has sent in the necessary papers for the new card.

Beware of the traveling gent who wears a button but fails to produce his card. "No card, no favors."

We wish to thank the several brothers for sending in line-ups of their vicinity this month. Come again.

Chicago Division, Terre Haute District-

Allowing for the recent panic and coal strike along with it, business at this time of the year is very good along this division. The two 58's are holding their own. No. 48 and No. 47, "green ball runs," are running almost every night. From the number of coaches that No. 92 carries every day there is surely a good passenger business on the Terre Haute District, and prosperity is surely returning; as I heard a G. P. & T. A. say the other day, that when people began to travel that was a good sign that money matters had opened up.

Boys, how did you like the letter received from Mr. Griffin, C. T. D., stating that Mr. J. L. Davis was well pleased with the condition of all offices and batteries." A very nice letter indeed. Now,

let's keep our offices in that kind of shape at all times. It only takes from twonty to thirty minutes every day and once a week scrubbing, and we can be ready for inspection any day.

Now, as we have all settled down to our nine-hour law, and most of us working eight hours, let's improve each month over the last one. I would like to say a word in regard to the boys getting around on time for work and be ready to relieve the other man at the regular hours. Let's be men and not kids, and be on hand and in proper shape to give the company the best you have. Only this morning I heard the C. T. D. asking an operator if he understood what time he was to be on hand and if he understood the law.

I noticed a non the other day left his office without permission and left his student in charge; not able to get his call. The student would sign the regular man's personal sign. The C. T. D. told him to not let it occur again, and to keep the student out of the office, for they would not employ him when he gets able to hold a job. Now, that's what the student will do to you every time.

Did you read the little piece in the last journal, which reads like this: "There are always some members in a union who are foolish enough to imagine that by always knocking at the officials it leaves an impression that they are not afraid to tackle big game?"

Plenty of nons along the line yet. Let's get them in.

Bro. D. M. Adams, second trick at "HY" tower, bid in O. C. Junction third trick on bulletin.

Operator Rice is working second trick at "HY" tower, coming from O. C. Junction. Hope to call Mr. Rice brother by the next issue of the journal, as he has called for the necessary papers.

Sorry we have to put Mr. instead of Bro. to W. A. Huffman, third trick at "HY" tower. He used to be up-to-date, and "13" he is coming back soon.

Atherton closed nights. That leaves a chance for Bro. Ayers to work thirteen hours.

Third trick man at Jackson was discharged for sleeping on duty. Relieved by Bro. E. R. Shute, who has been off on leave of absence for some time on account of ill-health.

Watch and see if we don't have better service at Jackson third trick than the non gave.

Mr. O. O. Franklin, first trick at Jackson, is still out of the fold. I trust the two brothers there now will soon get his application.

Three nons at Hillsdale now: Mr. Miles, Mr. Mack and Mr. Reader. Mr. Mack has a student. Nice work.

Cayuga solid.

Mr. Johnson is still at Perrysville.

Mr. S. F. Roman, first trick and agent at Gessie, has had plenty of opportunities, but still "ntg doin." "13" he has a student. Mr. Simpson, second trick, talks favorably,



D. H. tower all out in the cold. Mr. Smith, first trick, neither for or against, but still profits through the efforts of the Order. Second trick used to be a C. T. U. A. "13" he will get the necessary as soon as he gets on his feet. A Mr. Colligan third trick.

Chicago Division, Danville District-

Number of changes made on the north end lately and several nons were let out of the service. Seems that the company can't get the service out of the nons that they do out of the brothers along the line.

Come to think, we haven't very many nons on the north end—only a few that have promised to get in line so many times that they look like hopeless cases, but I think they can be made to see the necessity of soon being Order men, if only some good brother will get after them right. The south end boys are thinning the nons out. We have some hard-working brothers on that end that are doing this work.

Bro. E. R. Songer bid in second trick at "WA," Watseka.

Bro. W. J. Paddock, formerly third at "NE" tower, bid in second trick at Coaler.

Bro. C. T. Allen, formerly third at "JO," Woodland Junction, bid in third at "HY" tower. This puts Bro. Allen close to his home.

Operator Mattingly, second trick at "HN," Hoopeston, and the third trick man at that place, were let out of the service on account of improper conduct. Both nons.

Bro. Johnson, regular third trick at Bismark, is holding down second at "HN," Hoopeston, until it is bid in by some one. Bro. Basset third trick until it is bid in by some one. Bro. Worl first trick.

Bro. Sterrel, agent at Pittwood, is off on ten days' vaccation; relieved by Bro. Gladville.

Bro. Phaillips, agent at Wellington, is off a few days, attending the convention at Chicago; reheved by Bro. Young.

A Mr. Curran relieved Bro. Young at Coaler. "13" that Curran used to be a C. T. U. A. man, but be don't say much.

Operator Goudy, from Vandalia, main line, is working third trick at "JO," Woodland Junction, until job is bid in by some one. Unable to say if he is up-to-date, and will leave him to Bro. Mangram, who knows how to handle them.

Bro. G. P. Neikum, formerly third trick at Coaler, and Bro. Priest, formerly third trick at "NE" tower, are working for the N. P. and N. D. "13" they are doing the baching act.

Wish to thank the two brothers from the south end for the items this month, and we are a debtor to them for a large portion of this write-up. Come again, boys, and let's keep it going.

DIV. COR.

Pennsylvania Lines West of Pittsburg. P., F. W. & C.—

I haven't seen anything in THE TELEGRAPHER for the past two months from this line. I do not know why, but I guess it is because we are a little bit too slow. Now let's come out of this and see what we can do in the way of a write-up every month. We have no regular correspondent to do this, so we will have to look after it ourselves. We are working for one of the best roads in the U. S. A., and I do not see why we can not do something for the good of the Order.

Operators Wright and Henson, second and third trick men at "B" tower, are off for thirty days' fishing.

Operators Pease and McClain doing the second and third tricks at "B."

Mr. F. C. Miller, of the C., C., C. & St. L. Ry., working third trick at Robinson. Mr. Miller was off for a few days on account of sickness at home.

Operator Dan. Crouse is doing the third trick at "BN," Robinson.

Operator McClain called to Ft. Wayne, May 27th,

Operator Crouse one night at "B," third trick. Glad to know Mr. Miller is back at work again. Mr. P. D. Wright went to Lima, June 3d, to take a look at Buftalo Bill's show.

There has been some changes at "FY" tower, yard office, Ft. Wayne. Mr. Bill Teeters bumped Operator Leeper out of first, Operator Leeper taking third trick and Mr. A. E. Coovert to second trick, same office.

Mr. Will Bush, second trick "AU," to third trick "SG" yard office. Bill, that's a hot one.

Mr. F. J. Houser, third trick "AU" tower, to second trick "CN" tower, Vanwert.

Mr. Eberhardt has left the service to go back on the farm.

Operator Danford, second trick "DY" tower, to second trick "MI" tower, Lima, Ohio.

Operator F. L. Carpenter, third trick "FN" tower to Middlepoint, third trick.

Mr. A. V. Yoxsimer, first at Forest, Ohio, got tired and left the service; took an \$80 per month with the Dickleman Manufacturing Co., of that place.

Mr. A. F. Barteldt, doing first, and Mr. O. W. Yahney, doing second trick, at Forest.

Operator Rhine, third trick at "UR" tower.

Operator King back to second trick at Robinson.

Boys, I notice some of us are sleeping a little too much on duty. Now we will have to be more prompt in answering the dispatcher, and do our duty in a business-like way. We do not get \$60 per month for hay. Some of the boys have got as much as thirty days for that little bunch of hay some of us try to get every night. I am glad to say the boys are doing better now, and hope they will keep right on and give the company the best they have got.

CERT. 530.

C. & O. Ry.

Clifton Forge Division, Mountain District-

Business is looking up some over here now. Was informed by our chief only a few days ago that they had moved almost fifteen thousand coal cars to the mines, and were continuing to place them as fast as possible. This looks to us as if something more will be doing for us, and especially for the James River boys, in a short time.

I understand the Pennsylvania Railway Co, is hiring all the good operators they can get. Some few of our boys have gone to that road and have gone to work. It seems that all the C. & O. boys can get work most anywhere. The Southern roads seem to look at a C. & O. boy as a necessity. I have been back from the A. C. L. Ry, only a short time. I worked only twenty days when they gave me the second trick at one of the nicest little towns in South Carolina. With all the good jobs and level country, the C. & O. in "Old Va." is good enough for me. Therefore, I took particular pains to watch my sixty days and come back before that time was out.

I was away only seven weeks, but when I came back everybody was so tumbled up I could hardly find the stations, not speaking of the boys. Nearly everybody had changed, and especially the second and third trick boys.

I heard a few days since that Bro. Henderson had accepted the appointment as agent at Basic and Waynesboro. We detest the thought of losing Bro. Henderson, but we wish him success.

Bro. D. P. Tolley left for Philadelphia June 22d to work for the Pennsylvania Ry. Co.

Bro. J. Fred Andrews, of "HD," left on No. 4, June 22d, for Northern points, where he expects to work for a short while.

Bro. "J." Cutler, is off for a sixty-day vacation; relieved by Bro. J. J. Cowan.

Several of the mountain boys have gone to the river, and some from the river have gone to the mountains.

CERT. 582.

Erie Ry.

Mahoning Division-

The joint meeting of Meadville and Mahoning Divisions, held at Warren, Ohio, Saturday night, June 20th, was well attended by members from both divisions. Meeting was called to order at 8K. p. m., with Bro. McMann in the chair.

After the regular order of business the drawing took place for the \$10 gold piece, and was carried off by "Q25," a barber at Niles, Ohio. Enough money was raised to pay the hall rent for a year, and, as Bro. Lowrie had a communication from the present owner of the hall agreeing to let us have it on the third Saturday night of each month, Bro. Lowrie was duly authorized to enter into a contract for that time and period. So it might be well for you now to make a note of this and paste it in your hat, or some other conspicuous place, that the hall rent is paid for the coming year, and that it will not be a pro rata collection from those present on meeting night, as it has

been in the past. It is the same hall that we have had for the past year, and is located on third floor of Union National Bank Building, corner of Park avenue and Market street.

Just before the meeting adjourned Bro. Lowrie produced a gold O. R. T. stick pin, gave each one present a slip with a number on it, and stubs with corresponding numbers on were placed in a hat and well shaken; then Bro. Harrington stepped up and picked out the number held by Bro. G. W. Taylor, third trick man at "CB" tower. Taylor is wearing the pin and is very proud of it.

Bro. W. W. Marshall, of "RN," was off during old home week at Youngstown; relieved by Bro. S. H. Ridinger, of "NK;" Ridinger relieved by Bro. Kistler.

W. T. Williams is back at "YO" again on account of boom in freight business being responsible for two dispatchers being added to that force. Bro. C. W. Morse, of "BR" tower, is on a vacation, going to Union City, Pa. Relieved by G. H. Perry.

Bro. R. G. Lewis, of "WH" tower, off a few days; relieved by H. E. Rosenfelt.

Bro. F. E. Brooks, second trick at De Forest tower, off for a week; gone down on the farm; relieved by Bro. G. W. Taylor, third trick man t "CB" tower; Taylor relieved by extra man, H. R. Hatch.

Div. Cor.

Tioga and Susquehanna Divisions-

It is to be much regretted that the brothers working eight-hour tricks can not find time to attend the meetings that occur during the hours they are not on duty. I wish before another meeting you would place yourself in the shoes of the local chairman. Think of the complaints continually coming in to him from members who do not show interest enough in the work to attend one meeting a month; yes, even one a year; still they bring up the most trivial matters for adjustment; some not having attended meetings enough to have learned how a case should be handled before turning it over to the local board. Stop and think how he feels when he travels for an hour or two and spends the entire day from home to open the lodge rooms, and on arriving there finds but about 5 per cent of the members on his division present. If you stop and consider this well you will wonder how he braces himself for this disappointment every month, and what keeps him at work on the grievances and troubles that confront him constantly. Still do you not criticise, do you not complain that he is not giving your case the proper attention? What attention have you given it? or before you had any troubles how often did you go to the meetings to help talk over your brothers' troubles? What effort are you making to assure your representative by the interest that you show that he has your support when acting on a committee?

Now, boys, wake up and look at the matter as it appears to one who is trying to do his duty toward you all. An excuse that you forgot the date, or that it comes before rather than after pay-day is no excuse. If you do not care to come, if you have lost interest in the work, say so. The dates of all meetings are in this magazine, and have been placed in each of your hands; if your memory is weak take one minute of that eight hours you have for recreation and mark your office calendar for the entire year, and then arrange your work and pleasure so as to give one day a month to the good old O. R. T., instead of laying down until you are bumped out of your rights, or some pay, then start a flow of correspondence to your chairman (who, perhaps, has never seen you) and criticise him for not doing more in one week than you have helped to do in your life.

I also wish to call the attention once more to the large majority of the members who have failed to read the last page of the General Committee's report, or have neglected to comply with the request therein stated. Have you sent Bro. Bridge the \$1 contribution? Do you not appreciate the work done for you by the committee? or is it still again that everlasting failure of memory?

"DH" tower, Binghamton, has been closed. Bro. F. G. Delancy took first trick at "BT," Barton, tower; Bro. E. B. McMahon took third trick at "KZ" tower, Union, and Bro. W. D. Connors went to Binghamton station, second trick.

Mr. Peck, of Southport Junction, off a few days on account of sickness; trick covered by Mr. Collins, of the same office, who was relieved by Bro. Beach, of "MJ" tower. Bro. Malone, second trick operator at "MJ," worked third for a few days, being relieved by Extra Operator Shumway.

Bro. Joe Ambrose, of "RA," Elmira, off on sick list; was relieved by Dispatcher DeGroat, of "VO" tower.

"XY" tower, east of Waverly, closed to operators some time in May, and three \$40 block men installed.

Bro. Ira Brooks, of "XY," took Bro. Malone's first trick at "VO" tower, Eldridge Park, Bro. Malone going to "GJ," Chemung Junction, third trick.

"NS" Division-

Glad to say that business on the line seems to be picking up, hope it will continue to do so until we get our standard business back again.

Still there are just as many passenger trains running as ever, even if there are less freights.

From the turnout at the meeting in Elmira, Sunday, 21st, it looked as though the brothers on "NS" Division thought all passenger trains had been annulled. At this meeting there were nine Tioga brothers and three "NS" Division brothers. Now, brothers, brace up and get out to some of these meetings any way. It is not very encouraging to our local chairman to hold a meeting all by himself. Don't stand back and lose all interst in what is going on. Of course, we knew that first trick men could not attend this meeting, as it was held at 10 a. m., but it does seem that

some of the second and third trick men could have come, especially after having been notified that there was "biz" of importance to be transacted. Brothers, we ought to be ashamed of the record "NS" Division boys have established for nonattendance at meetings. Our Tioga Division brothers are right on the job, but "NS" Division brothers, with a pass in their pocket, good train service, sixteen hours off duty, and then won't even come a few miles to attend a meeting once a month. Let's brace up and show the Tioga Division brothers that we still have some interest in what is going on. Come out to the next meeting. We have a nice hall, 164 Lake street; have a piano in the hall, also we have the use of the dishes and cooking outfit. Some night after our meeting we could have a feed and some music, if it was possible to get enough of the brothers there to enjoy it.

Our hall is the same one that is used by N. C. Division, No. 100. They meet first and third Fridays of each month. Mr. J. H. Shearer, their chief dispatcher, addressed one of their meetings recently, and there were forty members present. Compares nicely with our attendance, doesn't it?

There has been some "bumping" along the line lately, the cutting out of operators at "XY" caused Bro. Ira Brooks to "bump" Bro. Jim Malloy, at "VO," Bro. Malloy "bumped" Dispatcher Degroot out of third trick at "GJ;" this puts Jim nearer home, but he says he don't like night work any more. We hope that business will increase so that operators will be put back in "XY" again.

Second trick man at "RA," Mr. Jones, is inclined to be on the right side, and we would like to have him with us. Bro. Stevens is waiting for his application.

Bro. Malone, of "MJ" has purchased a very valuable bloodhound and is going on the trail of all "nons." Anyone approaching "MJ" unable to give the "high sign," are immediately compelled to "shin up" the nearest telephone pole by Bill's ferocious brute.

There are quite a number of nons among the men recently hired on "NS" division. Let us see how many we can bring into the fold. Let each brother who has a non working in his tower do his best to pilot him on the right track.

DIV. COR.

Canadian Northern Ry.

Third District-

Everything very quiet on this end of the pike at present. Fine weather and a bright outlook for a bumper crop this harvest promises lots of business for us in the near future, which we need.

There have been a few changes on this division during the past month. Bro. G. A. Brooks, third trick dispatcher, has left us, and is now working a trick in Port Arthur, dispatcher's office. The change was necessitated by the reduction of forces.

Bro. Campbell, of Kamsack, is away on holi-days.

New night man at Grand View. Understand he is like one or two other men that we have along this end—not a member. Bro. McKellar will have a good chance to talk to him, and possibly show him the error of his ways, so that he can reform while there is yet time.

Understand Bro. Palmer, second trick dispatcher's office in Dauphin, is going East on a four weeks' vacation.

Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has visited the home of our esteemed brother, W. G. Graham, of Miami, and removed therefrom his devoted and affectionate wife; be it

Resolved, That we deeply regret her untimely demise, realizing the aching heart of our brother; we, the fraternity, extend to him our heartfelt sympathy; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy forwarded to our brother and to The RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. E. J. WILLIS,

General Chairman.
E. G. SKELDING,
Gen. Sec. and Treas.

Central of Georgia Railway.

Chattanooga Division-

The regular monthly meeting was held at Lafayette Sunday, June 21st. Had a nice crowd present, though not as many as we would liked to have had. Those who went report a fine time. It is very important that all who possibly can attend these meetings, as we always have business of importance to dispose of.

Business seems to be picking up a little, and we hope it will continue to do so.

I notice they have relieved our chief dispatcher, Mr. Reeves, from working a trick, putting on the third man again, though don't know if it is permanent or not. This moved Mr. St. Clair from copying to third trick dispatcher, and put Bro. Bolton, from Chattanooga yard office, to copying. New man relieving Bro. Bolton.

They have also put on the third man at Chattanooga yard office, making two new faces in this office. Have not learned their names, so can not say whether they are up-to-date or not. Some of you near by line them up.

Temporary office opened at Lytle during the military encampment there, with Mr. Cross in charge. When last I saw him he was not up-to-date, but feel sure that he will do the proper thing.

New man at Senioa. We are trusting Bro. Mc-Daniel to look after him.

I have a card from Bro. J. C. Allen, of Fort Oglethorpe, who has been very sick at Lauderback Springs, Tenn., saying he is still confined to the house, but is improving. We all wish for him a speedy recovery, for he is an O. R. T. brother of the right kind.

Bro. Jeb Martin relieving Bro. Allen at Fort Oglethorpe during the latter's illness.

Bro. Brantley, second trick at Carrollton, off a few days. "13" the agent did the wire work for him during his absence.

Bro. Loyd ("Kid") Harris, formerly of this division, is now working second trick for the Macon Division at Griffin.

I was somewhat surprised a few days ago to learn that a ham factory had been opened at Carrollton, Ga., under the name of the Georgia Telegraph School. Upon investigation I learned that Mr. Butler Martin, of Carrollton, was president and general manager, with two victims, whom he has promised to prepare for a position in a few weeks. Mr. Martin himself entered the telegraph school at Newnan, just about twelve months ago, so I guess what he can teach them about it will be a plenty. Mr. Martin is making a serious mistake for a young man just starting out, who expects to follow the telegraph business, and I hope he will see wherein he is wrong, and give up his efforts to teach the art to others.

How about that south end meeting at Griffin some Sunday in the near future? How many of us will make special effort to attend should it be called? Think it over.

How many of us will have our new cards when the old ones run out?

Boys, if any of us have not remitted for the term beginning July 1st when this reaches you, let's not delay any longer. It's the best investment you can possibly make.

CERT. 265.

Savannah Division-

Owing to no assistance, was unable to get a write-up for last month, but have been promised by one of the good brothers to assist me on west end, and in the future hope to give a complete write-up each issue.

Changes since last write-up: Dover cut out of night and day office, letting Bros. Hodges and J. M. Burke out, leaving Sister Holland to do the twelve-hour stunt. Bros. Hodges and Burke advised to go home until something turned up; they are not considered competent to roll some of the younger men, while they were fully competent to work at Dover without any complaint.

Bro. J. M. Burke went to Gordon, third trick, but was relieved by Mr. Breedlove, who was claimed more competent. We hope before next write-up Bro. Burke will be reinstated.

An ex-brother, Mr. J. C. Evans, from Eatonton, clerk to Midville agency. Looks like Mr. Evans could see more good now than before, and do the right thing towards his fellow-telegraphers.

Bro. T. F. Hemminger, who has been agent at Guyton for several years, and has been our efficient general chairman for some months, has resigned. Have not learned who will take his place.

Bro. L. P. Trapnell, Metter, off on few days' leave of absence in interest of his township in securing a new county. We wish him success, as

it will mean much for his station as well as his town; relieved by his brother, Preston.

Bro. D. M. Rogers, our local chairman, has certainly had the wave of misfortune to strike him all in a bunch, his entire family being confined to their beds at the same time, as well as himself suffering from an attack of appendicitis. He advises he will soon be relieved to have an operation performed, which it is hoped will be successful. At this writing, however, all seem to be improving, and it is thought will soon be up in a few days.

Seems a good many of our boys are taking advantage of the plunge at Tybee every Sunday. It looks as though they would take equally as much interest in our monthly meetings, which would prove far more beneficial to their future welfare than a "quick" bath. Those who are taking in these Sunday enjoyments, try a meeting for a change.

Mr. A. L. Armstrong is trying the agency at Tybe this summer. Have not been advised who relieved him at "GO." Arthur talks very encouragingly of reinstating as soon as the panic is over. Hope he will soon get the price.

Bro. B. R. Bloodworth had the misfortune to lose something over \$400 by a professional pick-pocket last month, who, by the means of wire or umbrella, dragged out a large pile of bills, which had been counted out, and was just fixing to take to the bank while "BO" had his back turned in checking up his daily sales. The party did his work, and no clue to the money or who took it has been discovered as yet. We hope, however, the guilty party will be caught, and Bro. "BO" reimbursed for his loss.

Did any of you see the write-up from "SW" Division? That looked like somebody has woke up over there. Hope Chattanooga and Macon Divisions will also soon wake up, and let's see what's doing up there occasionally. Know they are overworked, so they can not find time enough to drop a few dots to the journal once per month.

Bro. E. S. Youmans, Jr., of Nunez, is now confined to his bed with a bad case of typhoid fever at Davisboro, having been taken there on a visit to his wife's parents. He is slowly improving, and we hope we will soon hear that old familiar "HN" again. He is liked by all the telegraphers who know him, and is greatly missed by us.

In May TELEGRAPHER you will note an O. R. T. Broup from Central of Georgia Railway, Tennille, Ga., therein, stating solid O. R. T. This is to advise the members that Mr. B. C. Boatright is not now a member, and only held membership six months, in 1906. Brothers, this is wrong. When you absolutely know a man is a non, and on an eight-hour trick at that, do not publish his photo and let it go abroad that he is a "member." It is sailing under false colors to other divisions. Of course, the home boys know who are and who are not members; but others don't, and Bro. Quick has repeatedly asked that no non's picture would be sent in for publication.

Bro. H. B. Meyers holding first trick at Ocmulgee bridge, with Mr. Winburn second. Mr. A. N. Anderson, formerly third trick, discharged for sleeping on duty; relieved by new man named McCarty. Understand he has a C. T. U. of A. card, but it would look better if it was an O. R. T. Bro. J. E. Boyd, first trick at M. & A. Junction, with Mr. W. H. Williams second. Mr. L. J. Farmer, formerly second trick, discharged. C. M. Breedlove, third trick, who holds a C. T. U. of A. card. Mr. Williams promises to join us June pay-day.

Bro. P. T. Reddick, at Gordon agency, and first trick, with W. W. Breedlove and Vaughn as operators. We put no handles to their names, as we do not know whether they hold cards or not, but hope they do.

It certainly looks like the men should and could afford to keep awake on the block on the west end during the eight hours they have to work. We note with great pleasure, though, that not a single O. R. T. man has been caught sleeping since the new law became effective, and hope this record can be kept up, as it will show the officials that O. R. T. men are the best, and it is to be hoped that ere the next issue of THE TRLEGRAPHER comes out we will be able to call more of the nons now on this division by the name of brother. Each and every brother should at least make an effort to land one non before the next issue, then see what the result will be when we check up.

CERT. 3.

Rio Grande Western Ry.

Colton to Fruita-

Bro. H. B. Mensel transferred from agent at Mounds to operator at Tucker, he being the oldest bidder for first trick there.

Bro. James from Mill Fork to agent at Mounds. Imagine he will be looking for a change soon, for that place is a little the worst on the division.

Bro. Rathburn, formerly at Kyune, is now at home at Cache Junction, taking life easy. Says he tried to play professional base ball, but there were too many other good players after the same job.

Bro. Pierson, from Castle Gate, who resigned to go with Bro. Rathburn, seems to have made it all right, as I understand he is playing in the State league at the present time.

S. R. Wright from Woodside to third trick at Kyune.

T. F. Spinler to third at Castle Gate. Can not say whether these boys are members or not, but think they are.

Bro. Nash is back to second trick at Colton, with Bro. Vannoy as first trick operator, press agent, agent and all other titles that are attached to the position. Bro. Laley third trick operator.

Bro. Dorgon passed through Colton on his way back to Clear Creek, having attended the Democratic convention as a representative from Clear Creek. He is now employed by the Utah Fuel Co.

We lost our popular dispatcher, Johnson, who had to make room for an older man, Mr. Lambough, who comes from Salt Lake.

Understand Mr. Johnson is back on U. P., holding the position vacated by our new chief dispatcher, Mr. E. B. Mitchell.

At "RA," Helper, we now find Bro. A. J. Gossett, second rtick. Mr. Shaver, a non, first. He says he will come in next pay-day.

Mr. J. S. Sax, a new man on the road, to second trick, Woodside, says he will come in next pay-day.

Now boys, these are all the changes that I know of. Will have to thank Bros. J. H. Sargent, J. H. Swope and A. J. Gossett for what they sent me. I asked a few others, but they were too busy to send anything, or maybe they did not know of any changes, as they all seem to stay pretty well now. I wonder if they would be here if we would have accepted that reduction submitted to us. I am afraid not. And still there are a number of the boys along the line who can't see any benefit in belonging to the Orderat least they will not join. Among them are B. D. Hatch, agent at Sunnyside, and Mr. Burdette, Green River, who would make very desirable members, but can't induce them to join. I expect to have a few new members by this time next month, at least I have their word.

I wonder if we could not arrange to have a meeting some time soon. Think we would all be benefited by a good meeting, and maybe we could pick out a correspondent, something you all admit we need. All in favor of having a meeting drop a line to C. G. Massion, Price, and if I hear from any of you, will assure you that we will have a meeting. Bet I don't hear from one.

CERT. 402.

Southern Pacific Ry.

Coast District-

Does any one know why the Coast District has not been represented in these columns each month? Does any one care? Now, don't all speak at once, because I am going to try to answer both of these questions myself.

Replying to the second query first: I think it quite safe to say that most of us do care—that is, we would prefer to see something concerning the Coast in The Telegrapher monthly. But how is it going to get there? Well, that's another question, and apparently one that doesn't concern any of us, and in making this latter statement I have given you the answer to query number one.

We should all like to have a monthly write up. There's no good reason why we can't have one, and we are disappointed when we don't get it. But it isn't your business to provide one, is it? Besides, you can't write, can you? Never wrote anything for publication in your life? But some one should do it, isn't that so? and he's a dash blank something or other because he doesn't? Sure he is—and then some.

But suppose the receipt of that little increase depended upon your sending in a few little items of general interest monthly? I am afraid The Telegrapher would have to be issued in sections were the space allowance not limited.

I'm wrong, you say? Oh, no, I'm not. I know the game pretty well, and in its last analysis I'm right. It's that same human selfishness that has made our progress so slow—our fight such an up-hill one.

"Don't exert yourself to do the thing that some one else will do for you." That gets rather close to the principle: "Why should I spend my money while there's enough others spending their's to keep things going—I get the benefits just the same." I'll leave it to you.

The question of a monthly write-up is a very simple one, yet one that I think interests nearly all of us. As somebody's advertisement says:
"It's a little thing to look for—a big thing to find."

The Coast District has been written up a number of times, and save for two or three exceptions, by myself.

I have stated upon numerous occasions that if correct information of general interest on the division was sent to me monthly, I would undertake to arrange such information for publication in The Telegrapher. It is quite unnecessary to state that I have not been compelled to engage a very large clerical force to care for the "news items" received.

I have appointed "division correspondents" enthusiastic ones—whose enthusiasm seems to have frozen immediately upon their appointment, and has not as yet had time to thaw out.

Now fellows, it's up to you. I'll willingly do my part and three-quarters of yours, but I'm inclined to haggle over that other quarter. You know it gets rather lonesome doing everything that's to be done all alone. Besides, it's impossible.

You have a right to expect a good deal of a local chairman—perhaps more than you receive—but what I wish to impress upon you is that you would receive more if on your part there was a little more of the spirit of helpfulness shown.

You know, and we all know, that it's quite impossible for any one person to be thoroughly familiar with changes and changing conditions on a division embracing four or five hundred miles of track, unless it is possible to make occasional trips over the division, or assistance is rendered by those so situated that they can keep in touch with limited portions of the division. This is true not only in the matter of a write-up, but it is also true and of greater import in the matter of keeping a division at the maximum of efficiency.

I am of the opinion and have always advocated that local chairmen should go over their divisions at least quarterly. By this means they would have personal and accurate information concerning conditions at all points, come in personal contact with their fellow employes, create better feeling and arouse interest and enthusiasm.

Under present conditions the membership at large has at best a very imperfect understanding of matters about which they are entitled to be fully and thoroughly informed.



I realize and I think most of you will agree with me, that this lack of information is responsible to a greater extent than all other causes combined for the apparent lethargic condition into which we fall.

Naturally, we see most plainly what immediately surrounds us, but no particular division is the exception. What is true of the Coast is to a greater or less extent true of other divisions.

Correspondence is the only substitute for personal association, but the local chairman can not issue a circular or bulletin every week, nor even every month, and, as a matter of fact, calls down upon himself the wrath of the powers for his "extravagance" by reason of doing such a thing occasionally.

There are a lot of things I would like to say to you in an article of this kind—a lot of things you should know—and knowing, your judgment of men and things would undoubtedly be somewhat different. But we must not lose sight of the fact that The Telegrapher is a public print, open to all who have the price, and to others who haven't, and that it is well that we should keep our little "grievance" within the bounds of our own frattral circle.

It has been said that we don't make enough "noise."

Surely "noise" has nothing to do with modern up-to-date methods for the conduct of business. In fact, the tendency of the times is to eliminate "noise." For instance, the very latest thing in the way of firearms is the "noiseless" invention which, by reason of its greater effectiveness, promises to relegate all of the old "noisy" kind to the scrap-heap.

We don't want "noise." What we want is active interest—the interest that makes each fellow feel that his own success and the success of the organization depends upon his quiet efforts in its behalf—as in truth it does.

We needn't go out with a brass band announcing to the world that we are O. R. T. men—although our membership is nothing to be ashamed of; nor should we abuse or condemn those who are not, but we should endeavor to show the non-member that he is not acting fairly toward us nor toward himself by witholding his membership. He probably would indignantly refuse the charity that would pay his house rent and buy his groceries, yet that is exactly what those of us who pay our dues and assessments are doing for the non-member who accepts the benefits secured through our efforts and with our money. But to get back to our subject—"noise."

There is a kind of "noise" we would welcome—the "noise" your money would make as it jingled in the hands of our Treasurer, in payment of dues. We dislike to entertain such sordid thoughts—but there's no way getting away from it—money is a necessity.

Why, there wouldn't be any job for our Treasurer were it not for the money.

Now, let's all reform. Let's make a resolution something like this: That we will send the local

chairman an item or two for the write-up each month; that we will use our best efforts to induce that non-member at the next station, or in our own office, to become a "helper" instead of a "leaner," and we will notify the local chairman so he can use his persuasive powers; that we will take the same action in the case of that member of some other division, so that his money can be put to work, and that we will live up to the principles and teachings of the Order in every respect.

By the time this appears in THE TELEGRAPHER you will undoubtedly have received printed copies of the schedule effective February 21st, 1908. Study it carefully, comply with it faithfully as it affects you, and insist upon its being strictly complied with by the company. If in doubt as to the correct interpretation of any clause, make your doubts known.

That the schedule is not all that we had hoped for is admitted. Schedules and other things seldom are. But it is well worth its cost to you, and many times more.

I was not a member of the sub-committee that completed negotiations, and, unfortunately, certain errors and omissions are noted affecting the Coast Division. These matters will be straightened out. If you discover what appears to be an error, you should direct the attention of your local chairman to it.

We contend, and we think justly, that by reason of "collective bargaining" with us, the company gets better value for its money than they otherwise would. Prove conclusively, by the quality of services rendered, that this is true.

Don't overlook the nine-hour law. The company has shown a disposition to comply with the spirit of the law and any deviation must be an oversight and should be reported at once. In this connection don't forget the "Murphy campaign fund," and if you have not remitted a dollar to G. S. & T. Quick, do so as soon as possible, or if you prefer, send your contributions to me and they will be forwarded to St. Louis.

A few years back I had something to do with arranging a meeting and banquet in San Francisco. Those of the old-timers who attended will no doubt recall the occasion as having been rather a pleasurable affair. The undertaking was financed by popular subscription, and I have been wondering if we could not repeat the performance.

Of course, I realize how difficult it is for some of us to get away except at considerable expense, and it doesn't seem altogether right that those of us close enough to San Francisco to attend should have all the fun, partly at the expense of those who, on account of distance, could hardly be present. But there is another side to the story—the side that tells us that affairs of this kind arouse that healthy interest so necessary to success—the success of all.

I will undertake the work in connection with arranging a banquet—one that will be a credit to us, as I am sure the other one was—if I can be



sure of a reasonably generous response on the division.

I should like to hear from all of you—members and non-members—with any suggestions you may care to offer.

The following corrections should be made on your seniority list, the original copy of which was supplied by the superintendent's office and was to some extent incorrect:

Add the following names: Robinson, F. A., agent Paso Robles, Sept. 12, 1895; Stice, L., agent Naples, May 30, 1896; Willment, C. H., extra list, July 20, 1889; Dunlap, R. S., telegrapher and clerk Palo Alto, May 8, 1904; Sewell, C. M., dispatcher S. L. O., April 17, 1907; Featherstone, E. S., extra list, June 12, 1908.

The following names should be stricken from the list on account of leaving the service or accepting positions in non-telegraphic department: Lindsey, Nichols, Keever, Hensley, Rillie, Weagley, Hatton, Smith, C. H.; Foley, Hall, Winder, Aylward.

I will continue to advise in this manner corrections that should be made.

If any one failed to receive a copy of seniority list recently issued please advise.

Those who have received list and circular and who have not as yet returned the information slip should do so. You think you have a kick coming if you fail to receive replies to your letters. I wonder if I haven't a kick or two coming?

As this article is written with the idea that the non-member will read it as well as the member, I would thank all members to loan or give their Telegrapher to some non-member in their vicinity.

In conclusion, I wish to say that this must not be construed as an apology or justification for anything that has or has not been done. There's none comin'.

Fellows, remember our "resolutions."

Now let's hear you make some "noise."

Fraternally,

F. SHAVER, Local Chairman, Coast District. 4161/2 Broderick St., San Francisco, Cal.

Salt Lake District-

We are all ashamed of the list of non-members sent out by the local chairman, and it is up to those shown on that list to do the right thing. The dues are small, and it looks like the men shoul I be willing to stand for the amount due from them. We are willing to do our part, but we are not willing to do yours, too, so please try and get your name off the list. See that all new men transfer.

CERT. 541.

El Paso District-

Bro. R. G. Murphy has bid in Sierra Blanca, second trick, and taken his assignment.

Marfa third trick now open for bid.

Bro. Bannister has taken his assignment, third trick at Sanderson.

Bro. J. A. Baker is relieving Bro. Polk, third trick at Sierra Blanca, for a few days.

Bro. H. M. Ash, who was assigned Valentine, third trick, on May bulletin, is now on thirty days' leave. Bro. O. A. Tryon is relieving Bro. Ash at Valentine.

Bro. J. L. Hainty and Lineman M. Hawks were off for ten days in June. Bro. Hainty. second trick at Valentine, was relieved by Bro. A. W. Bodell.

Bro. S. S. Brown, who has been holding down third trick at Fort Hancock during the absence of Bro. D. N. Scott, has been displaced by Bro. J. W. Barnhart on account of seniority.

Somebody get after "RX," at "SO," and try to fill in the "missing link." CERT. 2,154.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Dakota Division-

Bro. Dowty, of McKenzie, met with a very unfortunate accident recently. While attempting to throw the mail on No. 5, the hook from the mail car caught him in the face, taking off his nose and destroying one eye. Bro. Dowty has the sympathy of the Dakota Division as well as Division 54.

Our second trick dispatcher, Mr. G. A. Adams, is taking his regular two weeks leave of absence, being relieved by Dispatcher Oreleman, from Staples, whom, we "13," is an old-timer at the business.

Bro. L. E. Baker, of McClusky, was away for a short time, being relieved by Bro. Leach.

Bro. Christensen transferred from Dawson, third trick, to Jamestown yard office, third trick. Bro. Ebert from third trick at Jamestown yard office to night office in dispatcher's office. Mr. F. A. Miller from third trick at Medina to third trick at Dawson. Bro. W. H. Roach working third trick at Medina. He is a new man on the road, but came equipped with the necessary credentials.

Ladoga opened during the summer while the company is taking out gravel for the Yellowstone Division. Bro. A. S. Lemmon from the Central of Georgia Railway, working first trick, and Bro. O. A. Johnson, from the Pacific Division, working second trick. The office being closed for six hours.

Crystal Springs is a two-man job, with Bro. J. T. Erwin first trick and Bro. F. H. McCready as second man.

Windsor was made a one-man job for a few days while business was slack, on account of washouts west of here, but lately another man has been added, making it a two-man job.

No news received from the branches this month, so I am unable to say as to what has happened up that way. Wish some one would get busy and send in a few notes each month.

I wish to say just one thing to a few of the nons on this division who are getting paid for what the Order has done for them, and still they can not see their way clear to join and help the good cause along that has done so much for them. Can you not see that you are reaping the good things that the Order is doing for you? Enough



has been done in the last year, I should think, to make any one proud of the fact that he is affiliated with such an organization. Those of you that were working fifteen years ago know what the conditions were then, and how the operator has been benefited since that time in the way of higher wages, shorter hours, overtime, etc. Those that have entered the service recently can not understand just how bad conditions were a few years ago, but they should not turn a deaf ear when some one attempts to explain the difference. When the writer started working, about twelve years ago, on an eastern road, the minimum was \$40.00 per month for twelve hours; had to take care of switch-lamps, do the scrubbing, and overtime of any kind was an unheard-of thing. Today, on this same road, the minimum is \$55.00 for nine hours' work, with \$4.00 per month if required to take care of switch-lamps; the scrubbing is done away with, and overtime for any work done after hours. When one compares the conditions then with what they are now, it is a mystery how any one can offer any kind of an excuse for remaining out. No doubt every one gives the O. R. T. credit for securing the passage of the national nine-hour law. They secured it for us, and too much credit can not be given Bro. Perham for the good service rendered while the bill was before Congress, and also for heading off the many attempts made by the different roads to evade the law after it was passed. If any one doubts as to whether organization pays or not, just turn to page 826 of the May issue of THE TELEGRAPHER and read the piece from the "Pennsylvania Lines, West," and note the deplorable conditions there. Do not overlook the fact that they have had their wages cut after the nine-hour law went into effect. It is a good piece all through, and one that should make an impression on one's mind that will not be easily forgotten.

It has been decided by Division 54 to offer 50 cents to any brother securing the application of a new member, and as there are quite a number of nons on the Dakota Division, some one ought to get busy and make a couple of dollars between now and December 31st. This is in addition to the prizes offered by the Grand Division. To one securing five new members it would mean \$2.50 from Division 54 and a gold ring from the Grand Division, which is not a bad thing to work for.

CERT. 372.

Pasco Division—

Bro. Oliver, at Hatton, says nine-hour law don't affect him much, but says overtime looks good. He is working alone now. Had two operators before.

Brothers at Lind tried to break the camera last week, but the sun would not let them. If you don't believe it, look at the picture.

Bro. Johnson, first trick at Providence, off for a few days; relieved by second trick man, Grimm. Bro. Gore taking the place of Mr. Grimm.

Bro. Farrell bumped from Cunningham on account of Bro. Freeman returning to work, is

now working third trick at Lind. Mr. Anderson, third trick at Lind, to Fish Trap, third trick. Mr. Grimm and Mr. Anderson figuring on getting the necessary papers July 1st.

Bro. Murray, Sprague, third trick, laid off a few days and took a run down to the new town of Lawton on the C., M. & St. P.'s new line, stating he was going to see the town, but "13" he has a fair maiden about three miles from there. Guess he is looking after a homestead.

Bro. Gore relieved Bro. Murray at Sprague, now working at S., P. & S. Junction, with Bro. Voight from the East, who used to work on the Fargo Division.

N. P. employes at Lind had a very exciting game of ball with the Lind Milling Company June 13th. Three brothers in the game, but it was an unlucky day, and got beat. A bunch of lame and sore-legged fellows the next day.

Bro. Taylor, at Paha, laying off. Understand he is at White Salmon; relieved by Mr. Bonnell, acting as agent. Mr. French relieving Mr. Bonnell. Mr. French, of New Albany, Indiana Southern Railway, was an old wheel-horse on Division 83, but dropped out. He promises to return. Says he can not get along without the card. That is what they all say that have tried it. Every one likes the samples, so we will sell the real goods.

L. C. Dingledine is working second trick at North Yakima, relieving F. J. Ellsworth, who is trying to catch up work on his farm. Another Dingledine, a brother to L. C. Dingledine, working third trick at Toppenish while Bro. Beatty is laying off. Both are O. K., and up-to-date. They are from Minnesota Division.

Have you noticed Bro. W. A. Lippold is working second trick? He formerly worked at Trout Creek, but has been on different southern roads for over a year.

Selah office closed, and Bro. Ellsworth bumped Bro. Shoemaker at North Yakima, first trick, so Bro. Shoemaker is now looking around for a location. Sister Ellsworth, now that they have left Selah, has quit railroading, and Bro. E. T. Stevens, of Roza, has taken Selah nights in order to be near his homestead.

Those boys in the Canyon have played wise and grabbed on to some land, and will some day graduate into complete farmers.

Mr. C. B. Maxwell, an old-time member, but now delinquent, transferred from Fish Trap to Thrall. He worked for the Postal, but went out in strike. Says he is going to land some of the big fish in the river near Thrall.

Bro. Shoemaker reports meeting Bro. Henry at Seattle during the fleet week, and Bros. O'Niel and Duggan, latter of Badger, were visitors there also. Can not say how many more of the boys got over.

C. T. U. of A. Stevens, formerly of the Western Union at North Yakima, promoted to Spokane office, and Howe, once a dispatcher on the N. P., has taken his place. Bro. Parsons, third at Wapate, is frequently seen on the streets of Teppenish when off duty. Seems to be some attraction there.

Bro. C. L. Hawthorne, who left us a few months ago, is now working at Idaho Falls on the O. S. L.

Bro. Hadsell, Cheney, second trick, taking two months' lay-off. He has gone back to his home in Michigan. Mr. Hollingsworth is relieving him. He promises to join soon as has the necessary cash.

Bro. King, Marshall, second trick, laid off during the week of the fleet at Seattle; was relieved by Bro. Heflin. Bro. Heflin now working third trick at Marshall. Ex-Dispatcher Adams going to some place in Montana, I "13."

Operator Gardner, who used to work on this division, went through this country playing in Norris & Rowe's circus band.

Bro. Todd took exceptions to the article in May TELEGRAPHER referring to the graft at North Yakima, so I wish to say now that although the wording of the article may have been misleading, it was not the intention of the writer to reflect on Bro. Todd's ability to handle the position.

Was listening to one of Bro. Putnam's orations on the uselessness of using profane language when out of hoops, this morning, and wonder if he could do as well if not under the influence of angry mood.

Bro. S. A. Connor returned a few days ago from Hayden Lake, where he put in about three weeks planting spuds. Said it was fine business, also that the lovely green grass and trees at Hayden Lake makes Pasco sand look worse than ever. He resumed at Pasco yard. His place, while away, filled by Operator Watson, a commercial operator. Watson left for Spokane. "Nothing further for him."

S. A. Gagnon returned from the hospital at Tacoma, but has not resumed work yet, and will not for a few days; not until he recuperates sufficiently to handle second trick in P. A. office, Pasco.

Chief dispatcher, Mr. E. A. Crooks, laying off for a months' visit to Iowa. Former Night Chief A. Kase acting as chief. F. H. Livingston, former first trick on A. B. C., now working as night chief.

Mr. T. R. Slusher back from Kansas working at Kennewick days. Mr. R. Hanson bumped out of Kennewick by Mr. Slusher, is on an extended leave, visiting in Portland.

A new wire has been strung between Pasco and Ellensburg. This to be a simplex, phones and telegraph, the same as 83 now between Pasco and Spokane. Operators in Pasco, "PA" office, look for relief of those west end messages to some extent.

The following notice received yesterday, June 18th, as follows: The local chairman securing the greatest number of new members on his division (no matter what assistance he has), will receive a cash prize of \$10.00, and the second highest number will receive \$5.00, and the member, irrespective of whether a local chairman or not, will

receive a 50-cent bounty on all new members. The first name signed to the petition will be considered the proper party to get the 50 cents.

This is for the term ending December 31st, next, and I trust all will make an extra effort to get all new members possible. Let us try and get to be the banner division. The Pacific is now the banner division, and as the Pasco is the next division east, let us try and put in the next link in the chain, and make the Northern Pacific solid. Some of the members have not paid dues for the last term. Get busy and do so at once, and don't let the ball stop rolling. We have a fine start, and, like the Irishman that ran five miles and jumped the river half-mile wide: we ought to do something; look at the start we have.

I notice several Misters at and around Pasco. That is good territory to get a whack at the bounty money.

Bros. Fanning, Shoemaker and C. S. Davis sent in notes this month, and we have quite a nice write-up. Every one that has any news send it in; and we will have a nice write-up each month.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Georgia Southern & Florida Ry.

We are glad to say to the boys on this division, that we are getting in good shape again. With but few exceptions all have come across with the price for the next six months and a new card. Now, brother, if you are the one that is bringing up the rear with an expired card, kindly seat yourself over a "yallow jacket" nest, and if anything unusual happens, causing you to do the running act, don't you stop running until you run up against Bro. Watson, our secretary and treasurer. He certainly will help you out.

We have a few nons on our division, and I guess we always will, as there are a few sinners and always will be. We can't expect to have the pleasure of sitting down to the "whole cheese." the rats will get some of it in spite of us. Then you know it would not do to have all the telegraphers in this "band waggin" of ours. If we did we would soon become indolent, inactive, ungrateful towards the cause which has done so much to pull us from out of the mire, and place our feet where there is "no sinking sand." Had you ever thought over the non question fully? I have. I have thought over it more than any other question (excepting the "ham" factory), and I have come to this conclusion: The non is a necessary evil to our cause, as the drone is to the bee family. Of course, the bee family can not prosper with an over-supply of drones, neither can a division be prosperous with too many nons. Now, if you want to learn just what a non looks like in this world of ours, just get out and watch the bee family awhile. The industrious little workers will get out soon and stir late trying to put something up for a rainy day, something for winter, doing everything to make their little home happy. What about the drones? They get out early, too. Do they go to work? No.

They hide in the grass and bushes near by, and never go near the gum during the day, but wait until night, take advantage of the slumbers of the tired little workers and fill themselves up from the toil of others, who were more industrious. Did you ever see a more striking comparison than that of the non and drone bee?

The non you know will not work in the interest of the organization that holds his salary up, and demands that he shall have living wages, and just and comfortable working conditions. The non you know never puts one drop of honey in the gum, but will walk up and get his share with all grace possible.

Now, if you want to hear something rich, rare and racy, jusy listen to a non on the wire some time kicking about his overtime not coming up as he put it in to the superintendent. In a case like this, it is one of the times that a man is not capacitated to judge precisely the amount of gall and nerve one of these nons might possess. I venture to say if the exact figure could be obtained it would be something fierce. Yet I stick to it, they are a necessary evil. The farmer has grass in his cotton and corn; he has to fight this grass continually until his crop is made. Yet after all his hard licks, all the money he has spent to conquor this grass, some will give him the dodge and grow to maturity, not satisfied with the ungratefulness shown the farmer by living and growing to maturity from the fertilizers scattered by the farmer, but will gracefully scatter seed for another year. The non is precisely like the grass in the farmer's field. He will reap the fruits of the union man's toil, he will not be contented with reaping the toil of the O. R. T., but will absolutely scatter seed for another year by running a "ham" factory. But, brother, you know that the grass is necessary in order that the farmer may earn what he gets by the sweat of his brow. I think the Good Book tells us that Adam was the cause of it all, but I want it understood that I am not much on quoting scripture, as I am red-headed and the preachers don't bother me much, but any way I am going to put this grass digging, etc., on Adam, but I would commit an unpardonable sin if I were to accuse any being, living or dead, of creating the life-long non and the scab. Nevertheless, we have them, and, boys, you may make up your mind that you will always have them to the end of time. Scabs will, as a matter of fact, decrease from the simple fact that the human family is growing better, although we yet have some in our family that will growl and grunt. You can always find them filling the places of maion men in time of trouble.

No good in a union. Let the unrighteous speak up the truth as it wishes to fall. What did the panic of 1908 do for you? It had you going and guessing where your next meal of "grub" was coming from. Did the corporations cut the contract men? Not on your life. It's mighty fine to sit in the old ark of safety and ride these corporations' huge waves. You boys better jump in the ark before some of these big

corporation waves sweep you from the face of the earth. They don't ask you to run their ship for them, they are doing that part themselves. They are not looking out for your ship, and they are not going to run it for you. They are not in business for their health, they are in it for every dollar they can get out of it. If you are in business for your health, why then I presume you have no kick coming, as I am quite sure if you are getting health out of it that is all you are getting.

I wish to call each member's attention to the fact that our attendance for several meetings has been a little off. I want to impress upon your mind that you are neglecting a very important part towards insuring success in keeping a strong and healthy division. Let us all come up and plank down the price and square ourselves to fight one of the greatest battles within the next twelve months that organized labor has ever gone up against. Boys, she is coming to a show down. Keep your dues paid up, stay in line, keep in touch with the problem which we are going to have put before us, sooner or later. See what that Supreme Court judge did for the Hatters' union. That is the first step towards stamping out the power of organized labor. Brother, be exceedingly careful in the future as to whom you

Vote for no man that is not in full sympathy with the laboring man, and his union. Let him belch it out publicly, that he believes in the rights of organized labor. Why, I remember, in one instance in my life, a certain man ran for Governor of his State, and was elected. At the very time that he was running his railroad had a strike in progress. Did the union men support You bet your life, two-thirds of them halloed themselves hoarse for this man, and voted for him like little Russians would have done. No wonder the courts hand down such curious decisions, and give us a black eye every chance they get at us, for they know we will show them our appreciation by keeping them in office. They know that we have been brought up from the cradle to believe it a disgrace to vote for a man that does not belong to our party. In the South we are taught that if we do not vote the Democratic ticket (regardless of who and what kind of a man is seeking office) we are placed in the class with the "nigger." In the North and East they are called "greasers, lightfoots and hoboes" if they do not vote the Republican ticket. Now this is a great scheme to make us stand up to the rack, "fodder or no fodder." We had better get down to business and find out what kind of principles the candidate is advocating, and not say so much about the party we belong to.

Brother, I am not making you a political "spiel," for our constitution will not permit it, neither am I advancing thought to be taken up in our lodge room, but I am giving you just a few things to take home with you to study over, convince yourselves of the truth that is staring us in the face, say nothing and act accordingly. We are daily

electing men to the State offices that declare emphatically that they are opposed to the passage of the child-labor bill. Is this good unionism? I should say not. Why do they not pass the child-labor bill in Georgia? Because we elect men to office that are opposed to its passage. Why are these law makers opposed to this bill? Because the corporations are opposed to it. Why are the corporations opposed to it? Because they can work our little children for 20 cents, and not over 60 cents per day. Work that they would have to pay the children's fathers from \$1 to \$2 per day to do. Does our living come any cheaper by our children doing this work so cheaply for the corporations? Not a single penny. It only heaps the coffers of the rich, while the father is walking the streets in idleness. Put men in our State offices that will forever and all time to come stamp out child labor, pass an eight-hour day law. This will put our little girls and boys, cold, tired and careworn, in school, where they belong, until they are eighteen or twenty years of age, the fathers in the mills and shops where they belong. Brother, had you ever thought over the situation? Think it over. Be men, vote and work for people who are willing to save our little girls from ruin, our boys from ignorance, regardless of party.

CERT, 26.

Southern Ry.

Charlotte Division, South End-

Our meeting at Toccoa, Ga., second Sunday in June, not so well attended as should have been, although had a good meeting, there being only ten present. Peach trains on this day caused some not to be on hand. I, for one, could not arrange hours so as to get there. We have a lot of members who never make an effort to attend. Learn the habit, boys, and you will see that you have missed something by not attending meetings. We have several new brothers with us now. Bro. Shearer and Bro. Starnes, from the L. & N. They left there on account of being union men. This is the kind of men we like to have with us. Those that bear their colors and stand up to them in this way, give up their jobs, leave their family for awhile, all for their union. Only wish we had more of the same material. You non, take notice that most every new man who comes to us is wearing a button and a smile that won't wear off. So why will you go on reaping the benefits of the Order, and putting up your time-worn excuse about not joining? I landed another one the 21st, that I have been working on for about eight months and he looked much better to me that night when he came to relieve me. Did not look like the same fellow, for he had told me so many that he could not look at me straight, but now he is all to the good, and we can call him Bro. Barnett. We have a lot more near, who are not it, but you can bet your life I am going to keep on telling them about it. We are going to try and have Bros. Gregory and McDaniel with us in July, and if so, want to have a record-breaker for this meeting. We would all enjoy seeing them and hearing what they would have to say to us. I think they should have a lot of praise for what they are doing for us.

Thanks to those of you who sent in news items, but sorry they failed to reach me, and, as you all know, a man out in the country can't keep up with what is going on; it is up to all of you to try and help me out, so please see if you can't do this in the future, so we can have a better write-up.

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Mocon Division-

To the boys of what is now part of Atlanta Division, I have this day tendered my resignation as local chairman to the proper officials of the Order. I did this with deep regret. However, on acount of ill-health and one other reason, I was compelled to give it up. I wish to thank them through the journal for their untiring efforts toward the up-building of the Order on Macon Division. I wish to express my appreciation of the entire division to those that honored me with this office. While I am sure that there were men on the division that could have handled this office more ably than I, for more than one reason-first. I was about the youngest member on the entire division; second, I was situated where I could not well get off without being relieved; but I am always ready and willing to do the best that I can with anything, and for this reason I accepted the office. I am very sorry to say that a majority of the boys were hard to get interested. They proved this by their non-attendance at the meetings. We all realize what it takes to make unionism a success. Why do some of us lag back, and say something like this when a meeting day comes off: "Well, I can not well get off today. I guess they can make out without me." That is not the idea. Go to the meetings. Of course, everybody can not go every time; but they could take turn about. And I am sure that if they will do this we will see the result of the meeting stated above. It was impossible for me to give it justice.

Now, in conclusion, brethren, accept my sincere thanks for the kindness shown me while in this office. I leave you now with best wishes for success and happiness.

Yours fraternally,

J. W. CRUMPLER, Cert. 1018.

Atlanta Division, North End-

As the boys have seemingly lost all interest in the good work of the O. R. T., and have not sent in a write-up for some time, I will voluntarily send in a few lines. You should not keep so quiet. Be up and doing. The reason I speak in the second person is that I have only been here with this road a very short while. We have no local chairman to represent us, and this is one thing we must have. There are several little injustices being practiced by the railroad on us, and we must not stand for it. The first thing we know we will wake up to find ourselves being seriously imposed on in many ways. Our chief has already grown so careless about us that we never

hear from him when we complain of some injustice being done, or has been done us, and we have to take it up with Mr. McDaniels, which takes more time than it would if we had a chairman. Brothers, read this and get to thinking, and let's have a chairman. The boys here are like they are on other roads, changing and swapping around every few days.

The business outlook is good now. All leading men seem well pleased with the prospects, and say business will soon be back to normal; and the railroad officials all express themselves optimistically.

Some of the old men on the road are taking vacations while operators are plentiful. Most all have the up-to-date card.

Bro. L. B. Silvernail has been unjustly treated by a Mr. T. E. Fitzgerald, who is a "non," and will never be anything else. Fitzgerald is a very old chicken, and I "13" stuck very close to the nailroad in 1900. But since then he resigned and else the service two years, after which he returned, and claims he was reinstated by our superintendent, and the company has allowed him to roll Bro. Silvernail from first trick at Silver Creek block, and put him second trick. I understand Bro. Silvernail has taken the matter up, so let's all stick to him. If we let those little trifles go, it will get to be something more later. We all know that when a man resigns he has no reason by which he can be reinstated.

The N. C. & St. L. switchmen have just won a strike. A strike was called on account of the road discharging some of them on account of union affiliations. But the company were glad to take them all back—discharged ones and all strikers.

There are five or six extra men here now, but I "13" the Western Union Company is taking on several more operators now in Atlanta, so this will take the extra men.

CERT. 1329.

Knoxville Division, East End-

We had a meeting at Knoxville, Tenn., May 25, 1908, but for some reason our attendance was very small. Brothers, this will never do. What is the trouble? Do you not want to come? Can you not stay away frorm your girl one night? We have a meeting in Knoxville the fourth Saturday night in each month. Now, let us all work for better conditions. Come as many as can get out to the meeting. Take some interest in it. You will not know what is going on by staying at home. I don't go to all the meetings, but I go every time it is so I can. We want your help. We can not be successful without you. Let us work for one another. My understanding is that Bro. W. H. Cord, assistant local chairman, is going over the entire division in July, 1908, organizing. I think he will get several of them here. They have got their eyes open now, and Lord knows it is time. The nine-hour law and the raises we have gotten in the last two years shows what the O. R. T. is doing. We will come to the front in a few years, I want to see Division 59 solid. L. H. Corbett and J. B. Childers promise to join in July. Since I have been division correspondent but one brother has sent me items for our journal.

Pay up before it is too late. Just as well pay now as after a while, and an up-to-date card looks good to me.

Our committee goes to Washington, D. C., again about the 28th of July, to meet the officials of the road, and to hold a meeting with them in regard to new contract, also the reduction of wages, but we will not get a cut in wages, as they are paying us but \$52.50 to \$55.50, where all other roads pay better. N. & W., for one, pays all the way from \$55.50 to \$72.15. Our old contract expired April 1, 1908, but was extended until July 1, 1908.

Have not received any bulletin lately of vacancies, so I have none to report.

Bro. Tucker, of Bluff City, off on ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Rumbley.

Bro. R. T. Anderson, of New Siding, Jonesboro, off for one night; relieved by Telegrapher Moore.

Bro. Barkley, of Hodges, Tenn., visited his mother at Telford, Tenn., one day last week; relieved by Telegrapher C. H. Newman.

Telegrapher Webster, of Watango, attending court a few days; relieved by Bro. Rumbley.

Telegrapher Reams and Trouthem, of "AO" and "SU," are making Birmingham, Ala., a visit.

Div. Cor.

Between Morristown and Asheville-

Now, brothers, let's all go to work to get the division solid O. R. T. Let's work as we never have worked before. Let every brother along the line put his shoulder to the wheels of old Division 59, and lift her hubs out of the miry clay, and place them upon the rock of solid organization. Furnish every non along the line who is eligible of becoming a member an application blank, and explain to him the benefits of our organization. I feel certain that if we go to work and work in the right way and manner, that success will be the result, and our conditions will be bettered.

I don't know of many changes along the line at present. All the boys seem to be sticking to their jobs pretty well. I think, too, that there is a new second trick man at Sandy Bottom. Don't know his name yet.

The second trick operator at Rollins has asked for the papers, and says he wants to be in the clear by July 15th.

Mr. S. S. Chandley, the third trick man at Rollins, wants to get up-to-date as soon as possible.

The student question seems to be the most serious thing up here now. Brothers, make your motto "No card, no favors" with these men who are teaching students. I "13" the company has been paying to all who would conduct a ham shop the sum of \$25.00 per head for all the pests they could turn out. It is said that one E. D. Foster, first trick operator at Bailey, N. C., has received the wherewith of \$25.00 to rope in some hill-billy from out of the sticks around there. We know the student must be a bright one, and under such

a bright professor I think he will soon be ready for market. The agent at Marshall also has a house full of these young mountain boomers.

CERT. 1609.

Washington Division-

We are now in the midst of the vegetable, peach and melon season, and the Southern is making the car-wheels spin from Monroe to Potomac yard with the above-mentioned delicacies aboard, and the boys are also found handling the trains by telegraph without any delay, and with perfect safety and promptness.

It appears that this division is not as alive and enthusiastic as it has previously been, and as it should be now. It does not seem that it is for our own good to grow careless and inclined to lose interest in our work, because we have accomplished some points that were most desired by us, as there are a good many other things we would like to have, which can be secured in time if we remain in an up-to-date position; but will never be obtained unless we all get in the band-wagon and pull together. And another thing, these desired benefits can not be accomplished by a few of the boys. What we want is a united band of workers to work as one. A few of the boys have been doing the best they could under the circumstances, and have done a great deal of good; therefore, it is taking the wrong view of the matter for the majority of the stay-at-homes to criticise the efforts of the faithful few. We all should think more seriously of this matter, and rally to its aid for our future benefit. Hang to that little up-to-date piece of pasteboard as a man would cling to a limb of a tree that suspends him in safety above the mad waves of an on-rushing stream that sweeps everything before it. Beware! we have no desire to be swept from our feet.

Bro. Sullivan has returned to work after being off a while with his fractured knee.

Bros. Brittle and Spitzer working the nine-hour tricks at Bealeton.

 $\;\; Bro. \;\; R. \;\; F. \;\; Abbott \;\; working \;\; the \;\; agency \;\; at Brandy.$

The extra men seem to be getting about all the work they can do now.

Bro. Berry worked second trick at Buena a few days last month, and Larmond also. DIV. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has visited the home of our esteemed brother, P. O. Parker, and removed therefrom his devoted and affectionate wife; be it

Resolved, That we deeply regret her untimely demise, realizing the aching heart of our brother; we, the fraternity, extend to him our heartfelt sympathy; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy forwarded to our brother and a copy to The Railroad Telegrapher for publication.

W. O., Needham,

J. C. FERGUSON,

J. H. WILLIAMS,

Committee.

Queen & Crescent Route (North).

A. G. S. Division-

Something seems to be wrong. Now we have the nine hours, and all of the boys seem so well satisfied that they fail to send up any items. We can not keep up with the happenings along the line unless the boys take some interest, and drop me a line-up every month. So far, I have only got a line-up from the south end. What is the trouble with the boys on the north end of the division? Many thanks to our loyal brothers on the south end for the nice little line-up.

Boys, wake up and get "Bizy;" take an interest in your own welfare. Don't think for a minute that we will ever accomplish anything unless we work. You will not only be helping yourself, but others. Can't you see what the Order has done for you in the past? Just think what we might accomplish if every one would get "Bizy," and get our line as near solid as possible. How many of you have spoken to your neighbor or fellow operator who happens to be a non? Go after them, boys, and clean them up. It is our only road to success. I wish I could let all the men on the line know what kind of excuses and promises our local chairman and others receive from the Mr. Non. I am really ashamed myself for I know personally that most every non on the line has made some kind of promise or ex-Next pay-day is a great weapon used by most of them, but when pay-day comes had some extra bills to pay, and will have to wait until next pay-day. Some of these days there will be some of them drop short a few dollars on pay-day, and then they will see what excuses have done for them. We can be successful in this life in only one way, and that is to stick together, and look to our brother workmen's interest, as well as our own.

The local chairman, assistant local chairman, and others, have been in touch with the nons continuously, trying to show them the importance of their getting in line, but they fail to see the object; or, in other words, don't care. The time will come that the employer will believe that men who do not take sufficient interest in their own welfare to promote their organization, do not care what they do for their employer. We don't want the unreliable in our Order. We have some nonmembers on our division that would make good, reliable Order men, but it seems that they can't get on the right track. We need their help and must have it, and in order to get this we must do all in our power to get them on the right track. There are a number of nons on our division that have asked for application blanks, which were sent to them at once, but they have not been, as yet, returned. If a member should drop round to some of these offices, you would either find the blanks lying behind the switch-board or relay, never touched from the day received. What can the nons expect us to think of them when they do like this? We are not discouraged; we expect to keep hammering on them until something breaks.



I want to say a word to the members. The time is near when we will have to renew our cards, and the necessary amount is only \$5; puts you right up-to-date until December 31st, so don't neglect this, whatever you do. I feel sure there is not an up-to-date man on the line that does not want to always keep an up-to-date card, so don't delay in sending in your dues at once, but don't think that will be all you have to do; see if your brother, who is working with you, has done the same, and then see if you can't catch a non or 50. When you do this kind of work you begin to be a real O. R. T. man. Don't be the last one to get an up-to-date, but try to be first. To make success we all have to work hard together. Keep your eye on your neighbor, and let him know that you are right there with the goods.

As most of the telegraphers are not acquainted with the conditions on the A. G. S. Division, I will endeavor to throw a little light on the question. Mr. Evans, superintendent, has notified the agents that their ticket commission would be discontinued June 15th, which would decrease their salary \$5, to \$25 per month, best I can figure. It developed that these instructions came from higher officials, after the general chairman and local chairman had a conference with Mr. Evens and Mr. Baker. We all know that this is contrary to the telegraphers' contract, without giving the proper notice (thirty days), and then it will have to be settled by the general committee, if we can't get this settled otherwise. The general chairman, Mr. A. B. Wilson, is working on this at present, and we hope to get it settled soon.

I note that over two-thirds of the nons are

I will ask the nons one question. Go way down in your heart before making your decision, and I think that you will have a different opinion of the O. R. T. than heretofore. Do you feel like you are doing justice to your fellow workmen to remain a non, knowing that we are going to have the above matter straightened out? You know it takes only a small amount to have an up-to-date card, and you realize what the members are doing for you. Had you not rather pay the \$10 dues, and have some one to represent you? or would you rather have your salary reduced \$15 or \$20 per month? You surely have not got the nerve to ask the O. R. T. to save that ticket commission for you, and not make some effort to show appreciation.

We had a great many nons on this line some ime ago, but they can be counted on my fingers now. You nons wake up, let our local chairman hear from you. If you don't, I will not assure you of the O. R. T.'s protection. We have been working very hard and patiently with the nons that are left, but you can't expect this to continue.

Bro. A. B. Wilson, general chairman, was at Chattanooga for two or three days, working hard, as usual, with the men, grievances, etc.

I understand that there are a few members that have not paid their semi-annual dues yet. You must not neglect this. It takes money to support the organization, and as we are aware that the largest proportion of the dues goes to the Grand, it takes all the assistance from our men to keep a full box, and we must have that to accomplish good results. We only ask the members to keep their dues paid up, and to lend a helping hand to bring the nons over. I will ask that all brothers keep an eye open for new men lighting on our division, and if he happens to be a non, go right after him. When we do this we are acting as brothers and sisters should do.

B. D. Stone, our local chairman, wants to congratulate the members on our division regarding the special assessment. We only had two or three on our division that did not pay the \$3 assessment, and will say that it was ahead of the other divisions, and I thank you very much for handling it this way. Get after the nons as you handled this matter and we will have them going.

Everything is running smoothly on the line, and prospects look good for an increase in business.

The Texas steer train went through a few days ago, with good movement over our line. The yard men at Chattanooga received some praise from the officials, as to prompt handling of this train through the yards. She did not stop at all. Iron-clad jacks and dinky hooked on, train inspected and everything that was needed without the train having to be stopped. That is the way to do "biz."

There is a good increase in telegraphers on our division since March 4th. All of the old night jobs are three-men jobs now, with the exception of one or two. This is very encouraging, considering the conditions, and our salary is the same.

I understand "F" office, Birmingham yards, is now only a day office, and "BG" is doing the train order work at nights. New man at "BG." He has not got the goods.

Bro. Herron, of Moundville, is doing the third trick stunt at Fort Payne.

Bro. Beecher, third trick man at Collinsville, says everything is lovely with him.

On account of reducing the force in dispatchers' office at Birmingham, Bro. Buckhanan is working third trick at Tuscaloosa.

Bro. Atkinson, of Tuscaloosa, was off a few days; relieved by Operator Sullivan, who, I understand, has sent in his application papers, and will soon carry an up-to-date card.

Would like to call the attention of members and non-members that our Bro. Payne, of Springville, has been very sick for the past few months with fever. He is at his home at Keener, and anything that anyone may do to encourage him, or help him in any way, will be more than appreciated. Let us all hope that he will soon be able to get out and be with us again.

Akron boys say: "No card, no favors."

All the boys at these "no-card-no-favor" stations please give me a good line-up for next month, which I will appreciate very much.

Bro. B. D. Stone, local chairman, "CS" office, Chattanooga, is expecting to be off a few days in the near future, and will drop around to see most all the boys. Get busy and get your button where it can be seen and show your colors.

Bro. O. A. Harper, "CS" office, Chattanooga, will take his vacation July 1st; will be relieved by Bro. C. K. Hickey. He is to visit Niagara Falls and Coney Island.

Bro. Thomas, working third trick at "CS" office, Chattanooga.

Before closing, let me say that we must show the railroad company that they are getting better service under the shorter hours of service than they received from long hours. In order to do this every operator should make special effort to be "Johnny on the spot" when there is any business to be done, and to do the same in a safe and reliable manner.

Please refer to local chairman's circular, dated April 28th, in regard to line-up from our division, and don't fail to let me have one each month, not later than the 20th of the month, so I can get it to going. Address, care Central Station, Chattanooga, Tenn.

O. A. HARPER, Dir. Cor.

Chattanooga Division --

Bro. M. Williams awarded first trick at Oak-dale,

Bro. D. S. Gooch is doing the extra work in "SY" office at present.

Bro. E. E. Hankins is on the extra list since Pine Knot closed day hours.

Yard office at Somerset closed.

New office open at Elihu held down by Bros. G. F. Dungan, first trick; R. Addington, second trick, and E. P. Hiaott, owl act.

Bro. R. J. Eddins, "Uncle Dick," is paying his old home at Bagdad a visit.

Bro. R. Gooch has been very sick the past two weeks, but we are glad to say he is improving at this write-up.

Understand there is excessive sleeping on duty, especially those on third tricks. Let's get next to our jobs and cut this sleeping business out. It is going to get us in bad with the C. T. D. Now, Jet's come on at 11 p. m. with enough sleep to do us for eight hours.

Bro. H. H. Gabril is working the second trick at Spring City during the berry season.

First tricks at "GF" tower, "MN," and "BR" now on bulletin.

Glad to say we can call J. W. Wyatt and J. McCluen brothers now.

We are all glad to see the good work the General Committee did in Cincinnati. Didn't stand for any reduction, but sorry to see so many falling short on the small special assessment. All brothers not remitting on or before May 20th will be suspended. Just think, only \$3. Why, you would have lost that amount each month if the committee had accepted the reduction.

Bro. A. A. Jenkins, "EG" tower, off on vacation; relieved by Mr. M. C. Roser, extra operator.

Glad to know we can call Mr. J. T. Clark brother by the time this reaches the column.

Operator J. T. Clark relieved our local chairman, Bro. W. E. Hines, to attend our former secretary and treasurer, Bro. E. M. Caldwell's funeral at Williamstown, May 12th.

Bro. Mitchel Phillips, first trick at Oneida, is taking a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. E. C. Dody. Later, Bro. E. E. Hankins awarded third trick Oneida, and Bro. W. M. McClure awarded second trick Oneida.

Mr. J. A. Mosier just recently received Sunbright, agency and operator. He has been furnished with the proper blanks to become one of us.

We are in the best shape that Chattanooga Division was ever known to be in. We are about as solidly organized, according to the mileage, as there is in the country.

Bro. M. C. Weaver, of Sale Creek, and Bro. W. C. Hetzler, of Evansville, waited on Superintendent McFarland, of Southern Express Company, and secured the 3 per cent increase on express commission on fruits and vegetables. This is the way we like to see our brothers get out and hustle, as this is something that agents can handle better than your General Committee.

The boys are all happy since the nine-hour law has been enforced, there being only seven twelvehour positions and twenty-six eight-hour stations and towers on Chattanooga Division.

We are glad to see Bro. C. W. Crain as chief clerk to Chief Train Dispatcher J. M. Pattison, Somerset, Ky.

Cincinnati District-

Bro. A. B. Collins, from Hinton agency to third trick at Williamstown on account Hinton agency being closed.

Bro. H. A. Wise, former agent and third trick man at Williamstown, after a two weeks' rest, is relieving Bro. B. P. Shewmaker, at Moreland, for fifteen days.

Brannon, Hinton and Mason agencies closed recently. Who next?

Bro. Geo. Gouch off a few days on account of sickness. Relieved by Bro. H. L. Davis.

Bro. B. J. Sullivan, from third trick "RX," Lexington, to third trick Nicholasville.

Bro. E. H. Boutwell, from C. of Ga. Ry., working second trick at Williamstown until job is bulletined.

You boys that have not paid the special assessment should come across with this at once. Of course we know that times are hard, but just think what they would be if we had no contract, or if we had been compelled to have our salaries reduced 10 per cent.

What do you do the first thing when you get THE TELEGRAPHER! You look to see a column from Division No. 62. When you fail to see anything from this line, it is because the correspondent can't get a line-up. He could have a good write-up each month if we send him every change, and such other items as you would like to see in the journal.

The following positions are on bulletin: Williamstown, second trick; Moreland, second trick, and Sadieville, second trick.

"13" Bro. Martin Kelly, second trick man at "SJ" tower, is lucky man for the second at Williamstown. Div. Con.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHIRLAS, It has pleased an All-wise Providence to remove from our midst our brother and friend, Eddie M. Caldwell, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of the Most High, who doth all things well, and

WHEREAS, We deeply feel the loss of our brother and esteemed friend, his wife and children have lost a devoted husband and father, whose words of counsel, cheerful presence and untiring devotion to their welfare, and all who were so fortunate as to know him, can never be replaced, we feel that our loss is his gain eternally; therefore, be it

Resolved, That to the sorrowing wife and children we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our division, a copy be published in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

A. B. WILLISON, W. E. HINES, K. C. GARDNER,

Committee.

Great Northern Ry.

Northern Division-

Business seems to be picking up on the Cass Lake Line the last few days. All regular trains running, and five and six extras every day. The company is rushing material for their new extensions, and getting line in good shape for the usual fall rush.

Mr. Stokes, who has been agent at Fosston for some time, has left for Havre, to accept a position with Mr. Lowry. He was relieved by Bro. Lloyd, local chairman for this division, who was formerly agent at Solway.

All the boys are glad to see Bro. Lloyd with

Quite a bad wreck occurred a few days ago about one mile east of McIntosh, when a west-bound extra left the rails and tried to make scrap iron out of four cars of company rails. No one scriously hurt.

We should arrange for a meeting to be held at some convenient place every month, and all get together and make a raid on the nons on this division, and when we get this accomplished, and have the satisfaction of seeing them all wearing the wreath and sounder, we could all get together and get acquainted and discuss some of the important subjects that are of interest to us. We are getting so far behind other divisions in this respect that we doubt if some of the brothers on

other roads know there is a Northern Division of the G. N.

The Soo Line have a fine meeting every month, which is well attended, also we notice they are always very much in evidence in this journal, and we should try to get an occasional write-up to let the brothers know we are not dead yet—only sleeping.

The 4th of March did not benefit many offices on this line, only Dugdale, Lengby and Bemidji getting nine-hour tricks at present, but we presume that when the grain begins moving we will all be enjoying the proper division of hourseight hours' work, eight hours' rest and eight hours' sleep, which is the just portion of every working man. We are confident that the company will get much better service under this arrangement, and it is up to the brothers to see that they do their part, and let it be said that the Order men are giving the very best service on the mar-There should be no excuse now for the ket. nine-hour boys sleeping on duty, and it is to their interest to see that it is not done. We have the good work started now, and the only way to keep it up is to give the very best service possible, and show the officials that the O. R. T. boys are the "whole thing," when it comes to good service.

We think they are "beginning to sit up and take notice," and are not finding their students just what they should be, and here is where we come in if we do our part.

There is not much moving around among the agents and operators on this line, and when a man gets in a station he seems contented to stay there to the finish. Must be some reason for this.

Presume all the boys are sitting up nights posting on the new book of rules. Have not seen that examiner's car yet on this end of the pike. Guess they will not find any of the brothers napping.

Some changes at the border lately. Bro. Geo. Nelle left for parts unknown; relieved by Mr. Payne. Don't know if he's a brother or not. Mr. J. Peterson working nights. Understand he's a member of the C. T. U. A. "13" Noyes a split trick.

Am not able to get a line-up of local lines on account of so many offices closed, or train wires

Relief Agent Mr. E. R. Salter is kept busy with some of the \$40 agents. Some of the boys ought not have been so instructive to their helpers.

Three telegraphers at Ada and Glyndon. Don't know their names; hope they are brothers.

Bro. J. D. Lloyd is taking a vacation. Bro. M. W. Brink working first trick, Mr. T. H. Gibson working third.

A few changes in superintendent's office. Dispatcher C. H. Zealand, acting chief; G. C. Bales, first trick; Buckner, second, and G. H. Pietsch, third. All taking a few weeks' vacation.

We also have another man in that office who was working for an O. R. T. ring. "13" he got quite a number of members, but dropped out himself, and was employed at one of the Crooks-

ton ham factories as a professor. Quite an honor. Guess you all know him, boys. Glad the rest of us are not as hard up.

"P" line has quite a number of new agents; another school at Willmar,

Would like to see a write-up of our neighbor divisions. What's holding you quiet.

Now, boys, see how many new members we can get next month. Think there's a few need a little fixing. Don't you?

Buster Brown.

Superior-Mesabi Division-

Bro. Fred Vobejda is expected back again at his old job at Deer River. Some time ago Fred thought he would like a change to city life, so put in for the docks at Superior. Presume he got lonesome for the "jack pines," and also that they got lonesome for him, at least, we are informed that the station duties at Deer River did.

Our old standby, J. H. Campbell, is just now doing the owl stunt at Grand Rapids, relieving Bro. Torrey.

"13" Bro. Spaniol, of Swan River, is getting ready to move into Superior Docks.

Since leaving Santiago de Cuba, Bro. J. F. Lafontaine has been hitting the road some. His presence was twice required at Swan River to pacify the strenuous conditions there, and is at present acting manager at Deer River.

While at Superior on a business mission, we met Bro. W. F. Morgan, of State Line tower. The short distance we traveled together on the train was well utilized and enjoyed.

We are informed that Bro. F. C. Torrey is laying off on account of the death of a sister.

I wish to jar up the memory of a few of the brothers on our division who have neglected to pay their dues. Brothers, this is no way of doing. Keep up to date. Don't expect the other fellow to bear all the expense in keeping up the organization. Nothing looks so good to a level-headed telegrapher as an up-to-date card.

Do all you can to strengthen the organization. Your working conditions depend on it. Make it a rule to induce at least one good non to join, and see that those you work with are equipped with an up-to-date.

Every man following a trade owes his fellowmen a duty. That duty is to support the organization which is ever on the watch to better the working conditions, not only of its members, but all who work at the trade of its representation. There are men who claim that they can not spare the necessary few dollars required to join, but think nothing of spending double the amount in a single night for things doing them no good—generally harm.

I've got lots of blanks. Fee for joining during May is \$6.17, and during June \$5.33.

Bro. Vobejda, of Deer River, visited Grand Rapids May 12th, and left town a benedict. Mrs. Vobejda came up from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and they were married in the afternoon (May 12th), by Rev. J. M. Davis. Mr. Claus, day operator,

acting as best man, and Mr. and Mrs. Frye (agent), being present at the ceremony. A delightful dinner was served by Mrs. Frye, after which the party attended the roller rink until train time. They are now at home at Bro. Vobejda's place of employment, Deer River. We unite in wishing the brother and sister an abundance of joy.

J. E. LEISER.

Montana Central Division-

I should like for every member to send his copy of The Telegrapher to some non as soon as he has finished reading it himself, and, if possible, also send the non a letter calling his attention to the fact that we have made arrangements to have a write-up of this division every month hereafter, and asking him if he does not think it time he was getting in line, and coming into the Order, where he belongs. If it should happen that some of the nons get two or more such letters, that will be all the better, for, on reading the first he will know that we want him in; the second will make him remember it, and if he gets more than two he will see that we are going to get him in if it is possible.

We have at last completed the organization on this division, having recently succeeded in getting three members of the local Board of Adjustment. Bro. A. B. Vaughn, of Clancy, has been appointed assistant local chairman for the Third District; Bro. E. C. Skinner, of Vaughn postoffice, Sunnyside, for the Fourth and Fifth Districts; Bro. Lee Shobert, of Cascade, for the Second District, and Bro. J. F. Percy, local chairman, will handle the work for the First District. We should be able to get a few items of interest each month, with all of these brothers at the wo. k.

The nine-hour law made a number of changes on this division, and some of them were not entirely satisfactory to the telegraphers who were affected by them. There are only six offices where the service is continuous, these being Benton, Great Falls, "PD," Wolf Creek, Clancy, Basin and Woodville. This really creates places for only two extra men, since, at Benton, Wolf Creek and Basin, the agent now does six hours wire work. and at "PD" there were already three men. At Wolf Creek there had been but two men, but the increase of work on account of the building of the new dam would have forced the company to put on the third man, anyway. On the other hand, Teton, Portage, Sand Coulee, Corbin and Elk Park have been closed, as well as the night offices at Helena, Portal, Great Falls freight house and the day office at Amazon, thus cutting out ten telegraphers.

Offices have been temporarily put in at Hardy, Hardy Pit and Tunnel No. 1, and two pit jobs on the M. & G. N. Those at Hardy and near there, on account of the extensive washouts that occurred when the Hauser dam broke. We were tied up in that territory for about ten days, and it will still take a lot of work to get the track in good shape again.

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We have increased the membership on this division five in the past month. Two by transfer and three new members. Mr. Pitman and Mr. Jordan, of Mountain Junction and Woodv'lle, have asked for blanks, and we expect to be able to call them "brother" in our next.

W. B. Hindman, agent at Clancy, was absent on leave for some time. Mr. H. Wilkins, regular agent at Silver, taking his place.

The night office at Portal has been closed, and also the day office at Amazon. These men being relieved by staffmen. The offices are continuously operated, though no actual telegraph work is done at either office for more than twelve hours per day. The ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission says that this is a violation of the law.

Operator Jordan is now second trick at Woodville, vice T. T. Smithers, a brother in the C. T. U. of A., who went to Great Falls freight house. The twelve-hour life there was too strenuous for him, and he kicked harder to get out than to get in there. Bro. Frelick is now handling the work at the freight house. He is not so very large, but he is all there when it comes to the work.

Clancy carries the banner on this division, being solid O. R. T., with Bro. Ingling as first trick, working from 7 a. m. to 1 p. m. as operator, and from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. as car clerk. Bro. A. B. Vaughn, second trick, from 1 to 10 p. m., and Bro. Kennedy on third trick.

Helena has two twelve-hour tricks, Mr. J. W. Barry working days at "HY" office, and Bro. Greene nights at the freight house. During the night shift trains must run around the Wye for orders or a clearance. All orders remaining undelivered at either office when it is time for the operator to quit are taken to the adjacent office and delivered to the operator coming on duty. The same thing is being done at Great Falls, so far as orders to freight trains are concerned, the office at the freight house being open only from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. During the night freight trains get their orders at "PD."

Mr. Hugh Wilkins is again back at his old place at Silver, as agent. Mrs. Wilkins, who was relieving him, takes second trick.

Mr. R. E. Merkle, formerly manager at "PD," is now block dispatcher at Brady Pit. Bro. Hanson, of the C. T. U. of A., still holds down the late trick in "PD," with Mr. J. McKeon on the afternoon trick.

There are only two nons on the First District, and they are both good men, who would be just the right kind of material to have in the Order. Don't forget them when you are writing and sending out your Telegraphers.

Div. Cor.

Willmar and Sioux Falls Division-

As your correspondent has been out of the service for two months, it has not been his privilege to keep track of the line-up, or get any items of interest, but as he was reinstated the first of June. will give some of the best we can learn.

First of all, remember the address of your local chairman is Clara City, Minn., instead of Doon, Iowa. In reinstating him the superintendent refused to give him his old job back, but he has about the same money and better hours, so he is not kicking.

Since we were last heard of in The Telegra-PHER we find the road all stirred up. Beginning at the east end, we find the changes as follows:

Bro. Schopp at Clara City; Mr. Dudley out of the service.

M. J. Johnson at Lorn, G. A. Tholen at Green Valley; Bro. Fouts out of the service.

M. J. Barrett at Lynd, A. R. Moreen at Ruthton, E. E. Snyder at Sherman.

P. G. Vernon at Garretson relieving Bro. Me.k while he makes a trip to his claim.

Jas. Busfield at Doon, L. R. Turner at Perkins; Bro. Brown out of the service. Understand he is working in the C., M. & St. P.

Bro. Knudsen nights at Sioux Center, C. M. Cox at Maurice, E. W. Wilson at Dalton, Bro. C. H. Montville at Hinton, Mr. King nights at Lester, Bro. Decker at Garretson and Mr. Atwood at Marshall.

Yankton Line, O. F. Nelson at Corson, R. D. Funk at Tea, H. Highstreet at Davis, S. L. Blackstone at Viborg, and R. A. Dyson at Irene.

If this is not enough changes to turn your hair gray, we can not do anything for you.

The cause for nearly all this is seniority rights, brought about by the making of the following stations non-train order telegraph offices:

Lorne, Green Valley, Lynd, Florence, Ihlen, Sherman, Corson, Tea, Davis, Volin, Mission Hill, Booge, Alvord, Perkins, Maurice, Dalton and Hinton, and the closing of Manley.

It has been demonstrated right before your eyes, boys, that it pays to belong to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers when you are in the right, as you always should be, so no one can afford to be without its support. Personal differences can not be allowed to control between minor officials and employes, so get in line, and be prepared to demand your rights at any and all times.

You can see by the number of Misters shown on this line-up that there is plenty of work to be done, also that there is a bunch of dissatisfied min here and there is no reason why you should not line-up and help your next General Committee correct these conditions. They can do it if you lend your undivided support.

You all know your local chairman personally, so take up any grievances with him, and let him help you if he can, and he will do all in his power. Wake up to your surroundings, and as conditions will have to change soon, be in line to put your shoulder to the wheel, and push your own conditions as well as others along, and quit depending on a few to do it for you. There will certainly be doings this fall unless matters straighten them selves out before then, so buckle on your armor and get mad.

DIV. Cor.

Sioux City Division-

In spite of all the underhanded work of any man or class of men in fighting our organization, and trying to discourage it in every way, we are still gaining ground, and are here to stay and fight it out.

There have been so many changes that it is impossible to give them all.

Bro. Schopp, local chairman, who resigned the agency at Dorn, is now installed as agent at Clara City.

Three good "company" men at Maynard, Granite Falls and Hanley Falls. Wonder what two of these parties thought of the votes they received for committee men last February? The boys have not forgotten what a few agents did a few years ago to defeat an object that should have had their loyal support.

Bro. Kelse, of Cottonwood, has been very sick for the past few weeks, but I understand he is improving. Bro. Judd doing the day work.

New night man at Marshall. Don't know if he is a brother or not.

A Mr. Sheffield holds out here as agent, another party who drew double pay in August, 1905, and did everything in his power to help the company, and gained by so doing the pity and contempt of every man who can see beyond self and self alone.

Mr. Barret, late of Larne, located at Lynd as agent.

Mr. Peterson, formerly our traveling passenger agent, now located at his old station at Russell.

Mr. T. E. Jackson does the transferring of the mail at night, and also acts as agent at Florence. "Jack" does not come under the new nine-hour law, as he does no Order work.

Bro. A. R. Marun, late of Viborg, S. D., chases the mail sacks at Ruthbor.

Bro. John Ardolf, at Holland, off on an extended trip.

At Preston we have the old reliable Bro. Hughes working days. Understand he is trying to secure a few weeks off. Don't know who is doing the night work. Mr. Wakefield, agent, and although not a member of the Order, is a friend of whom we are all proud, and who has the respect of all.

New man at Ihlen. Can't say as to his being a member.

Garretson has two new men. Agent Mackay and Bro. Meek proving up on their claims in Colorado. Understand they are going there to live. Bro. Andy Enges holding down the agency. It is a heavy job, but "Andy" is heavy enough for any of them.

O. F. Nulson, a new man on this line, at Carson. Don't think he is a brother,

Bro. Flaherty, at "YD" with work enough for three or four men.

Bro. Peterson, at Lennot, just back from Wisconsin, where he was called by the serious illness of his brother.

Mr. Wilson, at Dalton, comes from the main line; relieved Bro. Knudson, who quits the service. Bro. Montville, at Hinton, formerly at Carson. Guess "Monty" finds it more pleasant at "HO."

Would like to suggest that we appoint a division correspondent, or take steps to have our division written up oftener.

Like all roads, we have those with us who do not know what the Order stands for, and we should make it a point to show the younger operators what our object is, and try and get them interested in the Order. There are some on this division who never will see the good of the Order, two exclusive agents, especially, who are reaping the benefits of the organization, and have been for years, and who never fail to take all the extra pay and help, but have no time for the O. R. T. Such as these we pass by, letting them live in their own selfish atmosphere, blind to all those aspirations and hopes upon which our Order is built, and the things that make life dearer to every one.

The events of the last few months have certainly proven to me that the Order is the only hope. True, some will now say, "What is the O. R. T. doing now?" For the benefit of the doubtful ones we will say that there are just as many members on the line as there ever was. Did you ever stop and ask why we are given the deal we are? Would it not have been better to have given us fair treatment, such as was given on other roads? An example being the C., St. P., M. & O., where a saving of thousands of dollars each month was made to the company, because of the fair and honest treatment given the employes. Would it not have paid on this line. where about 50 to 60 per cent of the territory is competitive? Does the company realize that the routing of thousands upon thousands of dollars are in the hands of the members of our organization, who will favor the road dealing fair with its men. To every member on this division I plead. keep in the Order, stay with those who are your friends, who, by their work, are helping to raise the standard of pay, securing better working conditions and making life more pleasant. Better be with those who are not blind to the right than with those who care not for those who fall by the wayside. The O. R. T. is growing every day and a better day is coming on this division, not because a charitably-inclined official gives it, but because of demands made, backed up by the determination of the O. R. T.

Would like to hear from some of the other members on this division through these columns.

ANARCHIST.

C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.

M. and I. Divisions-

C. A. Leatherman is again with us, is temporarily relieving at Savage nights.

Bro. G. W. Reed, of Savage, started for Canada on a short visit with relatives, but before he could get through the Twin Cities he was caught and returned to Shakopee to do the day stunt, vice Bro. Glancy, who has severed his connections with the Omaha.



Bro. W. H. Cracker, from the Duluth and Iron Range, visited his stepbrother, Bro. C. F. Chellew, at Belle Plaine, the fore part of the month.

Bro. F. H. Spatgen enjoyed a few days' vacation, visiting points of interest in the Twin Cities, and made his folks a short visit at Merriam. He is now doing the night stunt at Belle Plaine, while Bro. W. C. Hamilton is taking a vacation. Bro. C. F. Chellew, regular night man, is doing the day stunt.

Mr. M. E. Haggerty, of Cliff, has severed his connections with the Omaha. Guess he found it pretty hard plodding along without an up-to-date. It is his own fault, however; he did not lack an invitation.

Bro. Burns, formerly of Shakopee, has taken his assigned position at Merriam, nights. He is relieved at Shakopee by Bro. G. H. Schneiderhan until such a time as Bro. J. H. Johnson, the regularly assigned man, takes up his duties.

Mendota is getting to be the most popular O. R. T. hotbed in the Northwest. There are nine good O. R. T. men located there, three on the C., M. & St. P., three from Cliff, and three from Mendota.

Bro. C. T. Shier, of Savage, visited at St. James (?) a few days the early part of June; was relieved by Mr. F. A. Alexander, from St. Peter nights. Mr. Alexander has made numerous promises to join, but, so far, has not seen his way clear. Will some good brother introduce him to the benefits that are to be derived from the organization

Bro. G. H. Schneiderhan, of Shakopee, relieved a few days at St. Peter, while Bro. J. H. Nelson, regular man, was taking in the sights at Sioux City. Upon return of Bro. Nelson Bro. Schneiderhan relieved at Windom.

Bro. C. D. Brooks resumed work at Lake Crystal, the 27th inst., and Bro. J. H. Johnson, after a few days' visit with his parents at Jordan, took up his assigned position at Shakopee nights.

It is rumored that Bro. J. H. Nelson, together with his brother, are looking up a location for a hardware business along the lines of the C. & N. W., and if able to find a suitable location, that he will quit the Omaha.

Bro. G. W. Reed only put in one day at Shakopee, and was relieved by Mr. G. F. Sluke, new man from Wisconsin Division. Bro. Reed has gone to finish his visit in Canada.

Bro. F. M. Schneiderhan is taking a week's vacation; relieved by Bro. C. A. Leatherman, from Savage nights, who, in turn, was relieved by a Mr. McDonald, new man. Unable to say where he came from.

Bro. G. W. McGarry, second trick man at Cliff, is taking a short vacation; relieved by Mr. J. A. Chalupsky, new man from Wisconsin Division.

Bro. W. W. Jones, of Blakeley, has a side line, which he is working to a good advantage during the evenings, while off duty. He runs a first-class barber shop. He says this materially helps to swell his salary of \$52.50 per month.

Bro. and Mrs. W. A. Wagner of Garden City, transacted business at Mankato, Saturday, the 30th inst

Bro. E. E. Stolte, who has been doing the relief work at Magnolia, while Bro. Himley is taking his vacation, is now relieving Mr. W. H. Leak, at Elmore. Bro. Stolte was relieved at Magnolia by Mr. J. W. Luckey, of St. Paul. Although we believe it is useless, won't some kind brother tell Mr. Luckey what the O. R. T. is doing for the good of the cause?

Bro. H. L. Glick is holding down the position at St. Paul shops until Mr. Fairfield, the regularly assigned man, takes up his position.

Bro. W. B. Martin, of Delft, has again taken up his position as agent at that place, after a week or more absence.

Bro. H. B. Levering is wearing the official cap at Windom during Bro. Hale's absence.

You should not overlook the fact that your local assessments are now payable, and a check should be mailed to Bro. J. H. Atkinson, Truman, Minn., to cover same.

It is about time for some of these wise heads to set up and take notice. We could mention the names of several men that have been in the service for a number of years, and have always fought shy of joining the ranks of the O. R. T. I should think that you could now see the advisability of joining, for it goes without saying that if it had not been for the power of the O. R. T. you would now be enjoying a cut of at least 10 or 15 per cent. But I suppose because you did not get this reduction you feel that it is your duty to stay on the wrong side of the fence. If you could know what is going on on other roads methinks you would strain a point to get in line. and unless you do get in line the same conditions are liable to be visited on the M. & I. Division.

We are informed by the local chairman that the division is in the best possible condition, as far as up-to-date members are concerned; that it has ever been since we were first organized. Only 3 out of a probable 160 members have allowed themselves to become delinquent. That many new members are coming in, which goes to show that an active interest is being taken by all members, and that the results of the organization are being watched by those outside of the Order. We are, indeed, pleased to hear of this.

I believe a word to those who make it a point to keep away from the meetings would not be out of place here. We are sorry to say that at our two last meetings we found men who could have attended the meetings as well as not, staying away for some little reason or other. Now why is it that in a case like this you feel that you should be coaxed to attend? Are our interests any more paramount than yours? Why do you feel that some one should argue with you, trying to show you that you should attend, otherwise you can not feel that enough interest is being taken in you? Do you think that we, who always strive to attend, obtain more benefits from these meetings that you do? If I had my way about it, no

man would be asked but once to attend. If he didn't feel that it was a duty he had to perform, then he could remain at home. I do detest asking a man the second time, and especially in a cause like this, where he should have as much interest as I, where the benefits are equally divided, and where, after building up the organization to the percentage where it will count, he reaps as much benefits as his brothers, who have stayed up two nights and, possibly, three days, in order to attend a fraternal meeting. Don't it rather put you to shame to note the demonstrations that are put forth by some of your brother telegraphers and station agents to attend these meetings, and you, located right on the main line, where all that it would be necessary for you to do is to get on the train at your respective station, and get off the train at the meeting point? They possibly have to drive fifteen or eighteen miles, or pump a car that number of miles, or, in a case like the one that came up at the Mankato meeting, where a brother rode a bicycle twenty-eight miles, two miles of that was covered by walking, the bike breaking down. What have you done towards furthering these meetings? Some of the more enthusiastic brothers have attended the meetings before this, after which they would return to where their branch line branched off, get their team ready and drive home, perhaps reaching home at 8 or 9 in the morning. Don't this put you to shame? You stay at home and never put forth a single effort to attend. Don't let this happen again, when it is possible to attend, and in this way show them that you are made of the right kind of stuff. Don't stop at home like a baby because some other brother that had no more at stake than you didn't get down on his bended knees and beg you to go with him. Please bear these facts in mind in the future. If you have a good excuse, why don't you send it by letter to the meetings and let it be read, so that we may know that you would have liked to attend; this will help materially in bringing up the enthusiasm to the proper standard.

Those that missed the joint meeting at Mankato, Sunday, June 7th, missed a very instructive meeting. It is to be regretted that there was not a larger number out. The Omaha was very well represented and about twenty of the boys were present. It is to be regretted that the boys in the "MA" office could not have found time to be present; none, with the exception of Bro. Kehrer, were in attendance.

The ball was started rolling by a very fine speech from General Chirman James Troy. He touched on many vital topics, and, in fact, covered the ground so nicely on all points in connection with the interests of the O. R. T. that those following him were compelled to choose other subjects, believing there was little left to say on the all-important point. We have all heard it rumored that "that man Troy was a hot-air merchant." He fully demonstrated his ability at Mankato, and at the same time he spoke no word that was out of place, showed plainly to all that he was fully

alive to the interests which he so ably represents, and much good advice was meted out to his listeners. He took his listeners back to the earlier days when railroading was far different than at the present time, and also showed to them the exact conditions as he found them to exist today. He laid particular emphasis on the necessity of keeping our membership up, and showed the way this could be carried out to the desired end. He explained how the present step that the railroad companies had taken, putting in the telephones, was the very best advertisement the O. R. T. could possibly have; or, in other words, that the effect of this step would argue in favor of the O. R. T.

General Chairman W. J. Liddane followed Bro. Troy with a few well-chosen words. Bro. Troy's speech was of such a length that there was but little time left for Bro. Liddane; however, he used what was left to him in a very creditable way.

Local Chairman Bro. D. O. Tenney was called upon, but not being much of a talker he was excused, and Past Local Chairman Bro. E. J. Thomas, of Tracy, was called upon; although Bro. Thomas' views were expressed from the viewpoint of a pessimist, nevertheless he smoothed them out in the finish, and his remarks were very well taken.

Local Chairman Bro. B. E. Crouch, of Takamah, Neb., was with us, and he responded with a well-delivered address, showing the true worth of the Nebraska side of the Omaha General Committee. Bro. Crouch is always there with the goods, and he led his listeners through a series of topics which he, with several more of the employes in the State of Nebraska, passed through while acting as a committee before the House of Representatives in the city of Lincoln, Neb.

Bros. Cottingham and Atkinson, both responded ably, and we regret very much that the time was so limited that it allowed Bro. Brown, of Kasson, only a very few moments.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, it became necessary to adjourn, and the boys repaired to the depot, returning to their respective homes, feeling little the worse for wear, but all feeling better for having attended this meeting.

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Wisconsin Division, Eastern District-

A very regretable error occurred in the May write-up for this district. The name of R. E. Heinz was included among those whose names had been dropped for non-payment of dues. This is wrong. Bro. Heinz holds an up-to-date card, and has always been prompt in paying his dues, and we wish to offer him our most humble apologies for the mistake.

Bro. Liddane, general chairman, was away a couple of weeks in the latter part of May and early June, fixing up the fences here and there. He attended the meetings at Windom and Mankato, also the union meeting at Eau Claire while off.

Bro. D. Kanar relieved Bro. Liddane during his absence.



At the present time Bro. Nichols, East St. Paul, second trick, is laying off; relieved by Bro. Kamar. Bro. Richards, of East St. Paul, is one of the hottest base ball fans in the Twin Cities. He takes in nearly every game when the St. Paul tean is at home, and he can always be found in the right-field bleachers rooting for the Saints. When Manager Flood, of the St. Paul team, made his third home-run in one game at Lexington Park, June 20th, the strain was too much for Richards, and he fell out of the bleachers and sprained his ankle. Bro. Badgely was hurried from Roberts to relieve him.

Bro. O'Hara is still holding down Prince street, waiting for the result of the June bulletin. He is a little bit afraid that he may lose his happy

Our old friend, Bro. L. D. Beamer, formerly at Prince street, is now superintendent of the St. Paul roofing and cornicing works in St. Paul, one of the largest establishments of the kind in America. He is just as good an O. R. T. man as ever, and says that no matter how high up he goes he will always have an up-to-date card in his pocket. There is a member that we are all proud of.

. In the May TELEGRAPHER the statement was made that all three tricks at Elkmound had been made telephone jobs. That was wrong, as only the second and third tricks were changed to telephone. The agent's position is still a n'ne-hour telegraph job.

Bro. Vosburg, agent at Northline, is now doing bis own telegraphing, and seems to enjoy it (?).

Bro. A. C. Heideloff and wife just returned to Chili, after an absence of threee weeks in In-

Bro. Sample and wife visited in Milwaukee for a week early in June; relieved by Mr. R. A. Slaker.

Bro. R. W. Biggar also took a flying trip to Chicago and Elgin, Ill., to meet Mrs. Biggar and accompany her home. She had been visiting her parents for a couple of weeks.

Bro. R. F. Biggar is laying off, putting the finishing touches on his new home at Merrillan, and settling his bride there before resuming work.

Mr. F. W. Whitcomb. agent at Neillsville, now sells tickets for No. 16 at 12:22 a. m., and his freight man sells the tickets for No. 15 at 3:33 a. m. This is on account of taking off the night operator at that point.

Bro. A. P. Sample has been appointed assistant local chairman for the east end, Eau Claire to Elroy, and he intends to start a vigorous campaign to clean up the nons in that district. There are very few nons among the telegraphers and agin s. but there are several telephone men who are still outside the fold. They may as well fill out their blanks now, as the new assistant chairman will stay with them until they see the light. We bespeak for Bro. Sample the earnest support of the members on the east end in keeping the di trict solid. A concerted effort should be made to secure the applications of W. F. Maddocks, Black

River Falls; J. E. Gibson, Camp Douglas; Mr. Straka at Mondovi, and G. F. Tower at Augusta. This would about clear the east end of nons as far as the agents and telegraphers are concerned. On the west end the applications of C. J. Rylander, Lake Elmo; G. F. Krauth, Baldwin; C. W. Pence, Spring Valley; J. G. Bakula, Wilson; W. A. Boyden, Menomonie, and S. G. Knott and H. C. Brewer, Eau Claire, would complete a solid line-up of agents and telegraphers. The new telephone men, who are not telegraphers now require our immediate attention. Those men are eligible to membership in our organization, and every effort should be made by the members to secure their applications.

A feeling of apathy has developed in the last few months among our members on this division. They seem to think that the Order is now on such a solid footing that further work is unnecessary. This is a feeling which is very dangercus, and which has been the means of landing more than one organization on the rocks of disaster. The work of organization is never completed, and never will be as long as there are old men going and new men coming on the line. The influx of new men on this division since January 1st has been large on account of so many telephone positions created. Those men have not received the attention they should from our members. members working in the offices with them have shown an indifference which is strange, to say the least. It is an indifference to their own welfare which is hard to understand. Some of our members have been asked two and three times by the local chairman for the names of the telephoners in their office, and in one case the agent was requested three times for the names of his phone men, and never found time to reply. If this is not blindness to his own interests, what is it? Those men are generally the first to critisize the General Committee for something in the schedule which does not suit them, but instead of doing their share to strenthen the committee, they actually block the work of the committee. As has been stated in these columns before, without the help and co-operation of each individual member on the line, the work of this organization on the Omaha is going to be seriously retarded, and this help and co-operation was never more needed than it is now. Another class of members who are a source of a great deal of grief for the local and general chairmen on the road are those who leave their dues unpaid until the latter part of each term. The general secretary and treasurer, the grand secretary and treasurer, as well as the general and local chairmen, are obliged to keep after those men in an effort to get them to pay their dues. During the last three months of each term there is enough postage spent on those delinquents to pay that portion of their dues which goes to Division 76, not to speak of the extra work forced onto the already overworked chairmen and secretaries. It is a shame to think that a man has to be dunned and coaxed to pay 83 cents per month for his own protection. It seems to be the nature

of some men, and no amount of letter-writing or talking seems to have any effect on them. A change back to the conditions under which we worked six years ago might be an education the younger men, and a good reminder to the older heads.

DIV. Cor.

Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Ry.

Indiana Division-

We have received the May TELEGRAPHER, but nothing doing from this neck of the woods. Seems as though every one waits for the other fellow to write, and that "other fellow" never writes, consequently we don't find anything in THE TELEGRAPHER from the B. & O. S. W. However, we are moving along nicely, with a very few nons. The good ship O. R. T. is plowing along at a lively clip.

Bros. Chance and Seimantiel are holding forth at Culloms and Cooks nights, respectively, there being no day telegraph office at those points.

Bros. Huffington, Jr., and Burton traded positions. Bro. Huffington going to Blocher (Louisville District), second trick, and Bro. Burton coming to Osgood as assistant agent.

Nebraska agency and third trick at New Albany on bulletin.

Telegraph office at Vallencia, Tunnelton and Sparksville closed.

Life was too strenuous at Medora for Bro. Fitzgibbon, so he emigrated to the second trick at Mitchell.

JACK.

Chicago & North Western Ry.

Minnesota Division-

Bro. Brockway, of Sanborn, is relieving Bro. Miller at St. Charles, while Bro. Miller takes a much-needed rest. Brockway is being relieved by a new man by the name of Roach.

Bro. Dorn, regular day man at Springfield, has been doing a few stunts as agent at Utica while Bro. Wagner spent a few weeks at Mount Horeh visiting friends and relatives. Dorn relieved by a man named Furry.

Bro. J. B. Carpenter took a few days' vacation; relieved by Operator Boomer.

Bro. A. M. Wentworth, agent at Gary, tock a few days off this month; relieved by Bro. Newell, who, in turn, was relieved by G. B. Zepp.

Extra telegrapher doing the stunt at Syeye during Zepp's absence.

J. R. Daskoshi obtained Cambria on the last bulletin.

Bro. E. E. Turned, agent at Judson, enjoyed a few days' absence from duty the latter part of May; relieved by Telegrapher I. V. Furry.

Bro. W. F. Schlict, first trick at Owatonna, took an extended trip through the East last month, being relieved by Bro. J. G. Johnson, second trick, who, in turn, was relieved by Telegrapher Boomer.

Local Chairman Brown was laid up for the past few days, and unable to be out. He was relieved by Bro. E. W. Hiffernin, third trick at Janesville. Operator McDonald doing the extra work there.

Help was scarce this last month. It was necessary to close Janesville a few nights to enable Bro. Ellert to lay off on account of sickness.

J. L. Keegan, day man at Redwood Falls, off for a few days; relieved by Telegrapher F. C. Evans.

Bro. M. F. Goodmunson, telegrapher at Springfield, is laying off for a couple of weeks, being relieved by a new man named Laughlin. If Laughlin has the necessary pasteboard this is all the questions we ask.

Sunday, June 7th, there was held at Mankato a joint meeting with the Omaha brothers. Both afternoon and evening were taken up. There were eight Minnesota brothers and seventeen Omaha brothers present. The afternoon meeting took the form of an informal affair, and speeches by Bros. Troy, Liddane, Tenney, Crouch, Thomas, Coddingham and Atkinsen were listened to.

It's too bad that more of the boys could not have been there. We had a very interesting meeting, and so much good can be obtained from these meetings. You can not return from one of these meetings without the feeling that you will do your best to please the company; by so doing you are only helping yourself. Does not the company issue pay-checks, and don't you think that by putting the company first and your own interests second, that we will be the better for it in the end? We consider it as much benefit to the railway company to pay us more money and give us shorter hours as it is to ourselves; by doing so we will do better work and more of it.

The evening meeting was the regular quarterly meeting, and business of great importance was disposed of.

One or two brothers woke up this trip and sent in items. Got a few from Sanborn signed Cert. 2482. Was very glad to get them. Now, won't one or two brothers from the Watertown line send me a few? I will have the division pretty well covered then.

No trains running. Track washed out and numerous other things directly traceable to rain, hail and wind. Growing crops driven back into the ground. Times were tough enough without this.

ACTING DIV. COR.

Ashland Division-

We are glad to chronicle the fact that all the brothers on this division have work, and that there has been none laid off.

The marriage market was quite active in the month of June. About six of our brothers embarking on the long, straight road from which there are no turn-outs until death. We wish them success, one and all, and hope their wives will aid us in keeping their husbands good Order men.

Bro. Shimeck, of Sheboygan, has just completed the job of printing the seniority lists in book form, with stiff paper covers. They are very attractive little booklets, and show evidence of much painstaking, hard work on the part of Bro. Shimeck, to whom we tender our thanks. The book will be distributed ere you read these notes, and will be given to no one except up-to-date brothers.

Bro. S. D. Flausburg was off for ten days in June. He spent part of the time on a fishing trip in the northern woods, and also took a trip to Milwaukee and Chicago, accompanied by his wife. He was relieved by Bro. A. E. Trelan.

Bro. Trelan has taken the agency at State Line, formerly held down by Bro. Gill. Bro. Gill is at present relieving Bro. Atkison at Mercer.

Bro. W. H. Drumm relieved Bro. Nelson at Vankanna in June, who went to Autigo on grievance work.

Bro. D. C. Hickok is the latest convert to the Order. He is located at Hunting.

Bro. M. E. Frye, formerly agent at Woodruff, was awarded the agency at Marathon City on bulletin. Bro. D. E. Lamon, the former agent, has resigned, and is at present traveling on the road for some firm.

Bro. B. E. Nelson has taken the agency at Woodruff on bulletin.

Bro. E. R. Schutte goes to Hatley to relieve Bro. E. M. Coffman for a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. Drumm relieved Bro. Schutte at Crittenberg for a few days.

Bro. Van Silder has been working a tew weeks at "XN" office, Autigo.

Bro. Edward lost a little girl. We tender our sincere sympathy. Con.

Madison Division-

We fare pretty slim this month with news. Our assistants are laying off on us, and we have no meeting to write about—that takes place next Saturday night, June 27th, and from present indications it will be a big one.

We are doing a good business on this division. The mcn who want to lay off find no trouble to get relieved, as Mr. H. D. Schooff, our chief, has plenty of extra men, and pretty good ones at that.

Bro. H. D. Adams, agent at Caledonia, laying off and taking in the commencement exercises at Beloit, where one of his daughters graduated with the 1908 class.

Bro. A. C. Matzek acting agent at Caledonia, and J. D. Tipton doing the third trick stunt in place of Matzek. Mr. Tipton has been working at Jefferson Junction. He was relieved by C. M. Ragen, who has been at Winona.

Bro. W. H. Hansen taking a fifteen-day vacation; was relieved at Jefferson Junction, first trick, by J. B. Drake, who has been working at South Baraboo for some time.

Bro. C. H. Bennett, from West Allis, spent a day in Baraboo, being relieved by Bro. A. J. Duprey, who was, in turn, relieved at Oregon by I. Bernett.

Bro. G. Ayer was seriously injured by trying to board a moving freight train. He missed his grip and fell, and was quite badly banged up about his head. He was off duty for some time. Bro. F. H. Main relieving him as agent at Verona.

J. H. Meirer put in a day at Baraboo recently learning how to do things, and M. Hendrickson relieved him a couple of weeks at Dane, second trick.

Mr. E. F. Boehm resumed his duties in dispatcher's office after a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. M. E. Patterson, south end dispatcher, was next to enjoy his fortnight's respite from duty at the telephone desk. Part he put in at the Grand Convention of I. O. O. F., at Marinette.

Mr. John I. De Sautelle, south end, second trick dispatcher, is off attending the funeral of his brother, Frank, who passed away at Madison. He was for several years passenger brakeman between Madison and Milwaukee, and well known by many of the telegraphers.

During Mr. De Sautelle's absence Bro. F. E. Warner is working the second trick on the north and

J. B. Drake relieved Bro. Warner in "B," geneeral office, for a few days; going from there to Lake Mills to relieve Λ. W. Gordon as agent.

Bro. Fred Fisher, second trick at Merrimac, "BR," enjoyed a few days' vacation visiting his folks in Oconto. Bro. M. M. Zeches relieved him, doing the lever-throwing and fishing there.

Bro. H. R. Pigg, first trick at Merrimac, "BR," was off duty a few days to attend the Woodman picnic at Elroy. Bro. Tisher relieved him.

M. Hendrickson relieved Bro. Thomas at tower "EA" for a few days.

W. F. Copeland resumed his duties as agent at Jefferson Junction when Bro. Main went to Verona to relieve Bro. Ayer.

W. F. Degman, who was working as agent at Klevenville for some time, went to Elmo to relieve the agent.

Bro. G. S. Rockwell, agent at Lancaster, was off a few days, and attended former Trainmaster J. H. Hull's golden wedding anniversary at Baraboo.

Bro. Rockwell now heads the seniority list, having been in the service since January 1, 1873-over thirty-five years.

Mr. James Giblin, the genial traveling passenger agent of Madison, is now on the retired list. Still one sees him occasionally around the depot swaping reminiscences.

Mr. Geo. Montgomery, the veteran passenger conductor, and for many years on runs between Madison and Milwaukee, is also on retired list, and most any day you will find him on the drives around Madison behind one of his fast horses. He has got some that are beauties.

The directors' special went over this division June 10th, and stopped at Baraboo and took in the fine points of the new telephone line. They were very much impressed with it.

Bro. Edward Welch, third trick at Monona yard, "M," visited friends at Klevenville.

Christian Jasi is now the agent at Klevenville, and John Deneen, who was assistant pump repairer, has been checked in as agent at Rileys.

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The heavy storm did considerable damage on the west end at Ipswich. It broke many window-panes in the depot and put the wires out of business.

Bro. H. J. Ralph, agent at Ridgway, made a trip to Lavalle to look over the situation, thinking of taking the agency there, but he was not favorably impressed, so returned home.

Bro. Jack Kucher, second trick at Wonewoc, relieved him. Jack also had a few days' trial at Laville, but no one, so far, seems to care to tackle the proposition.

Bro. M. H. Hansen, first trick at Evansville, is off enjoying a vacation. When he resumes work he will be a benedict.

Bro. M. M. Zeches is relieving him.

Bro. J. A. Barnes, from tower "PD," Bro. C. N. Schleck from Madison, and Bro. C. Hansen, Monona yard, "M," took in the lecture at Baraboo on the safe transportation of explosives by Mr. J. A. Taylor, special agent for the Bureau of Explosives. His talk was illustrated by stereoscopic views, and was very interesting as well as instructive.

Mr. H. D. Schooff, chief, had invited as many of the agents and operators as could get away to come to hear this lecture.

J. H. Yanke relieved W. R. Webster as telephone operator at Mendota, and he was, in turnrelieved by W. J. Riney, son of Mr. Riney, superintendent of B. & B., Baraboo.

The following have become ex-members:

B. F. Edward, H. R. Koch, E. F. Boehm, J. R. Hughes and J. M. Miller.

It is again time to pay dues. Do not put it off, but pay promptly, as it will save considerable work for the general secretary and treasurer, Bro. I. R. Kempkes, as well as the local secretary and treasurer. It costs money to get out these notices, and there are none of us but what are receiving several times the amount we pay as dues through the O. R. T.

The telephone men are coming in in fine shape. If yours is not in yet, get him. They all know it is to their benefit as well as our own to join. They like it as well as wearing that brand-new uniform. Just try and see if it is not so.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Luckfield, second trick at Afton, is getting along nicely after his long spell of sickness. Bro. J. W. Joyce is relieving him.

The recent storm raised havoc on the narrow gauge, between Fennimore and Woodman, washing out five bridges and the track in many places.

By the time this appears the long-distance telephone will be in use between Baraboo and Winona. This will make trains between Winona and Chicago, a distance of 301 miles, all under telephone dispatchers, and the greater part of the way they will be blocked by telephone.

The telephone has proven successful so far, and as this company has several thousand dollars invested in them, there is no doubt they are here to stay, so it is up to us to govern ourselves accordingly; that is, get the telephone men to join

the O. R. T., so our committee will be in shape to do something for them.

The reason the phone has proven a success is because experienced men have been using them, and it will be as necessary in the future to have experienced men use them, because one can not make a railroad man in a day, nor in six months, and this company is not going to pay auditors to go around making out reports. What we want to do is just go ahead and do as in the past, give the company good service, then we will all be working, and our committee will straighten out some of those things that have come up through putting the federal law in force.

Div. Cor.

Galena Division-

June 20 found the steadies all on band for the meeting. Bro. Aye reported the payment of over \$50 in local dues, which enabled us to put Chairman Webster on the road for three weeks' good work. Bro. Webster reported a lively interest in the Order, and brought in the choicest assortment of scalps we ever saw from one hunting trip.

Bro. Webster has taken the night ticket job at Dixon for the present, so just get that non's money and forward it to Dixon, and Bro. Webster will do the rest.

Things are badly mixed, and it is hard to keep track of the changes lately.

Bro. J. B. Agnew is working third trick at West Clinton, and Fifth St., Clinton, six and three per day.

Bro. S. A. Taylor bid in agency at Troy Grove.

Bro. Sawyer leaves Earlville for St. Charles.

He can hold it if any one man can.

Mr. Bennett bid in Triumph. Bro. Skinner going to Belvidere.

Bro. Haviland bid in agency at Malta,

Am glad to say we have Bro, Kehoe back at Belvidere, first trick.

At the May meeting it was voted that each member be sent a card notifying him as to his standing on local ten cents per month assessment; which was done, with very gratifying results, as if this assessment is paid by all Galena Division members, we have ample funds to pay the current expenses, and put the chairman on the line once every six months to wake up those who are too busy to get to the meetings.

Our division is in excellent condition and we expect every brother to help keep it that way, and to show up at every meeting and take a hand in running the machine.

Ero. S. J. Smith is at Shelby, Mich., farming, and would be glad to hear from any of the boys. A little lonesome following the plow.

Bro. McCullough had his eye in a sling for a week. Blamed it all on the little honey bee.

Bro. Agnew, of Galt, had both eyes closed monkeying with the busy bee, but says he is going to play even later by making that bunch of bad actors give up a few hundred pounds of honey.

If you don't see any news from your end just remember you forgot to send any.



Bro. Hoffman was the sole representative of the Peoria line. Are the rest staying away because Dixon went dry?

Cheer up, brothers, the telephone has not got you yet, and unless they improve a great deal, never will. Cheer up, pay up and show up.

DIV. COR.

Northern Wisconsin Division-

Do not know if our local correspondent has resigned or not, but we hope he will make it a point to gather a little news for THE TELEGRAPHER each month, and I would suggest each member try and forward to him or to the local chairman anything that may be of interest to the telegraphers.

Business conditions are gradually on the increase, and we have noticed a great deal of improvement. Let us all try and do our share to improve the service. When we improve the service and show to our superior officers that we have the welfare of the company at heart they are with us, and in time this means better working conditions for our dependents.

Another matter which should be given prompt attention, is the reading thoroughly of all instructions issued from the superintendent or C. T. D. offices. Live up to the rules laid down to us in the "Book of Rules," and be especially careful in regard to the blocking rules. In this way we will avert wrecks and head off legislation that may prove to be a detriment to us and our organization, as well as the company. We should work hand in hand with the company, and not both pull the opposite way. In this way we will be sure to gain better concessions. This fact has been proven in the past, when our committee has been in session with the officials.

I wish every man would make a personal effort to get all non-members lined-up as soon as possible, also the delinquents. If you are in arrears in dues give it your immediate attention, and send same at once. We should have a solid membership before our committee goes in for a revision of our present schedule. Attend all meetings, and if you think you have a grievance, that is the place to bring it up, and not with the trainmen. You will be given a full hearing and it will be straightened out to the satisfaction of all.

Quite a number of changes have taken place within the past few months, as follows: Bro. J. II. Gilbert getting DePere; Bro. J. B. Cook, Neenah; Bro. Woodward, Jefferson; Bro. Becker, Almond; Bro. Hardy, Grand Rapids; Bro. J. O. Sund, Watertown.

Bro. E. F. Jaehnke was off a few weeks, taking a trip through the West, being relieved by Bro. Wm. Jaeknke, and he in turn by Bro. Bornick.

Burnett Junction, which has always been a St. Paul position, has been reopened as a telegraph office, and put up for bid to our division. Bro. Teed is holding same at present until bids are received.

Understand Bro. Griesbach has left the service, but have not learned where he will locate as yet. This being a non-telegraph office, and is now in charge of Wm. Krebs, formerly a clerk in Oshkosh freight office.

I want to impress upon your minds at this point that the men holding these non-telegraph stations are eligible to membership in our Order, and we should try and get their applications.

Bro, H. J. Stark received Kaukauna on the recent bulletin.

The meeting at Appleton last month was not as well attended as it should have been. Commencing with July, we will hold meetings every month again, and every one should make a special effort to attend. There will be important matters brought up at these meetings, and you should be present to talk on them, and give your ideas on matters that are of interest to you.

Pay your dues promptly. This is one of the most important duties we have. Our general secretary and treasurer's report shows that we are in a good, healthy condition, but that is not our aim to be satisfied, we want to make it one better.

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Dakota Division-

Time to dig up the dues for the last half of the year. Time does fly, it seems.

Nothing doing on this division this summer. Not many changes, with every one trying to get a vacation. Gravel service on the west end keeps the boys out that way going from daylight until dark.

We understand composite phones installed at several stations.

A nice 'phone system being installed on the Wisconsin Division, which will be a great help to

Mr. E. M. Erickson, at Tyler, taking vacation in June. Do not know who he is relieved by, so many new ones running around.

Last meeting at Huron was very poorly attended on account of men being unable to get away.

Bro. R. J. Holmes acted as agent at Arco a few days, w'-i'c Mr. W. G. Gordonierre went to Huron to take the telegrapher's examination.

Bros. H. Y. and H. A. Stimson took a lay-off of two weeks and visited relatives in Illinois. J. S. Fillis relieved H. Y. on first trick, and R. J. Holmes worked second. A F. Daugaard took third for a while, but was later sent to Blunt Pit, being relieved by C. W. Christopherson, from the Madison Division.

Bro. Holbrook is working first trick at Blunt Pit, with Bro. Daugaard second.

A Mr. Rice is at Blunt Pit Junction.

J. S. Fillis went to Arlington from De Smet. Bro. O. J. Breen is taking a vacation.

Bro. R. J. Holmes relieved Bro. Price at Athol, a few days. Holmes then took a few days off for himself, and returned to his job at De Smet, third trick.

Div. Cog.

Western Maryland Ry.

Pennsylvania Division-

I wish to call to your attention the fact that there are very few attending the meetings the past few months, and want to impress this upon your minds, that unless we do attend our meetings we can not expect the Order to do much for us. What we must do is to go there prepared to do something for ourselves, and not depend on a certain number to do the work every month for us. There are surely some of us that could attend every meeting, although there are a few that it would be impossible for them to be there. One of our greatest causes are for the want of transportation. We all know we are only furnished with one pass a month, and request must be made at least ten days ahead of time; as meetings are held subject to call of local chairman, we would not have time to prepare ourselves with necessary transportation. What we want, and should have, are annual passes, and I don't think it will be long before we will be furnished with them. Brothers, show us at the next meeting that you can be there, and that you take an interest in the work of the Order.

Bro. Marker, chairman, is sending out with due notices application blanks asking every member to get at least one non in out of the cold. Ask the non you are working with if he don't see some benefit that the Order has secured for him

The boys, I think, realize the fact that the ninehour law has done them some good; gives them plenty of time to take full rest, and I have learned the dispatchers are not having the trouble calling their arms off at night trying to get them awake. We should appreciate our working hours, and give the dispatchers the best of service.

Mr. Berger, our new extra operator, formerly from the B. & O., is making quite a hit on this road. He has been making full time this month. Am sorry Mr. Berger is among the nons, but he promises to be with us in August.

Bro. Dietz, first trick at "DI," off one day attending a funeral of a relative at Mt. Holly, Pa.

Bro. Gardner and Mr. Rose are making operating easier by using a Yetman transmhitter.

Effective June 6th, Mr. L. M. Boller is appointed ticket and freight agent at Pen Mar.

Bro. Hoover, third trick at Hempstead. off on a three days' vacation last month.

Effective June 18th, Mr. Geo. Bartle appointed agent at Blue Mountain.

Bro. Mummert, who is working the owl trick at Summit, serving fifteen days' suspension; relieved by Mr. Wertz, a student from Brodbeck.

Bro. Kalebaugh, at "DI," off on a few days' trip to Washington, D. C.; relieved by Bro. Hamm, of Hampstead.

Mr. Rose, at "GR" office, and Mr. Berger at "MN" office, are both ex-members of Division 33. of the B. & O. Mr. Rose dropped out of the Order when he joined the U. S. army, and Mr. Berger when he went South for his health. Both

promise to be back with us soon. Are O. R. T. men at heart.

News on the main line and West Virginia Division seem to be very scarce. I would be very glad to have anything new that you may have, and wish that brothers of our division would mail me no later than the 28th of each month all items of interest you may have.

DIV. COR.

Maryland Division, Main Line-

There seems to be a very fair percentage of Order men here on the W. M., or those who carry up-to-date cards, but they seem to be dead as to their own interests, and instead of working for the benefit of the Order, which is their own interest, a good many, I am sorry to say, are making ham factories out of their offices. There are now several stations on this division that have students, and when you ask them about having students they will tell you that they are baggagemasters, helpers or messenger boys, and try to claim they are not teaching telegraphy; but every night you can hear them practicing on the wires, especially on No. 31 wire, on the Third District. In most cases the so-called professors are members of the O. R. T. I will not name any of the places that have students this time, hoping that they will see the error of their ways, and that they will cut the students out, but if it is not cut out I will give the names and addresses of all the socalled professors and also if they are members, I will prefer charges against them in the O. R. T. We have a good many new men among us at this writing. Mostly Western men, and I am glad to say all of them that I have had the pleasure of meeting are up-to-date. Bro. Eiseman is one of the new arrivals from the Golden West, and is a member of C., M. St. P. Division, No. 23. He is now working second trick at Walbrook, and Bro. Dorsey, of the Bessemer Division, No. 51, is working first trick at same point, he having relieved Bro. Otto, who was married to a young Baltimore belle, and left the service to accept a similar position with the Northern Central Railroad at Bruceville. Bro. Feelemeyer, another new arrival, is working first trick at Hancock. Bro. Feelemeyer is a member of Pittsburg Division, No. 52.

I have been trying to get the members to wake up and call a meeting, and try and draw up a schedule and elect a committee to confer with the management, and see if we can not get a contract for the telegraphers similar to the engine and train men. There is no reason why the telegraphers can not get a contract here. The engine men, train men and conductors have just gotten a good contract, and are enjoying the fruits of their labors. Would like to hear from some of the live ones in the next issue, and if some of the dead ones would wake up and stick the handle of the old office broom up their back to give them a little backhone, we might be able to get a schedule here like the other organizations are enjoying.

KICKER.



B. & A. Ry.

Agency at Fort Fairfield and Stacyville up at this writing. Bro. H. A. Higgins relieving at Stacyville.

"13" Bro. Bowley has gone to work for the M. C. R. R.

Bro. Dunphy recently took a two weeks' vaca-

Bro. Thompson, of "DA," did the first trick at "MK" during Bro. Dunphy's absence.

Bro. Gregory has resigned and gone to Dexter, Me., for the Maine Central as agent.

Mr. E. N. Herrick recently relieved Bro. J. A. McDougal at South Sebec, and later Bro. Price at Sherman, and at this writing is doing the day sunt at Brownville. Mr. C. L. Holden going to Sherman. Bro. McNair from Ludlow to East Dover. Bro. Van Allen from Maysville to Ludlow. Bro. Thompson, formerly at "DA" office, Rangor, is doing second trick at North Maine Junction. Bro. Belorger doing first trick at Packards, Mr. Mitchel second, and Mr. O'Connors third.

Bro. Stewart took a day off and visited his folks at New Limerick recently.

Mr. Lutes, from Brownville Junction to Scarsport. Bro. Connelley holding down "NJ," second trick, until, bids were off.

Bro. E. N. Tapley relieved Bro. Crocker at Schoodic for two weeks while "BX" was enjoying the mumps.

Bro. Tapley from Schoodic to Acme Brook.
Bro. C. L. Burpee has just returned from his honeymoon.

There was a rumor started from one of the brothers recently that the scribe would get a few notes from the boys, but they have failed to show up yet. Why?

Bro. Connelley has landed third trick at South La Grange.

CERT. 90.

Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City Ry.

Mobile and Louisville Division-

If our regular correspondent is so encumbered with his other regular duties that he is unable to keep this correspondence going, let's try and give him a lift.

We can recall to mind only a few changes in our ranks in the last few months on this division. Mr. Thomas, third trick man at "DS," Laurel, left us June 1st, being relieved by Dispatcher-Operator Mr. Steppe. Mr. Thomas goes back into the railroad service at Atlanta, Ga. We understand Mr. Steppe, in turn, being relieved by Mr. Brown, of Louisville.

Mr. Homer D. Evans, formerly of the A. & V. Ry., Jackson, Miss., goes on second trick "X," Mobile office. Bro. Shomette going on first trick, vice Mr. Vestal, who leaves the service for pastures more green.

We have a new man at "DI," Philadelphia, Mr. F. Lorendine, who is from "M," Postal office, Mobile. I understand he is an up-to-date C. T. U. of A. man.

Mr. Marvin leaves us from the Newton office, being relieved by Miss Ida Daughdrille, formerly of the W. U., Hattiesburg, Miss.

When are we going to have the next meeting, boys? I haven't heard of it this year so far. Now, don't you feel ashamed to look your committee in the face? What's the matter anyway? Don't you think that each and every one of you would be benefited by meeting your brother agent and operator in the lodge room, and there discussing your daily work, and other things of vital interest to the Order and the service of the road in general?

Effective the 1st, the stations at Mossville and Roberts were made non-telegraphic points. This is on account of dull business, I understand.

"CG," Loper, was also closed on the 10th inst., on account of Sanborn Bros. closing logging operations. We do not know what became of Operator Heidelberg, who has held the fort there so long.

Bro. White, agent at Mossville, transferred to Hintonville; relieved by a Mrs. Chenney.

How about this ham-factory business, boys? To listen to the wires one would think that Armour of the Swift Co. had let loose a few cars of star brand down this way. We could mention them right here, too, but will refrain from so doing in the hopes that our wayward brothers will consider the matter in the proper light, and cut it out.

Who said wire trouble and delinquent pay-days? Well, but we understand that Mr. Brown, at "D," Laurel, is getting a brand new set of repeaters, and we hope that when installed we will experience some better service on this division. Now, boys, it's up to you to do the rest, when the company furnishes the equipment. CERT. 56.

Illinois Central Ry.

Louisville Division --

Since writing the journal last time, the block system has been cut out on Louisville and Paducah Divisions, putting numerous operators out of employment. There were about fifty-five men let out on this one division (Louisville). Can not Business say how many on the other division. is gradually picking up, however, and they will probably be compelled to put block back about the middle of July, or put on several more operators to handle the business. The boys, however, should keep an up-to-date card, as it was probably the intention of the railroad company to weaken the Order as far as possible by a move like this. It is a plain case that it was not from a lack of money they did it. for, if you remember that the Illinois Central, before the Interstate Commerce Commission, stated that they had both the men and the money, but still they united with the other roads in asking an extension of the nine-hour law. We are up against a game, but it's up to us to show how we stand. I notice in the editorial of the May number that the Order is still booming, and made the best showing in its history during



the last year. Keep her booming, and we will win out in the long run.

For the benefit of some of the boys who are out of work on this division, will say that I understand that the Central of Vermont and the Union Pacific are needing men at present, but men may find work nearer home by staying around a short time.

Bro. C. Weedman transferred to Paducah Division a few days ago.

Bros. W. C. Strickler and J. A. Nall working second and third tricks at Cecilia on account of older men than Bros. T. G. Cecil and C. Weedman.

Bro. H. B. Romans off a few days taking in the White City. Bro. Thomas relieving him.

Bro. N. Cex relieved Bro. Williams as agent at Beaver Dam, while Williams attended court.

Bro. W. R. Stewart transferred from Red Hill to night office "UD," Louisville. Bro. C. B. Turner transferred from Kraft to second trick at "JA" office, Louisville. Dry. Cor.

Springfield Division-

Bro. Shannon, general secretary and treasurer, attended the funeral of Bro. Earl Morrison at Oreana, Ill., June 26th, as did several other brothers, namely, Bro. Finnegan, of Gibson; Bro. Malone, of Maroa; Bro. Pattengale, of Cisco; Bro. Meliza, of Decatur, and Bros. Lankford and Westerholt, of Mt. Pulaski, and a number of other brothers whose names we did not learn. Bro. Morrison was a charter member of Division No. 93.

Bro. Shannon continued his trip north to the Chicago Division, to shake up a few of the back-sliders.

Bro. Ritchie and wife have returned from a six weeks' vacation, relieving Bros. Lankford and Holland, at Divernon; Bro. Lankford, in turn, relieving Bro. Duffy at "K," Mt. Pulaski.

Mr. C. H. Gill, agent at Easton, bid in the agency for thirty days at Mt. Pulaski. Mr. Gill seems to think the O. R. T. is O. K., but at present says he can't see his way clear to come in with us, but hope to be able to call him brother in the near future.

Bro. J. H. Keown bid in second trick at East Grand avenue.

Have you paid your dues for this term, June 30th to December 31st? If not, squeeze a five out of that next check, and those who haven't paid for last term, J. uary 1st to June 30th, 1908, well, shame on you!

Bro. Phillips, day operator at Assumption, is taking a thirty-day vacation.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has removed from our midst our beloved brother, Earl Morrison, be it

Resolved, That through the death of Bro. Morrison Illinois Central System Division, No. 93, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, has lost one of

its most loyal members, and that we, the fraternity, of this division, extend to the bereaved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their sad hour; be it

Resolved, That we deeply regret the untimely demise of the brother, who was truly a brother in every sense of the word, and who was ever found ready with a helping hand when duty called.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes, a copy sent to the family of the deceased brother, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. LANKFORD, J. C. WESTERHOLT,

C. E. BOWMAN,

Committee.

Peoria Division-

Bro. W. E. Whitson, second trick operator at Olney, bid in first trick at "IN," Pekin, on last bulletin.

Parkersburg agency and operator bulletined, but have not learned yet who the successful bidder was.

Bro. Wilson, on the extra list, bid in second trick at "D," Olney, and relieved Bro. Whitson. First trick at "XN," Sullivan, Ill., bulletined. Can not say yet who will be the lucky applicant.

Bro. O. L. Bridges, night operator in the dispatcher's office at Mattoon, attended the meeting at Newton, Sunday, June 14th.

Among the recent changes on the Indianapolis Southern we notice Bro. McCrillis back at Dieterich, as agent, and Bro. Young, who was relieving him, back at "Q" office, Indianapolis, nights.

It is the same old story over again this month. Your correspondent has not received a single item from any of the brothers, and as a consequence the write-up will be rather short again. It seems to me that each one of the brothers could at least send in one item each month, or give it to me over the wire; any old way to get it to me, but items we must have if we expect to keep up our corner in the journal, and it's up to you to help dig them up, so please get "25," and let us have a big write-up every month. This will be greatly appreciated by your "pencil pusher," and a big help in getting up a list of items each month.

We noticed several new faces at the last meeting at "NE," which was very encouraging, and we hope to see more new faces each time we meet. This shows that all the boys are taking an interest in the work, and also is encouraging to our local chairman, who is a tircless worker in the work. Let us do all we can to help him.

A meeting of the Indianapolis Division and the Peoria Division, No. 93, O. R. T., was held in Newton, Sunday, June 14th, at the New American Hotel, which was well attended, and much interest shown.

The following officers were appointed: Bro. C. J. Walker, first chief telegrapher; Bro. J. B. Weems, secretary; Bro. H. J. Rothrock, first vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. W. A. McClure, second vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. H. A. Bolinger, mar-

stal; Bro. F. A. McGinnis, past chief telegrapher, and Bro. W. W. Rothrock, inside sentinel.

Bro. Walker was appointed local chairman of the Indianapolis Southern Division, vice Bro. I. S. Draper, resigned, giving Bro. Walker charge of both the Peoria Division and the Indianapolis Southern.

Speeches for the good of the Order were made by Local Chairman Bro. C. J. Walker, Bro. Mulbill, general chairman, and Bro. R. L. Shannon, general secretary and treasurer.

After the general routine of business, the meeting was adjourned, and a grand rush was made for the dining room, where a special table was spread for the "knights of the key" by "mine bost" Uncle Joe, and it was, without a doubt, a table filled with good things to eat beyond all comparison, and praises for the proprietor of the New American were heard on all sides, and one of the most pleasant features of our meetings at Newton are the good dinners we get at Uncle Joe's table after adjournment of the meetings.

Bro. Land, from Dalton City, and Bro. Roy Short, from Pekin, were the only representatives from the Peoria District at the meeting at Newton, June 14th.

Bro. Shannon, in his talk to us at Newton, gave us a financial statement, which shows the good financial condition of the division, and we should congratulate ourselves on having such a man as Bro. Shannon in the office of secretary.

Bro. Roy Short, acting agent at Pekin, while Agent Bloye off on leave of absence.

The boys on the west end of the Indianapolis Southern did not get to attend the last meeting on account of train service on that road.

We now have a set of rituals, and expect by the next meeting to have some candidates, and give some initiations, which will make the meeting more interesting.

Bro. Ben Knight, from Harwood days, spent Sunday, June 14th, at Lerna, visiting home folks. Bro. H. A. Adams, formerly with the 1. C. as agent, but now with the Clover Leaf, is enjoying a lay-off and visiting friends at Hidalgo.

Bro. Hocking, agent at Hidalgo, has been making frequent trips to Mattoon on account of the illness of his wife, who has been in the hospital

Bro. J. B. Weems, agent at Newton, bid in Sullivan, "XN" agency, on the ninety-day bulletin, and was relieved by Bro. Walker, day operator at "NE," the transfer being made June 17th.

Bro. Lackey, on the extra board, relieved Bro. Walker as first trick operator at Newton.

We are now almost solid O. R. T. on this division, and but for the neglect of some two or three on the line to sign up, we would have reached the 100 per cent mark. These fellows have promised for the last six months to come in "next pay-day," but it seems next pay-day never comes for them.

Now, boys, let's get busy and make one more roundup, and put it up to them so strong that

they can not get around it, and maybe next payday will see them all in line and up-to-date.

CERT. 1315.

Chicago Division-

Regular local monthly meeting at Kankakee, Ill., on Friday evening, June 12th, with about twenty members present. Meeting was called to order by Chief Telegrapher Bro. Walters. Various subjects pertaining to the good of the Order were discussed, and the meeting was adjourned about 11 p. m.

Bros. Morrison, Boyle and Barr attended the funeral of Bro. Runnel's wife, which was held at Roberts, Ill., Tuesday, June 9th. The funeral party came from Rantoul, Ill., on No. 19, and went back on No. 20. Through the courtesy of the I. C. officials Nos. 19 and 20 were stopped for the party at Roberts. This shows how the company appreciates their employes, and all of the brothers should take this as an example and do all they can for the interest of the company, and in time to come they will both reap the harvest.

Bro. Tune has just returned after an absence of about eight weeks. Understand Bro. Tune has been in the hospital for about three weeks. None of the brothers seem to have known that Bro. Tune was sick, for if they had they would have surely called on him and sent some flowers. This is one thing we should always watch, brothers, and when one of our brothers gets sick notify the local chairman, so he can see to it that each brother does his share to make the afflicted brother feel like he has one grand body of brothers to care for him, which is the O. R. T.

Bro. Carrington is laying off for a few days, being relieved by Mr. John Tierney, extra relief agent.

Bro. Poe is laying off for a couple of weeks, being relieved by Bro. Wells, of Manteno.

Bro. Sam Newton attended to business in Chicago, Sunday, June 14th.

Business is picking up fast on the Chicago Division again, and we hope will continue to do so from now on.

Your correspondent has three assistants on his division, and this month he has not received one item of news. Now, brothers, if you expect any write-up you will have to help me out, as I am in no position to get all of the news.

CORRESPONDENT.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has visited the home of our esteemed brother, B. E. Runnalls, and removed therefrom his devoted and affectionate wife; be it

Resolved, That we deeply regret her untimely demise, realizing the aching heart of our beloved brother; we, the fraternity, extend to him our heartfetl sympathy; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy forwarded to



our brother, and one to THE RAILROAD TELEGRA-PHER for publication.

> W. H. MORRISON, C. O. STONE, H. F. ADAMS,

> > Committee.

Louisiana Division-

Well, well! Just think of it; a write-up from the Louisiana Division—the first in over a year. Somebody said we were dead; and they probably had good reasons for saying so. Although not exactly dead, we were in a deep sleep, but from now on there will be no sleeping "at the switch."

An O. R. T. meeting on this division would surprise many. Not one in nearly a year; no writeup in The Telegrapher for over a year.

The festive "non" has come in our midst in large numbers, also the student.

What has become of our local chairman? The country is overrun with idle operators. The telegraph colleges working overtime graduating their victims. With these conditions staring us in the face, our members are violating their obligation by playing the role of professor. We are reliably informed that some of our local chairmen on the Y. & M. V. have students. A splendid example to set for their constituents. Will the telegraphers ever get wise, and stop cutting their own throats?

The federal nine-hour law is ours at last. While some of our members are not very enthusiastic over its results, it is quite evident that a large majority would not change the new for the old. "The greatest good to the greatest number" should be the unanimous verdict.

While several small offices have been closed as train-order offices (but still telegraph offices) on account of the new law, also the financial panic and light business, has caused reduction in forces, we are still seven or eight men ahead on account of the law, and with the resumption of business several offices will be reopened, and there will be work for all.

Incline, "LA" office (where the S. P. passenger trains cross the river), has been closed permanently. The conductors getting clearance and orders, when necessary, by telephone from Harahan yard office, one mile away. On account of this change Bro. Jno. Youngblood has been transferred to Harahan yards, "ND," second trick. Bro. Holt first trick, and Bro. Granberry third trick. Bro. D. D. Hungate, who was nights at Incline, goes on the extra list.

South Jackson, Miss., yard office has been closed temporarily on account of slack business. Bro. Floyd, who was first trick, going to "FX" office, Jackson, Miss.

A yard office, "UD, near passenger depot, was opened at McComb some time ago, which took all train orders, and consists of "MO," dispatcher's office. Bro. Wilson first trick at "UD," Bro. Crowley second trick, and Bro. Smith third trick. At "MO," McComb, Bro. Gouldman is manager

and wire chief, Bro. Servat, "CV," operator, Bro. Pope nights and extra dispatcher. Bro Triche car distributer.

Hammond, La., "W," is one bright spot since the I. C. has completed its new line from Baton Rouge to Covington, La., crossing the main line at "W." Bro. Meredith is agent, Bro. Turner trick, Bro. Wilson second trick, Bro. Tuell third trick, and Bro. Townsend lineman. That's going some.

Brookhaven, Miss., "WN," has a new union depot, since the completion of the Mississippi Central Railroad, crossing the I. C. at that point. Sister Mayes is first trick operator, Sister Rea second trick, and Mr. H. P. Hungate (non), third trick. Get busy, sisters.

Crystal Springs, "CS," has the record for vegetable shipments this season—mostly tomatoes. A solid train every day, which makes business pick up for Bro. McGaughy, agent, and his force. Bro. Holt is first trick operator. Sisters Jesse and Leontine Tatom, second and third tricks, respectively.

The second best record is held by that beautiful little city, Hazlehurst, Miss., "FI," and has an up-to-date agent in Bro. Sterling Freeman. Bro. Steiger, "AY," day operator.

Bro. W. H. Allen, agent at Amite, La., is none the worse for the recent cyclone that swept that little town away, also the box-cars on the siding. "HA" and the depot were left intact.

Mr. C. L. Campbell, formerly traveling auditor on the Chicago Division, has accepted the agency at Independence, La. "C" took unto himself an O. R. T. card the first dash out of the box, which demonstrates he is there with the gray matter.

Bro. Cummings, "C," better known as Dago Pete, after trying out "CO," city ticket office, New Orleans, has returned to his first love, "FD," Levee Depot, New Orleans, La., and is peddling the banana billing with the "13" signal as of old. Bro. A. B. Forres, "FO," formerly wire chief for the Western Union and Postal, is nights at "FD."

Bro. I. L. Cooper is now all-night chief at "BD," New Orleans.

Bro. B. E. Bee, who has been agent at Osyka. Miss., for a number of years, has resigned and gone into business at that point. Mr. J. B. Magee (non), succeeded him as agent.

Bro. R. Boddie is the all-night chief at Morey, Miss. He is also mayor in daytime.

There are several commercial men working on this division who are delinquent in the C. T. U. of A., and who are rather indifferent about getting an O. R. T. card. However, they are perfectly willing to enjoy the benefits of our schedule and the nine-hour day. Unless there is something doing by next pay-day, will have to make their names known to the readers of The Telegrapher.

A Booster.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has been the will of Divine Providence to remove from our midst our brother and friend, Arthur A. Odom, and while we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well be it

Resolved, That in his death our Order has lost a faithful and worthy member, and his parents a worthy son, and be it further

Resolved, That Division 93, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their great sorrow, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to them and a copy to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER.

J. C. McGowen,

C. A. HEAD,

J. W. MILLER,

Committee.

Mississippi Division-

The regular monthly meeting was held at Grenada on Sunday, June 21st, with only a meager attendance. Two of our worthy brothers passed the meeting point, and continued up the Grenada District on business. Were to return on sight train in time to attend the meeting, but suppose their business was too pressing, as they failed to answer at the roll-call.

Our worthy local chairman made a trip to Davis Wednesday, and prevailed on Mr. Owen to promise to come into the fold next month. We trust that Mr. Owen will soon be a brother.

Bro. Bull succeeded in landing one new member on this trip, and in getting some delinquents at Durant to come back in line.

Bro. H. P. Osborn, of Davis, has the honor of being the first man on Mississippi Division to pay his dues for the next half.

Every member should remit for the next half as early as possible, for we want to make the Mississippi Division the banner division of old "93."

Business is picking up now, and each one must show the company that they appreciate their position by exerting themselves to render good service, and don't let the dispatchers call their arms off before raising you.

I frequently hear "CD" calling some one for from five to ten minutes, and some times as long as fifteen minutes for "9." That is not building for us a very enviable reputation, and we must cut it out, and answer promptly.

Mr. W. A. Taylor has been on the sick list for five or six days this month, but we are glad to know that he is back at his post again.

Mr. Wilbur Dodge, first man at West Point, is off for a few days. Student Cook, from Ethel, relieving him.

We are glad to welcome Bro. Ed. Alexander, of Division 31, to this division. Bro. Ed. is relieving Bro. H. O. Mitchell for a few days at West. Bro. M. on the sick list.

Bro. J. W. West is back on the division with us, after a two years' sojourn on the Valley and L. & N. Don't blame him for leaving the L. & N. Do you?

Several of the boys taking their vacations now, and the extras are busy.

Bro. J. M. Colson, of "CD," is rusticating.

Bro. B. A. Dunlap, of "CD," made a flying trip to West Point the 20th to see his wife, who, we understand, has been very low, but glad to say is improving now.

Cut out the students, boys; we are awfully sorry to know that there are several on the division, especially on the branches.

I want to see a "full house" the next second Sunday at Durant. Don't be afraid to ask for transportation and permission to go. Mr. W. A. T. will grant it, and let you go, if possible.

All of you be on hand at Durant for next meeting.

CERT. 1658.

Cherokee Division-

Bro. G. H. Nance is working third trick at Storm Lake.

Bro. Wm. Doods is working extra at Leeds for two months on account of Bro. J. Williams taking a lay-off.

Bro. L. L. Neeley, of Storm Lake, is off on a vacation; Bro. Taylor doing the relief act.

Bro. Olson is working a trick at Storm Lake.

Bro. Smith at Oto, is off for six weeks. Bro. F. W. Hobbs is acting agent.

Ticonic is closed as a telegraph station, and the postmaster is running the company's business. He is going to ask for a raise in salary on account of there being so much red tape about the station.

Bro. Farnsworth, formerly of Su Falls, is now working on the South Dakota Central Railway as agent at one of their stations.

There are a few telephones on the main line, but they are not giving any satisfaction. Every time the weather changes the phone changes, and they have to fall back to the standard "Morse" system.

On account of closing several small stations there are several good men on the extra list.

Remember the monthly meeting every third Friday evening of each month, at the M. W. A. Hall, at Cherokee. Every member is invited to attend.

The agent at Ben Clare, S. D., informs us that he has lost about fifteen cars of stock on account of not having any wire service. Shippers not being able to depend upon getting stock-cars, drive their stock to stations on other lines having accommodations.

(ERT. 144.

Freeport Division-

The only nons we now have on the east end are Nelson, Morrison, Bobbitt and Ayers, and there are but few on the south end, Davis, Delano and Wilson being the only ones that I am acquainted with, but they are bad enough, and are really old enough to know better.

It is now Bro. John Gartman, of Evarts, which I know you will all be glad to hear.

Bro. A. E. Norvelle relieved Bro. F. B. Schlaff at Bloomington, on second trick.

Bro. J. G. Bennett, third trick at West Junction, is enjoying a thirty-day vacation, taking in the sights around Los Angeles, Cal. Bro. B. Melloan is relieving him.

Mr. S. Davis (non) worked a few days extra in "DR" office, Freeport. He is also filling the thirty-day vacancy in the same office at present.

Bro. Madden is at present doing the extra stunt, second trick on the south end, in "DR" office.

Mr. P. H. Morrison, at Coleman, on first trick, says that he will get an up-to-date card as soon as he gets on his feet, as he has had quite a bit of sickness in his family for the past few months.

Bro. L. C. S. Albright, formerly with us at Rockford, but now with the C., R. I. & P. at Rock Island, passed through here with his wife on his way back home after an extended vacation.

Bro. R. J. Starry relieved Bro. J. J. Connor at Burlington, on second trick, for thirty days, Bro. Connor enjoying a vacation at home.

Bro. B. E. Melloan was relieved at Burlington by C. G. Garner, who formerly worked for the I. C. at East Junction.

Bro. E. H. Kuhlmeier, Cloverdale, second trick; laid off thirty days on account of being operated on for appendicitis. He was relieved by Bro. Knapp. Bro. Kuhlmeier is getting along fine now.

Bro. A. J. Kempf is enjoying his honeymoon at Baltic, Ohio, his former home. Upon his return to work at West Junction on second trick he will make his future home in Freeport.

Bro. P. J. Mandler relieved Bro. A. J. Kempf at West Junction on second trick. Bro. Mandler was the star witness of the Felix Carrato murder case, which took place at Freeport, Carrato being murdered at the oil house near West Junction.

Bro. W. Kelly was relieved by "Happy" Roberts to attend the O. R. T. meeting held in Free-port recently, but the meeting was anything but a success, there being only two or three there.

Bro. G. G. Geiger is enjoying a thirty-day vacation. Bro. C. G. Garner is filling his place as agent at Haldane.

Sister Walthon enjoyed a two weeks' vacation. Bro. B. C. Barber relieved her at Rockford on second trick.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His wisdom has deemed it best to remove from the family of our brother, Jacob Neidigh, his dearly beloved wife, in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Illinois Central System Division, No. 93, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved brother and family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and a copy sent to our official organ for publication.

R. C. EISER,
W. KELLY,
H. E. KEISTER,

Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

Please accept my sincere thanks for the beautiful floral tribute presented me in my recent sad bereavement in the death of my wife. I feel very grateful, indeed, to you all and assure you that your kindness was very much appreciated by myself and son, Raymond.

J. Nedden.

Tennessee Division-

Regular monthly meeting of the telegraphers on the Tennessee Division was held on June 20th in K. P. Hall, Fulton, Ky., with an attendance of only twenty-three members, being entirely too small a crowd, considering the number who had an opportunity to attend, however, we had a very nice meeting, much business being transacted.

Doubtless, some of the members wondered at finding nothing in June journal from "Sunny Tennessee," the oversight being on account of local chairman being called to Canada on business, failed to get the write-up to St. Louis in time for publication, but trust to be able to make up for same in future.

Several members attended the funeral of Bro. N. J. Rhodes in a body. The following brothers acted as pall-bearers: M. H. Robertson, E. Dunn, W. P. Robertson, D. H. Grugett, L. S. Riley and G. L. Grugett. The floral offering was very large, and the O. R. T. wreath placed on the casket was beautiful. The minister, in the services, referred very touchingly to the respect paid our departed brother by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

Several have not, as yet, paid their dues for the term ending June 30th, and as some of those who are delinquent hold the best positions on the division, they are certainly expected to pay their dues without any further delay.

The telegraphers at large are cautioned to be on the lookout for an imposter, who struck Fulton about two weeks ago, accompanied by his "wife," and traveling under the name of W. C. Garrett. This wart on society went to the hotel where a number of telegraphers were staying and represented himself to the hotel man as a friend of Bro. W. D. Johnson, located here, thereby gaining access to Bro. Johnson's room, carrying off Johnson's O. R. T. and C. T. U. A. cards, as well as several articles of wearing apparel. The next we hear from this tourist is at Anna, Ill., representing himself as W. D. Johnson, and by displaying up-to-date credentials was given access to the office, and when he left several articles of value, including a ticket presumably for his "wife" to St. Louis, also disappeared.

A description has been sent to Bro. Quick at St. Louis, and there is no doubt but what he will be apprehended, being conspicuous by having one hand off.

Several changes have recently taken place among the telegraphers on the Tennessee Division on account of men being laid off and offices being abolished, but as business is on the increase it is expected that the men will be placed back to work before fall, as delays to important freight is something fierce already.

Regular meetings will be held on the third Saturday of each month in K. P. Hall, Fulton, Ky., and the members are urged to be present whenever possible. The meetings open at 8 K. p. m. shrip, so please do not fail to be on hand, whether you get a card or not. Attendance at the meetings will do you good.

CORRESPONDENT.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to call from our midst our beloved brother, Norman J. Rhodes, who departed this life June 9, 1908; therefore, be it

Resolved, First, That we as a brotherhood feelingly deplore the untimely death of Bro. Rhodes. Resolved, Second, That we realize that this division has lost a faithful member, the community a worthy and upright citizen, and the family a devoted brother and son.

Resolved, Third, That this division extend the bereaved family its profound sympathy and sorrow in the great loss they have sustained.

Resolved, Fourth, That a page be set apart in the minutes book of the division, a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and a copy to THE TELEG-EAPHER for publication.

M. H. ROBERTSON,

R. V. Byrns,
W. H. Whitis,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in His infinite love and wisdom, to remove from our midst our beloved brother, W. W. Wheatley; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the members of Division No. 93, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that in his death the Order loses a true and worthy member, his employers a faithful and talented servant, and his sorrowing family a kind and loving companion, and a generous and thoughtful provider; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction, commending them with respectful reverence to the comfort and solace of Him who doeth all things wisely; and be it further

Resolved. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this division, a copy sent to The Telegraphics for publication, and a copy to the bereaved family.

W. P. MOORE,
R. P. WALT,
R. L. SHANNON,
Committee.

Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Ry.

Hemphis Division-

Do not see why you fail to send some notes, so we can have a good write-up in the journal each month. Get busy and help out some.

On May 28th, No. 695 and extra No. 1147 collided two miles south of Crenshaw, on the L. E. Datrict, caused by conductor and engineer on

No. 695 overlooking a meet order at Crenshaw. Three of the crew and one laborer were slightly injured, both engines damaged; had to transfer passengers from Nos. 639 and 614. I mention this to show the importance of our position as operators, the difference of our salaries as compared with those of the train and engine crews, our responsibility in the handling of train orders, and, when it comes to a show down, ask yourself who holds the key to the running of trains. It comes very forcibly to each and every operator to be united, to become a member of the O. R. T., and in due time there will be nothing to prevent us from getting the same salaries as an engineer or conductor.

Mr. J. H. Bull, our genial first trick dispatcher on the Tallahassee District, is on a ten-day vacation. I understand he went fishing at Moon Lake. Did not hear how many he bought, but he is supposed to have made quite a catch.

Chief Dispatcher Mr. F. D. Munson, the grand old man of the Memphis Division, has been away on a well-earned vacation.

We "13" that our second trick dispatcher, Mr. P. C. Pettit, is contemplating a thirty-day vacation about June 19th, going single, back double.

Bro. W. C. Downing has left "MA." Do not know where he has gone.

We have a dispatcher named J. F. Leigh, who, we "13," is a "Katy" scab. Some of the boys are looking up his record, and if it is a fact that he is a scab he will certainly get what is coming to him. We have enough good material at home here, without ringing a "lid" on us, but rest assured he won't last long.

Quite a number of the boys have been taking their vacations, but on account of receiving no notes from them, am unable to give names.

There are some rumors of changes in Clarks-dale passenger trains, shops, etc., to take effect June 28th, but to see if it will materialize will have to wait until that date. Can tell you better in next issue.

We still have a few nons on the Memphis Division. Get after them and have them line-up. If you know of a non, let him have your journal to read, so he can see for himself what we are doing; the chances are that he will come in out of the rain.

Now, boys, if you expect a good write-up every month you will have to furnish some dope, as you know the Memphis Division is composed of four large districts and several branches, so if you have anything send it to Bro. Moore, at Lula, and he will forward to the right party.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It having been decreed by the Lord Chancellor of the Universe that the lease of life of our worthy brother, G. O. Hilliard, has ended, thus removing from our midst a cherished brother, and from his relatives and family a dutiful and cherished member; therefore, be it

Resolved, That, bowing in humble submission to the unalterable decree, the members of Illinois Central System, Division No. 93, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, realize the immeasurableness of their great loss in the staunchness and worthiness of their friend and brother; be it further

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this the season of their sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and a copy sent to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. P. WALT,
ALBERT GRAY,
D. F. GALLOWAY,
Committee.

B., R. & P. Ry. IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Father of all to remove from us by death our highly esteemed and worthy brother, Edward J. Devney, and

WHEREAS, We recognize and appreciate his great service and loyalty to our cause; therefore be it

Resolved, That we thus express our high appreciation of his unwavering allegiance to truth and honor, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition; the qualities that endeared him to all; and be it

Resolved, That we extend to the family of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in this their day of sorrow, and point them to the true source of all comfort in affliction, our Divine Creator, as their refuge and strength; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy sent to our journal for publication.

L. P. O'BRIEN, H. V. MURRAY, F. J. McGRAW, W. A. SMITH, J. T. SIMMONS,

H. R. CHILDS,

General Committee Division No. 92, Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

CARD OF THANKS.

The undersigned desire to express their appreciation of the many kindnesses shown by the members of Division No. 92, O. R. T., at the time of our recent bereavement, the death of our beloved son and brother, Edward J. Devney. We also wish to thank the officers of the Grand Division for the many courtesies extended.

Mrs. Margaret Devney. Frank C. Devney. John J. Devney.

Chicago Great Western Ry.

Northwest Division --

The Railway Clerks' Association held their annual picnic at the Tourist Picnic Grounds, Randolpin, on June 7th. The weather being very uncertain kept many away, but about 400 people braved the threatening storms, and attended. Two Minneapolis base ball teams played a close game of ball, that was interesting from start to finish. The young people took advantage of the excellent floor at the pavillion, and indulged in a quiet dance. The special trains made it convenient for many from the Twin Cities to attend.

Bro. Starkey, formerly agent at Empire, has left the service, and the agency was given to Bro. F. Briggs. We have not heard why Bro. Starkey left us.

Bro. A. M. Maloney has been transferred from South St. Paul, second trick, to West Concord, third trick.

Mr. W. J. Boyle, first trick at New Hampton, laying off at present.

Bro. F. L. McKinstry has resumed work at Sumner, after relieving Bro. Albrecht at Fredericksburg.

Bro. Donovan, after taking a short vacation, is again at work, and has second trick at South St.

Operator McGraw relieved Bro. Briggs at Hampton.

Our chief, A. L. Wilhelm, is at present off on a vacation. Dispatcher L. W. Page acting as chief, and Operator Lynch of that office is trying his fist at dispatching trains.

Bro. C. O. Manske, of Renova, was taken suddenly ill, and has gone home.

The third trick at New Hampton is being filled by Bro. Wallace, who is an old-timer on th's division. Bro. Wallace was formerly agent at Eden.

Bro. Brownell, of McIntire, has resigned. Do not know his whereabouts.

Eden, nights, is being kept closed. "13" it is on account of scarcity of operators, but we are inclined to contradict this statement, when we note the vast army of idle telegraphers passing through the cities.

Operator F. Frost is now working the third trick at McIntire.

We regret to announce the resignation of the general secretary-treasurer of this district, Bro. W. H. Scott. Bro. Scott filled the office faithfully for many years, and we are very sorry to see him go. We hope Bro. E. C. Hodges will prove equally as efficient in filling the position.

The last Telegrapher published a write-up from three divisions on the C., G. W. We are very much encouraged at this, for it shows that they have been reading our write-ups, and are following suit. We have the same interest for their write-ups as they have for ours, and we hope to hear from them regularly.

It is rumored that Chief Dispatcher Wilhelm is soon to resign to go South. We hope this is a

false report, but if it proves true, and he does leave us, he carries with him the best wishes of all.

General Chairman Albrecht is again back at work, after a long and tiresome siege of committee work. During his absence General Chairman Albrecht had no less than seven grievance cases to settle. They were successful in reinstating three dismissed brothers, but failed in two for reinstatement. Two other cases were settled on account of overtime, which was allowed in final settlement with the officials. Appeals were necessure from division superintendents to general superintendents in several cases in order to get our rights.

Bro. W. H. Scott resigned from local chairman of the Eastern Division, and Bro. Ray Hulett elected his successor.

CERT. 273, South End.

CERT. 194, North End.

Southwest Division .-

Following appointments made as per bulletin No. 35, of May 9th:

Leavenworth, first trick, A. D. Brittain.

Shops, third trick, R. H. Hughes.

Rea, nights, Jessie Smith.

Bulletin has now been issued for the following vacancies:

Brinbeck, third trick; Peru, third trick; Afton Junction, third trick; South Des Moines, third trick

Operator Hyter, who worked some time in the dispatcher's office, extra now, working first trick at South Des Moines yard office. Operator Hunter, who is regular man at South Des Moines, new working nights in dispatcher's office.

Dispatcher Harrison expected back to work first of June, when Dispatcher Randolph gets his layoff.

Everybody happy and enjoying our fine weather. What? And our nine-hour work-day.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

S. A. L., Dirision 97-

During the month of May notice of dues were mailed to each and every member. While there has been a large number prompt in remitting to cover for the period commencing July 1st, there are a large number who, up to this time, have either forgotten or ignored this important matter. This should not be. You are urged to attend to this at once. Surely you realize the importance; therefore, to be successful, you should be prompt.

Those that have received their new cards also received an important letter from our worthy grand secretary and treasurer, Bro. Quick, which is not only plain, but dwells upon the importance of personal work. Shall we reach the number of membership? It can be done easily, if the members will do their part of personal labor, letting their banner float for unionism, for in unionism there is strength.

The grand Order, through our worthy officials, has made wonderful success, and it is up to us to get down to personal work, showing that the re-

quest of Bro. Quick's will be answered by the membership, not only of this division, but that of other divisions.

Brothers on the First Division no doubt have heard of the appointment of J. J. Ancell as agent at Margarettsville. Show this man no favors; he is not and can not be with us. Formerly with the C. & O. Why did he leave? Worked for the Postal at Norfolk during the battle of our brothers of the C. T. U. of A., when they were fighting for justice. You know your duty.

Urging delinquent members to remit at once for semi-annual dues, and to Bro. Quick covering the M. B. Department. Fraternally,

F. O. CUMMING, G. S. and T.

Second Division --

Meeting at Hamlet, June 20th, called to order by Local Chairman Bro. Booker. Many subjects were taken up and discussed thoroughly. Bro. Booker appointed himself and two others as a committee to invite Mr. H. W. Purvis, chief dispatcher, to the meeting for a short lecture on "Duty." Mr. Purvis accepted the invitation, and was greeted at the lodge by a fine-looking set of intelligent operators. Mr. Purvis dealt with his subject in a very forceful manner; and, in fact, surprised all of his hearers.

The Second Division realize now more than ever what it means to have a good chief, and it is to be hoped that none will be deceived in their conclusions in regard to our chief. Mr. Purvis left the impression upon his operators that all could look to him for support in the right thing, and most assuredly he can now claim their confidence. His offer to stop the fast trains at non-flag stations for boys to get to the meetings was highly appreciated, and we should not be able to now find excuse for not attending.

It was a good meeting; one that was enjoyed beyond expectations. As one brother put it: a room that was full of union perfumery and brotherly love. It was regretted very much that Bro. Hines was kept away on account of sickness in his family, but we will look for him on the 18th of July, when we also expect a full house. Some important suggestions are to come up for discussion, and it is understood that a committee is to be appointed to arrange a permanent meeting place, and also make plans for a banquet at some near date.

Beginning at Johnson street, on the R. & A., we find only one up-to-date member. Little Sauls is making a splendid show for himself, and, no doubt, he will be a fine operator in a short time. However, it is time he was joining the ranks that help all young men to success.

I have noticed a great many operators passing our way during the last three months. All claim to be out of jobs, which, I presume, is the truth. But there is the question: Why are they looking for a job? Several have approached me with a hearty handshake, asking permission to use my wires for the purpose of seeing if there was any-

thing in sight. I wish to inform the members of this division that nearly all of these operators are dead-heading, and, in fact, out of money. The experience that I have had with these operators during the past three months has been more than convincing, and the most surprising thing about all of them, is that I have not found but one out of twenty-three with an up-to-date card. The majority of the twenty-three operators so far passing this way, had no colors at all, and did not seem to know what a card is. I have received all kinds of excuses from these men-about fifteen claiming to have been cut off during the recent panic; some claiming to have been out of the service for some time, and now seeking a place. Three of them reported that they had become dissatisfied with their places, and had quit for something better. I have asked each man for his reason for not having an up-to-date card, and nearly every man so far has given the same excuse: "For the lack of funds."

Now, listen! Out of the twenty-three I found only one deserving a position on our division, and he had an up-to-date card. Twenty-two operators I found to be professional shifters, floating hobo operators; looking for a place to work five or six days and then to demand a discharge check. Did I treat them royal? Well, no. I treated them with the same respect that is due every man, but I did not give them any encouragement. It so happened that the dispatchers were always very busy with the wires, and I predicted a general stir in case they interfered with their work. Some reader will ask: Well, why didn't I ask them in, give them a seat, a cigar, and get on the wire myself, and try to secure a position for them. First, I will say I learned my duty when I had taken their greetings; second, after I had learned who I was dealing with I knew this man would do the division no good; third, I knew it would not be a credit to me to get the chief dispatcher to employ a man that I knew would not stick, but give as much trouble as he could. How about the man with the card? He was, in the first place, entirely different from the others. I some times think a man can tell a union man at sight, whether you have heard his voice or felt his pulse. He was neat in appearance. His countenance was brave and open. His face was full of confidence. He met me with such bearing that none can carry but an up-to-date union man. He introduced himself with a clear voice and dignified air. He gave his excuse and verified every word. He was willing, under the circumstances, to start at anything in order to show his talents. I secured him a place, and he is still with us, doing himself a great credit by making a good man for the company and also our division.

Where are the others? Well, there is no telling. Perhaps some have been ground up under box-car wheels. Perhaps some are in the pen. Perhaps some have been converted, and I know without a doubt there are some yet fooling operators out of a lodging, breakfast and money. I set

my plans to work some months ago, and I am absolutely certain if every other operator will follow the same plan that I have carried out so far, a great good may be done along this line, and there is not any doubt that the number of this class of operators will be considerably reduced.

Boys, I am proud of our division. We have the best set of operators that the division has ever claimed. We have men that are going to stick for the right thing, and, in the meantime, men who are willing to be fair to the company as well as to themselves. Now, let's keep it elevated, and encourage the homes and discourage this degrading habit of shifting.

Mr. Levister has been reported as unfair. We ask what the Order has done against him. Weak minds are liable to misjudge. He argued to members that the O. R. T. had nothing to do with the eight-hour law; it was made by Congress, and the members of the Order were not instrumental; that the card was more a style than a necessity. The nice raise that he enjoys was given by the company, and the O. R. T. had nothing to do with it.

Mr. Beverly is the new agent at Apex.

While we know the man, Hamilton, at Lumberton, has said that he intends to do all he can to create vacancies on the C. C., east, and help to fill them with those that are hostile to the Order, we see no reason why we should be alarmed. He is advertised all over the States.

For your information and from good authority I quote:

"Professor D. M. Hamilton, in his daily lecture to his student body of nine at his school at Cheraw, S. C. (now dead), never failed to warn his students against the O. R. T."

In part, one of his students says he would always emphasize:

"In case any of you are ever employed as an operator on any railroad, do not join what is known as the O. R. T. It is a demoralizing organization, and will do you more harm than good. I have been a member, and can truthfully say, it causes men to lose their jobs, and breaks up peaceable homes."

It is encouraging to notice the effect of these daily lectures.

What few men Professor Hamilton has turned out are now employed as operators on the Seaboard Air Line—five in number. We will add that the five men are intelligent, and are now loyal members of the Order. I think it well to show him fact, because some may be inclined to show him favors.

L. V. Ry.

N. J. & L. Division-

Boys, don't you think it is about time to take a brace and get together? We have lots of first class men carrying up-to-date cards that would make very efficient division officers, but it seems they keep holding back and waiting for some one else to make a move. Why can't we get together and get a division going. We can get recognition

as well as the conductors, trainmen and other branches of the transportation department. are receiving the benefits of organization. Why should not we? Mr. Cutter, our general manager. has stated he would recognize any committee that represents 85 per cent of the men in their particular branch. So, fellow-members, what more do we wish. A little individual effort on each member's part would help the matter along. We have an able and efficient helper in this section who would give all assistance necessary, and whose name is well known in telegraph circles, our second vice-president, Bro. Pierson. I have been a member of this organization for a number of years, and it has been my earnest hope to see the Lehigh Valley R. R. System organized solid. See what organization means to this branch of the service. Note the condition of our brothers on the Pennsylvania R. R., N. Y. C. & H., and the Long Island. Now, by a little effort on the part of each member now employed on this road we could enjoy the same benefits. We have about 75 per cent of the men on this division now, why can't we make it this percentage over the entire system?

I would like to see other brothers comment on the same subject from the Wyoming, Pennsylvania, Auburn and Buffalo Divisions, and see what they think of the matter. Brothers, don't be afraid of expressing your opinion.

An Enthusiastic Member.

System Div., No. 118.

To All Members:

Statement of receipts and disbursements for the year, 1907:

Total cash received from all sources, including \$58.26 on

hand from 1906.....

\$1,932 03

\$ 236 64

Paid Grand Division proportion of dues......\$1,284 00

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Balance cash on hand December 31, 1907......

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Fraternally,

R. M. HENDERSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

Soo Line Ry.

Wisconsin and Peninsula Division-

By the time you read this you will have received notice of appointment of correspondent. Now, I wish the boys would do their best and keep me supplied with news, because a nice write-up is a good indication that we are alive and interested.

It behooves every brother operator to give his very best service while on duty.

Look out for the meeting to be held at Manistique in the near future. Figure on attending, it will be interesting and instructive, besides you will get personally acquainted with brother operators on this division. Let's make it a hummer meeting; everybody turn out.

Four or five of the boys have neglected to send in their dues on time. Don't forget to do that, you will get awful lonesome without that card. Another thing, when anything occurs at your station that you think would interest others and enlighten them a little, make a note of it, and send to Bro. J. S. Durage, and we will all see it in the next issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, and will know what is going on in that way?

Every one seems to be very well satisfied with the new nine-hour law along this pike. It certainly came like "good news from home" to all of us.

The following offices are bulletined for agents: Pennington, North Escanaba and Trenary.

Now, boys, get after the nons and try and break the record. We have only five nons between Minneapolis and Soo, with a promise of four of them becoming members. One seems to be a hardshell, can't feaze him; don't believe in the good old Order, but the "mon" looks good to him. He never turns any of it back to the company, and says, "Here, keep it, I didn't help get it." Do you hear these nons calling for applications, sounds good.

Bro. Griffin and wife, of Cooks Mills, and Bro. Gerow and wife, of Nahma Junction, attended the party at Coran's Hall, Isabella, reporting a good time.

Bro. Gerow and wife, of Nahma Junction, who were off on a four weeks' vacation in Southern Michigan and Ohio, are back again. Bro. Berg, who is a new man on the Soo Line, relieved Bro. Gerow. Bro. Berg brought an up-to-date card with him from the Omaha.

Some changes have taken place in the last few weeks, will try and mention some of them.

Mr. Carl Stevens, cashier at Manistique, is taking a vacation, and visiting friends and relatives in Milwaukee and Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Roberts, new first trick operator at Manistique, has promised to come in this month. He is an oll-timer, and has been with the Soo Line for many years, but had not been in the telegraph service for some time prior to the position he now holds.

Bro. Messenger was up from Whitedale, visiting friends at Manistique, for a few days.

Bro. J. S. Durage, from Amery to Manistique, second trick, relieving Mr. Cameron, who went to Winnipeg to accept a position on the Bradley construction crew.

Bro. L. C. Engel, of Corinne, has invested in a horse and buggy.

Bro. Ford is back at Bovee, after a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. Avery, nights at Armstrong Creek, laid off for a few days to visit friends at Escanaba.

Bro, Canfield is relieving agent at Trenary for a short time,

Assistant Local Chairman Lousks, at Armstrong Creek, is figuring on a vacation of three or four weeks about the 20th, to visit the old folks, in Central Illinois. Bro. Avery will probably be the relief.

The night operator at Dunbar has been taken off and a student put in his place at \$25 per, making Bro. Mickelson do the thirteen-hour stunt. The student is not supposed to do any wire work, but "13" he undertook to take messages and report trains. Dispatchers tried to have him take and deliver an order, but he fell down in the attempt and had to call the agent to straighten things out so the dispatcher could rest easy the rest of the night. They have also put on a student at Cavour in place of night operator, as before.

Bro. F. R. Ritchie is still at Manistique, third trick.

Everybody get in the habit of looking into all the interests of the Order wherever you go, and then let me know all about it. I am sure everyone can help a little bit, and we will get all those nons in a short time. "A little bit added to what you got just makes a little bit more," and that is what we want.

Again, bear in mind there are to be two meetings on this division soon, one at Osceola and the other at Manistique. The date is not set yet on account of the general chairman not knowing when he can attend them. It will not be very long though, and we want every one to be sure and come. The meetings are the best nourishment the Order can get.

DIV. COR.

First and Second Districts-

We had the pleasure of holding our first meeting on this division Sunday, June 21st, in the K, of P. Hall, at Dresser Junction.

Although there were not as many present as there could have been, those that were present certainly had a very pleasant time.

The meeting was called to order by the general chairman, Bro. Lewis, at 11 a. m.

Bro. M. S. Duel was eletted permanent chairman

Bro. A. V. Seifert was elected secretary for this date.

Many subjects of vital importance to the division were brought up and thoroughly discussed.

There being no further business before this session, same was closed in due form at 1 p. m., and the brothers repaired to a near-by restaurant, where they did full justice to an excellent dinner, especially ordered by our local chairman, Bro. M. S. Duel,

Those who did not attend failed to connect with that box of cigars which was passed around by Bro. Harrington, of Marine.

The afternoon session was called to order by Bro. M. S. Duel, local chairman, at 2:30 p. m.

General Chairman Bro. Lewis gave the boys a very interesting address on O. R. T.Ism in general. Local Chairman Bro. Duel also delivcred a very interesting address on different subjects for the good of the Order, The meeting was closed in due form at 5:30 p. m.

The agency at Pennington transferred from Bro. P. McClinchy, who, in turn, got Toney on last bulletin.

Bro. L. C. Berg is holding down Pennington. Bro. Berg was formerly with Division No. 75, but will transfer to Division No. 119 in the near

A Mr. Cram, at Hawkins, who was formerly on the Minneapolis Division, in North Dakota.

Keep after these nons, we want them, and we should do all we can to get them in line. If nothing else call up the boys on both sides of you. If you have more than two sides to call get after the other sides, and find out how they stand. We want to be solid on the W. and P. Division.

Bro. Rouhan had one week's vacation, combining business with pleasure during the time at his old home at Nekoosa and Grand Rapids, Wis. Returned to work, June 19th. Operator Griffith, formerly agent at Ioney, doing second trick during Bro. Rouhan's vacation. Operator Braily, a new man on the line, held third trick for some time. Relieved by Operator Griffith, June 19th. Present location of Operator Branly not known.

Bre. Kelly, second trick at Weyerhaeuser, is off on his wedding trip. Operator Dunbar holds third trick, but during Bro. Kelly's absence is working second.

Operator Frankfort is at present working third trick. He is formerly from the C. H. W. Held a card, but is at this writing not a member.

Don't forget to send us news items. We can not find them all ourselves, but we are pleased with what we have so far. Would like to get about three times as many items for next month. Every little helps.

Our attention has been called to the fact that several members have not paid up their dues for last term. Brothers, pay up and be in line.

Bro. F. G. Leach left Osceola, the 20th instant and opened up a new station at New Munich, Minn., on the New Broaten & Duluth line.

Wm. G. Mouthey, who worked here last year and left the service to attend high school last winter, has entered the service again as relief agent at Hagen, Wis.

Bro. D. D. Harrington, agent at Marine, Minu., is kept busy by two work trains between his station and Copax, filling in bridges and hauling gravel.

Dues for six months, from July 1, 1908, are now due. Don't forget to send in your cash. Keep the general secretary and treasurer advised of any change in your address.

General Chairman Lewis is now down on our division, and wants you all to give him your ideas as to our noble Order.

Brothers, if you have any grievance now is the time to get them straightened. Come out to our next meeting, which will not be a great ways off. Local Chairman Bro. Duel will advise you in time so you can get away and get transportation.



The meeting at Dresser Junction, June 21st, could have been attended by a good many more brothers, as trains 7 and 8 run just right for a number of the boys, as far east as Rhinelander. At the next meeting we want to see you all present.

It appears that there are two "ham" factories on the division.

It is too bad that some of these men have so much to do that they must keep some kid around and teach them what little they know themselves, and before they know it the student has their job. Too bad these managers of these schools can not see that far ahead. We can get along without students, as operators, and good men at that, can be had without much delay nowadays.

Brothers, try and get these parties that are managers of these factories to close their shops and get lined-up.

In union there is strength.

CORRESPONDENT.

C., R. I. & P. Ry.

Calorado Division -

On account of the floods down East, we have been living pretty easy on this division for the past two weeks, but freight is beginning to come through again now. As we have been getting a part of the good rains during the past three weeks, wheat crops are looking good, and from present indications we will be able to use a few hundred of the cars which have been lying on the side-tracks empty.

No schedule signed up yet, and it seems as if the officials are having a hard time of it trying to convince our General Committee that there is danger of their telegraphers getting the gout, and such other complicated diseases caused from high living, due to drawing such enormous salaries. We have been notified by the company that the existing schedule will remain in effect until further notice.

Bro. T. C. Seivert is now on third trick at Limon, he having bumped Operator Johnson there. Johnson now on extra list.

Bro. Bergstrand is now late night wire chief in Goodland office; Bro. Atchison having resigned that position to take a broker job in Denver.

Bro. J. L. Guernsey, C. T. U. of A., went back to Denver to work on Associated Press wire. The company took off the switch engine at Roswell and moved the shops to Limon.

Understand superintendent's office at Colorado Springs has been moved from the Cheyenne building into rooms over the First National Bank. Operator Joe Quinn takes care of the file room since reduction in force in superintendent's office. Joe has been delinquent for about six months. Wish some of you boys out that way would sandbag him, take the money out of his pocket and remit for him.

Bro. A. Falb, Burlington, Colo., has been taking a vacation, but is now back at the old stand. Bro. F. B. Wilhur, of Jennings, is still unable to resume his duties as agent at that place. "W" has been off sick now for about six months, and has been in the hospital a good part of that time He hopes to be able to go to work before a great while, and we will all be very glad to see him back with us.

Second trick at Colby bulletined a few days ago, but have not yet heard who gets the place.

Understand Bro. Don H. Townsend, formerly of Goodland, is now working for the Postal at Salt Lake.

There are a few night helpers who seem to think they are put there to do telegraphing. All brothers who have helpers should instruct them that they are not there to do telegraphing, and if they are not careful they will be up against the strong arm of the law.

We heard of one of these hams, who, a few nights ago, asked the dispatcher how a certain train was. The dispatcher told him to "sine," and he, thinking the dispatcher said "on time," says "O. K." We suppose he told the passengers to grab their bags and get out on the platform. The train in question went through about noon the next day. It is natural to suppose that the passengers all thanked Mr. Buttinsky for his reliable information.

We hear a great deal of grumbling among the traveling men about their being unable to find out anything about how trains are running on account of no night offices, and the only thing they can do is to hang around the depot all night waiting for late trains. As business picks up we feel sure that more operators will be put on, and in a short time everything will be running along smoothly again.

Do the best you can for your company and your Order, and the remainder will come out all right in the end.

CERT. 295.

Minnesota Division-

Bro. Salentine, at "GV," will soon resume work, after undergoing an operation at Rochester, Minn.; relieved by Bro. Saywer.

Bro. Gorman relieved Mr. McBrady a week owing to his visit at his home in Illinois.

I "13" there are eleven operators employed at Lea. Among them there are nine that belong to the O. R. T.

There are three tricks worked at "GV," manned by Bros. McConnall, agent; Sawyer and Mowers.

Bro. Koster, at "FN," laid off a week, and took a trip to Garrison; relieved by Mr. Schukker from Laport City.

Bro. McCue and Mr. Brady at "WB," were compelled to double a couple of days last month on account of Mr. Gray being laid up from the effects of trying to stop a runaway horse. Later took a trip to his home in Boon, Iowa; relieved by Mr. Zelner.

CERT. 2087.

St. Louis Division --

Beaufort made non-telegraphic. Bro. C. G. Russler remains as agent.

Hadsell made non-telegraphic. Bro. L. Middleton remains as agent.

South Lee made non-telegraphic. K. A. Harris now working nights at Belle.

Bro. W. L. Bonnett, of Eugene, off a few days getting married; relieved by S. Lawrence.

Henley closed. C. H. Neff left line. "13" he returned to Iuka, Ill.

Bro. H. R. Son, who was bumped at Belle by K. A. Harris, is on the extra list.

K. A. Harris, is on the extra list.C. A. Schulte, a student from Bland, is now

holding the agency at South Lee.

Bro. A. Slagle, agent at Ionia, is off a few days to accompany his family on return from a three weeks' visit to Southeast Missouri. S. Lawrence relieving.

N. B. Stockton, who has been off to attend the Modern Woodmen Convention at Peoria, the past week, is now working nights at Pleasant Hill, relieving D. J. Downs. Have not been able to learn where Downs went.

Summerfield has been made non-telegraphic. Do not know who is acting as agent there now.

J. E. Danbury is off for a three weeks' vacation; relieved by A. G. Douglas.

I. N. Shelp worked at St. Albans during the time of the washout.

As you all know the positions made non-telegraphic are paying a salary of \$30.00 per month.

A student from Meta is now holding the non-telegraphic agency at Brandon. The new telegraphic has advertises that the "Ro k Island" has its train-wire running through its rooms. There are many telegraph schools in the Rock Island stations on the division now, and as there are so many positions made non-telegraphic, which means a cut of \$23.00 per month, rather think the professor who runs that joint will not have a very full house of student "suckers."

Wonder what some of the boys think now who have been learning students on the sly, and have had their stations made non-telegraphic and the students in their places holding down the agencies. Truly, a fitting reward for that kind of work.

CERT. 480.

Missouri Division, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts-

Bro. Stewart, at Harvard, baving quite a time keeping "owls." Sister Pierce, C. T. U. of A., held it down for a couple of weeks, but says the "gay life" won't do. Bro. Madlik, hefore her, and now Bro. Haman.

Eldon has been closed as dispatcher's office. Dispatchers Doman and Drummond going back to telegraphing. Chief Quigley doing the chiefship at Trenton. Chief Parker taking a trick.

Old Man Logue, at Eldon, first trick, is still complaining of "rumitix," but is still rehearsing for a home talent play, "Sweet Clover."

County Line closed as day train-order station. Bro. Carson doing the night stunt—thirteen hours.

Letts closed as day train-order station. Still twelve-hour night job.

Bros. McNew, Brown and Garber at Fairfield, but afraid they will be removed to the "Leaning Tower of Pisa," where they will have an opportunity to juggle the levers.

Bro. Reedy from second trick Columbus Junction to first trick Brighton.

Bro. Wells, Brighton, first trick, to Culver, third trick.

Bros. Smith, Griswold and Jones are doing the stunts at Columbus Junction. Bro. Griswold recently from Rushville, and Bro. Jones from Eldon. Both look like they had lost their last friend.

Bro. Cates bid in third trick at Princeton. Mr. A. E. Simons, our jointist, politician, and whatnot, doing the second trick stunt. Bro. Newlin first.

Mr. J. E. Igoe back at Centerville, second trick. Bro. Unangst, Washington, off on short vacation. Bro. Barnett relieving.

Bro. Rush, recently from the K. & W., nights, at Letts.

Bro. Wells, Culver, puts in three hours telegraphing at Muscatine passenger station. Bros. Collins and McColloch also at Muscatine.

Bro. Weyer, Clio, nights, and Bro. Madlik, Harvard, nights, have both left us. Unable to say where either went.

Bro. Woolwine working twelve hours, nights, at Belknap.

Bro. J. W. Coulter working twelve hours at Spickards. "73." T. M.

Missouri Division-

After being tied up for a week on account of floods and washouts, trains are now running regularly west of St. Joe, and business has picked up in the last few days.

We had a pleasant call from Bro. L. M. Nance, general chairman of the Missouri Pacific.

We have about the best lot of dispatchers to be found on any road in this or any other country, and if an operator is turned in you can put it down he was not hitting the ball.

Mr. J. P. Quigley is still away on leave of absence. His place as chief dispatcher at Trenton is ably filled by Mr. F. A. Parker.

Mr. Zingerly, first trick dispatcher on the west end has been away for a few days. Understand Zing is a baseball enthusiast.

We have been handling tons of cantaloupes and they certainly smell very nice as the trains go whirling by. The perfume is all we get, however.

Bro. L. A. Swain is the new agent at Bendena. He was formerly at Troy as agent.

Bro. Griswold has left this district, and is located up in Iowa.

Miss Pierce, operator at Harvard, has been visiting in the country.

The question people are asking here is, "Is it ever going to stop raining?" The crops are badly



damaged by the excessive rains. Good crops mean good times for the railroads.

Now is the time political platforms are made to catch votes. After the elections we always find out how much the politicians love the labor unions, and how much: they desire to do away with the oficus injunction laws.

The boys at St. Joe yard office have had their hands full these days on account of washouts.

If any of the brothers will send me the news I will be glad to send it in. There are many brothers far more competent to give a write-up on this division than I am. This is our way of holding a meeting.

Clarksdale is the operator's paradise. The three operators now there having got married in the last four months. It's solid O. R. T. and a solid married delegation.

Bro. P. E. Rouch is holding down Altamont agency. This station has been bulletined, but have not heard who got it.

Bro. Layman, for years agent at Pierce Junction, has made his pile and retired from the rail-road business.

F. S. T.

Iowa Division-

The way the boys on the R. I. are standing behind their General Committee is certainly gratifying, to say the least.

Those who remember Bro. C. W. Harper, formerly nights at Colfax, then agent at Carson, will be pleased to hear that he has a fine position with the "Pedro Line" at Los Angeles.

Get yourself a "Rock Island button," and give the D. O. C. all the advertisement you can. Understand the company would like to have us all wear one.

Kuhn, Mueller and wife, Ramsey and Knapp had the picture man take a shot at them in front of the Iowa City depot the other day.

Bro. Ramsey is now at No. 2, Iowa City, and Bro. Kuhns has been transferred to Brooklyn.

Bro. Ladd is away on a well-earned vacation.

Bro. Cooper is again located at West Liberty. All the boys are glad to see the old-timer back.

Bro. Davis, at "W," is away on a fishing trip.

Dispatcher White made a flying visit to several of the offices a few days ago.

No news from the west end; suppose the boys are so busy that they don't have time to look sideways. However, if you want some "gas drippings" to kill the mites in your chicken house just call on Bro. Nancarrow at Council Bluffs. He will fix you out and it will fix the mites, too.

G. H. M.

Cedar Rapids Division-

Bro. F. D. Cederburg, agent at Wellman, has just returned from a three weeks' vacation spent around Rock Island visiting relatives. Mr. G. W. Tripp, formerly operator at What Cheer, did retief work for F. D. C. Tripp has returned recently from the West, where, we understand, he sunk a few plunks in a prospective gold mine.

Bro. L. F. Schrempf, agent at Maynards, is enjoying a short vacation, being relieved by G. W. Tripp.

J. W. Kinsey, an old head at What Cheer, has resumed work after an extended vacation in California, and H. E. Cover, who did relief for J. W. K., is now at Riverside, relieving Bro. W. J. Zbornik, who is off for two or three months, assisting his father on a farm near Ft. Atkinson.

R. E. Irwin and family visited over Sunday at Wapeloo, the 13th.

Assistant Local Chairman Loehr, of Bennett, has resumed work, after spending a few days in South Dakota and Minnesota.

We want to ask each man to be sure and send in his vote on the blank furnished by President Pierham. We are pleased to hear of success we are experiencing, and it only means for us to stick together to win.

CERT. 197.

Nebraska Division-

News from this part of the country is very scarce this month, caused by heavy rains and bad washouts. The main line has been in very good shape, with the exception of slight trouble at Fairbury, where we cross the Little Blue River, and at the company's pond between Lebanon and Esbon, which was washed cut, and the overflow washed a nice slice out of the fill, which had to be bridged before trains could get over. The Horton line and Nelson line did not fare so well, they were both practically out of business for about a week or ten days. Everything now running in good shape, except No. 18, which runs from two to eight hours late every day.

Bro. Yocum is back on duty at Smith Center, third trick.

Operator McClure went from Smith Center to Mankato and relieved Bro. Arpke for a while,

Operator Johnson, second trick at Phillipsburg, has gone to Goodland, to take a position there. He was relieved by a Mr. Homans. Can't say at present where he hails from.

Bro. Kennedy, at Bellaire, is still on the anxious seat, waiting for the auditor to check him out there and in at Courtland.

Bro. L. F. Brillhart, of Alvo, is laying off; relieved by Bro. H. W. Parker. "13" Bro. Brillhart's wife is very sick.

Jansen has been put back on the nine-hour plan, with Bro. W. H. McKeown working second trick. Bro. McKeon is a new man on the division. Third trick is held down by Mr. H. V. Plumber, who is on his first job. Mr. Plumber is of the right stuff and promises to come across with the necessary wherewith soon as he has had the experience. Have any of the brothers seen any bulletin of these two tricks?

Mr. O. B. Olson, nights at South Bend, has filled out the blanks, and by the time this is in print we can call him brother.

The east end is all lined up in good shape, except two men. One of these is a hopeless case. The other will line up soon as he is old enough.

Now some of you good brothers who always on receiving your journal turn to look for news from the Nebraska Division, and then kick because we do not have as good a write-up as some of our sister divisions, please sit up and take notice, and drop us a few notes, or send them to Bro. Merrill, at Scandia, and he will see that they drop in the proper place. I have got my first time to get any news from the branches, but by the time we get out our next bunch will expect some help from you boys.

E. M.

Chicago Terminal and Illinois Divisions-

Meeting at Chicago, June 13th, not as well attended as hoped for. Bro. J. New, first vice-president, was with us, as usual, and gave us another of those interesting talks. One brother remarked he would like to have stayed all night and listened to Bro. Newman. He voiced the sentiments of the writer to a "T."

Bro. Dal G. Jones, of Division No. 91, was with us, as usual, and is another good talker we all like to listen to. I am sorry more of the brothers did not show up, and can see no excuse why some of the men hang off while they have all the chance in the world to come. Try and do a little better, and get there next time, brothers. Don't let some girl in Englewod hinder you from showing up. "Who!"

Bro. G. G. Quigg, now agent at Tinley Park, got it on a bid. Bro. Wm. Rix, formerly agent at Tinley Park, now agent at Morris, in place of E. H. Quigley, deceased.

Bro. C. R. Olson, who was relieving temporarily at Morris on account of the death of Mr. Quigley, is now taking a couple of weeks' vacation. He will resume his old position as agent at Cambridge at the termination of his vacation.

Bro. I. E. Diefendorf, second trick operator at La Salle, off on a month's vacation, visiting folks in Odon, Ind., being relieved by Mr. Stage, who, although he has not a card at present, is as good as they make them, and will be with us soon again.

A new man, named A. C. Wilson, now holding down second trick at Missouri Division Junction on account of Bro. Quigg transferred. Have not heard if O. R. T. or not yet.

Bro. H. C. Jackson, Cable, Ill., in line for congratulations, just back to work from a month's vacation.

Mr. Simpson now second trick at "BN," Peoria, on account of Mr. L. E. Wilson resigning to go into other and more preferable work than telegraphing.

Bro. L. C. Albright, third trick at West Davenport, has returned from a visit with his parents at Dixon, Ill.; relieved by Bro. J. L. Summer.

Bro. Alford, first trick at West Davenport, also taking a few days off to recuperate. Bro. Alford advises Dispatchers Albright and Thayer, from Rock Island, were over getting acquainted, and trying their luck at fishing.

A special meeting was held at Ottawa, Thursday, June 18th, and was well attended, and all who attended were well repaid for their efforts to be on deck.

CERT. 209.

Wisconsin Central Ry.

Second District-

Bro. Noon, third trick at Fond du Lac, resigned. He expects to go back on the Frisco; relieved by Mr. Lund, of Neenah.

Bro. Dagneau, formerly of the Soo Line, relieved Bro. Penticoff, first trick at Nelsons, while he visited relatives at Freeport, Ill. Bro. Dagneau then relieved Mr. Tyler, second trick at Nelsons, for a few weeks while he visited his old home on the Manitowoc branch.

Bro. Dagneau now relieving Bro. Peterson, third trick at Nelsons, while he takes a rest. Third trick at Nelsons getting to be pretty heavy.

Bro. Henderson, second trick at Waupoca, left for his home at Allegan, Mich.

Bro. Dagneau, of Silver Lake, holding down second trick at Stevens Point while it is on the hoards.

Bro. Yule has returned to Marshfield, first trick, on account of reduction in force in dispatcher's office.

Mr. Tyler relieved Bro. De Long at Sheridan for a few days before resuming work at Nelsons.

Bro. O. V. Soderstrom, having resigned as secretary and treasurer, the General Committee are at present voting on who shall be his successor. You will probably have learned the result ere this reaches you. The new general secretary and treasurer will hold office until the next election, in February, when the membership will vote on all officers of the division. Let us try to help our new general secretary and treasurer, whoever be is, and make the last half of the year a boomer in getting new members, keeping the old ones up-to-date, and make the line O. R. T. from one end to the other. Do this, and we have spelled S-U-C-E-S-S.

We can not depend on the other fellow to do this for us. This means personal effort. Is there a non working with you? Or the next station from you? If so, go after him, and if he don't come the first time, try again. Then if you can't raise him, tell your brothers about it. It pays to advertise. Now, all together. All at once.

C., B. & Q. Ry.

C., B. & Q R. R. System .--

There seems to have been some misunderstanding regarding the first paragraph on page 9 of my annual report with reference to men leaving their places of work after their hours are over for the day.

My report was intended more for those who carelessly do these things in the way of taking hand cars, velocipedes and speeders and go from their places of work to another town, or those who get on the trains and go some distance with

no assurance of getting back to work on time. This should be avoided, especially going away on speeders, etc., without permission, as Mr. Ward and others consider if this is done without permission it is a dischargeable offense.

Mr. Ward's views on the above subject are expressed in the following which is very reasonable and should settle the matter:

"Replying to your letter of May 25th in regard to discharge of men for leaving their stations after working hours.

"If you have any case of this kind on the inest east of the river, I wish you would specify it.
"I do not know of any requirement of this kind and can not see any necessity for it. Of course, opportunement, with their chief dispatcher or sperintendent, with their permanent address, at which they can ordinarily be found in case of emergency when off duty.

"I do not approve of operators, or other employes, using track velocipedes or speeders for their own convenience, and the use of such a machine, without permission from the superintendent, would, in my opinion, be sufficient cause for discharge."

This was received after my report was made, hence this should be your guide.

Sometime ago I was censured by some members for making references to the manner in which the employes were keeping up their stations and doing their work in every respect. This may seem to be none of my business to some, others may say that is the superintendent's business to look efter that part of it and if the work is not kept up in good shape he will discipline the one at fault, but let me add here that our first notice of such matters is usually the discharge of an employe, and then we are called upon to defend a man that is quite often entirely at fault. In these matters I sometimes feel like President Lincoln did when he said: "I never cared to defend a man whom I knew to be guilty, because I would often catch myself telling the jury that my client was guilty."

It is a part of our business to keep men in the right, to see that they handle the company's business as they would wish their own affairs handled, that is, if we see a man doing wrong, to endeavor in a friendly way to correct him. It is a part of our business to endeavor to educate men to do business more on business principles, and not to keep them in the old rut all the time. as some would have us. If every man does his duty and keeps up his work nicely and his station in order there will be fewer dismissals from the service for cause, opportunities for promotion will be greater and the chances for advanced wages greatly enhanced, and above all our troubles will be few, the company satisfied and we will be much happier.

You all either know personally or have heard of Second Vice-President Willard of the Burling-ton. Some time ago in conversation with him, I referred to the matter of the employer and the employe getting closer together, getting on a more

friendly basis. No sane organization can expect to have the good will of all if it has no other object in view than that to get all it can and give nothing in return; neither can an individual last long with any corporation or company if he does not give in return for what he is paid, a reasonable amount of good work.

The laborer, and that is what we are, has nothing for sale except his labor and that will not last long upon the market if it is a shoddy and worthless grade. We must admit that the labor market is like other things, it wants good goods, it may get an inferior grade at times, but as soon as it is found out it is disposed of and the good material is secured instead. So it is that the different companies weed out the poor and worthless ones when business is slack; then men wonder why it is.

A short time ago Mr. Willard made these remarks:

"In this connection, however, I am glad to say that I have just recently returned from quite an extended inspection trip over the Burlington System, and on the whole I have been very much pleased with the condition in which I have found the station buildings. There was a very marked improvement in that respect as compared with a year ago, and I have taken occasion to congratulate very many of the agents and operators on this particular point."

This coming as it does from a high official of the system should make every employe feel that he has a much better standing, and also feel that his position is more secure and his treatment will be better if he does his duty and continues to do it.

He further stated: "I am exceedingly anxious that there should be developed, if possible, a better feeling between the officers and the employes in all departments. I am anxious that the employes in all departments should feel secure in their employment, and I hope that generally they will feel satisfied with the conditions. I am personally willing to do anything that is proper to bring about that result."

In this connection I wish to say that I believe that the one way to bring about better feeling generally is to have some arrangement whereby the operators and agents can get together and discuss matters that come up every day. It is a fact that the men do not meet one another often enough to even be acquainted; one scarcely knows what the other is doing or that he is alive, for that matter. Every man has a system of his own regardless of whether it is the best, the easiest or the shortest method of doing business. I believe there should be agents' meetings held on every division of the system once a month to discuss railroading in their line. In this manner we can educate men right and they will adopt a system that will be a benefit to the company and the men generally.

Conductors, etc., get together often and talk their business over and they have a system; all have it alike, and they get along so much better. I believe all the operators and agents should talk this over and endeavor to have arrangements made to hold meetings. I see no reason why it can not be done all over and I believe Mr. Willard will assist us in this move and see that it is made a success and the conditions made better all around. I know that we, on the Burlington, are not granted the privileges in this respect that are given to the employes on other systems, but I do not understand that the Burlington is averse to giving just as good treatment as other systems.

I am anxious that a more friendly spirit be cultivated and that our dealings with the officials will henceforth be still more agreeable than in the past.

The following is a list of the new local chairmen on the system:

C. C. Campbell, Hazard, Neb., for the Alliance Division, vice A. M. Bagley; C. A. Whitelock, Havelock, Neb., for the Ashland Division, vice F. R. Hubbell, and D. C. McCall, Saverton, Mo., for the Hannibal Division, vice A. J. Ingram.

I am glad that for the last few months we have not experienced as much difficulty in keeping local chairmen as formerly; this shows the good work that has been done, which brings men who will work to the front.

As a whole, we are getting along as nicely as could be expected under the circumstances. The committee has not been in to revise the schedule yet, but it is probable that this will be done before long. The meeting has been postponed for a time on account of the present upheaval in business. Under the present circumstances, those who are not getting just treatment should take up their case with the local chairman on the division.

I note considerable dissatisfaction on the system over the employment department established by the Burlington. In some respects I think it is a good thing and in others it is bad; moreover, I believe it is a needless expense, with no good results as a whole.

I see that a number of members on the different divisions send applications for membership to Bro. Quick. All applications should be sent to Bro. W. A. Henry, Ericson, Neb. This will save time and lots of work. All grievances of whatsoever kind should be filed with our local chairmen and not with Bros. Quick or Perham as so many are in the habit of doing.

The time for the payment of dues is at hand now, and I hope that you meet this little matter promptly as in the past. I am gratified to say that the brothers have been very prompt in the past in attending to this matter. When this is done it saves a great deal of work all around. I want to apprise you also of the good record made in the past six months in regard to paying up the M. B. D. I hope all will handle this as well the coming term. It is advisable for each brother to pay this M. B. D. for the same period that he pays his dues; it is easier, quicker and best. Let us try it again.

There are a few more non-members out on the different divisions. I would be glad to have each brother take an active part from now on and see

that each secures and sends in a new applicant. If you will do this, you will be surprised at the results attained.

I hope you will use every effort in your power to make this a banner year. Remember that our membership this year, closing December 31, 1908, determines how many delegates we will send to Atlanta, Ga., to the grand convention at that point in May. We are entitled to one delegate for every one hundred members, fractional parts of a hundred will not count. Your help will be a great factor in determining the result. Will you help us out and make it a year to be long remembered? I believe you will.

M. J. Johnson,

General Chairman.

Wymore Division-

We are still unable to make much of a showing on account of our inability to secure items from the boys.

It looks like each one could part with a cent and mail us a postal card once a month, giving changes, etc., that come to their notice. We could then get out a good, newsy batch of items from this division and we are sure all would enjoy reading them.

As it approaches time to pay dues again the usual newspaper "boogie-man" makes his appearance in the shape of articles, written with the intention of scaring the poor telegrapher to death, explaining how the telephone is to displace the telegraph for the handling of trains, but the boys are getting wise to the object of these articles, and we predict it will not cause a single case of cold feet, but that each and every brother will come across with the coin with the same promptness as of old. We must learn not to cross bridges until we come to them.

Bro. Zabel, formerly days Syracuse, is holding down Firth nights; Bro. Perkins and wife on an extended vacation in Wisconsin.

Highland Station, Kan., is now called Parks, and is a freight job only.

Bro. C. B. Edington now has a good position in Denver with the Moffat Line.

Bro. Wahl, nights Tecumseh, recently visited a week in Missouri.

Bro. A. F. Heskett holding down Crab Orchard thirty days while Mr. Nibbe roams the wilds of California and Oregon.

E. M. Russel, formerly Burres, has been transferred to day telegrapher Syracuse. If he docs not hold a card we trust the boys over there will get busy.

Bro. C. B. Beck recently transferred to a trick at Superior. We failed to ascertain who he relieved at that point,

Bro. Will Hitchcock, agent Lawrence, thinks he has struck a rather windy location, as they have had some severe wind storms lately; genuine cyclones, in fact.

Drv. Con.

Sterling Division-

Bro. F. A. Bullock has resumed duty at Wellfeet, laving enjoyed a couple of weeks' rest; being relieved by Bro. J. D. Newton.

Bro. H. P. Armitage again signs the pay-rolls at Mitchell, after several weeks' of recreation.

Bro. A. L. Sowers returns to his old position at Goernser.

Bro. Wm. Feary, at Curtis, has been deprived of his cashier and a helper allowed him instead.

Bro. Friddell, of the D. & R. G., relieved Bro. Armitage at Mitchell a few days, and, later, relieved a few weeks at Torrington.

Bro. S. C. Clark, old standby agent at Torrington, off for a few weeks in June, visiting friends and relatives in Old Missouri.

Bro. J. D. Newton, formerly cashier at Curtis, relieved Bro. Bullock, a short time at Wellfleet, and has since landed the agency at Grover.

In a recent short trip over the line, we could not help noticing the neatness of the depots. A rast improvement over the conditions a few years ago. This speaks volumes for our organization.

If you have not already done so, turn to the May issue of our journal and read Bro. Johnson's write-up, and also, "Why the Small Investor Loses," by Charles G. Dawes. Both articles are too good to go unnoticed.

As promised some time ago, I will now give you a line-up of the nons, so that you can reach them with a few words that may do them good, and result in making good brothers of them. I do not wish to give their names, and will only give their location and request the workers on the Sterling Division to help them to help themselves by joining the Order of their craft. Address them at Minatare, Neb., Wallace, Neb., and Scott's Bluff, Neb. If these few will not come across we can not hope to become solid O. R. T. on this division.

Ottumwa Division-

Mr. J. H. Spillane worked Fairfield, third trick, while on bulletin; relieved by Bro. W. A. Ryan, from West Burlington, second trick, who gets Fairfield permanent.

Mr. Spillane not a member at present, but carries a C. T. U. of A. card, and promises to be with us soon.

Helper from New London working second trick at West Burlington while on bulletin.

What's the matter with Brenneman at New London? Can't some one show him the errors of his way? He is old enough to know better. No card, no favors.

Among the new members of late are John Collins and J. W. Walsh, both of Burlington yard office.

There are a few phone block offices and stations on this division, and we should all remember that even though they only handle trains by phone, and not a telegraph operator, they are eligible to the Order, and we should get them in at once.

Mr. Geo. F. Root, late of this division, now with the C., M. & St. P., at Rutledge, Iowa.

Mr. Felger, agent at Afton, on vacation; relieved by Mr. Duncan, of Afton, second trick.

Butler, from Chariton, I understand, has fallen by the wayside.

Bro. Swanson, third trick agency, relieving in dispatcher's office, "CW," during vacation time.

Mr. Straley, Glendale, twelve-hour phone job, off few days on account of sickness of his brother, and relieved by helper from Afton.

Afton and New London seem to be principal factories.

One or two of our brothers made the sad mistake of taking a so-called "helper" some time ago, when they were put on at a small salary. Let us hope none will make the mistake the second time.

It has been a long time since any write-up appeared from this division, and I have taken it upon myself to send in a few notes. I have asked a few of the boys to send me notes, and if they do this we might have a write-up each month, otherwise we can not.

CERT. 283.

Burlington Division Branches-

Do something so we will have some news. If you can't do anything else, just swing on to some of those nons until they give it up, and then let us know, and we will tell the brothers about it, and I am sure that is good news to us all.

In complying with the above and adopting the plan to practice what I preach, I take the pleasure of introducing Mr. R. L. Hadley, of Pekin, Iowa, as an applicant to the Order. I have his application papers here now, also his check for the dues and fees up to January, 1909. Mr. Hadley has held out on us for a long time, but in time has found himself in the wrong and, like a man, has acknowledged the corn.

Local Chairman Bro. G. A. Oliver went over our pike only a few days ago. I venture to say that some of those old-time nons had a time explaining to him why they were out of the Order.

I believe that there are quite a number of oldtime nons on this line who know it to be their duty to join the Order, but they are like the fellow who never washed his feet until he was a man, then he was afraid to for fear it would give him a cold.

Bro. E. I. Gorham, of Mt. Union, advises that he has the promise of money and application papers from Mr. C. V. Funk, of Yarmouth, Iowa, this month.

The following changes have been made on the Burlington & Oskaloosa branch since the last writing:

Bro. Bittleston resigned at Yarmouth, and is reported to be working some place west of Denver.

Bro. Gasway, from the A., T. & S. F., took charge of Yarmouth temporarily, station was bulletined, and Mr. Funk, from Woolson (a non), took advantage of the grand opportunity, and put in a bid for it, and got the place.

Bro. Gasway came to Woolson as extra man, then Woolson was given, later, to Bro. Guilliam, and we have lost track of Bro. Gasway, but hope he has some place better than either of the first mentioned, for he was a live member and went to work on the nons as soon as he knew who to address letters to.

R. H. Stout relieved his brother, Ed, at Martinsburg, while he was away getting married.

A young man by name of Ellis is relieving Bro. Oliver, at Hamilton, for a few days, while George is out on a scout among the non-members.

Mrs. I. S. Casto, of Cedar, Iowa, was called to Marshaltown, Iowa, on account of sickness, and R. H. Stout is relieving her.

The man with the quill had the pleasure of calling on Bro. Peel and Bro. Ryan, at West Burlington, a few days ago, and found them enjoying the nine-hour trick very much.

The railroad company has moved the depot at Brighton, Iowa, about two blocks west of the old stand. We, the members, wish that it will have some effect on the man inside and move him to pass in his application papers soon. He is an old-timer and a hard one to convince that the O. R. T. is his only support. He gets his working condition and increase of pay so easy that he does not realize who does it, and just thinks that it happened that way. Go after him, boys, and tell him what you think of his way of doing.

Mr. D. E. Beck, at Hedrick, is just about ready to fall over on our side of the fence now, and I think if a few of the live ones would drop him a line or two he would surrender.

Bro. M. E. Stout, at Birmingham, has a nice lawn in front of his depot, and the roadmaster is giving him some gaspipe to make a fence around it. He has cement posts for the fence and it looks very nice.

We have not heard anything from the brothers down on the Carthage branch for a long time, and of course can not give any news from there. I wish some one would send some news to Bro. J. F. Frain, the assistant local chairman for that line, and he will forward same to me, and we will know all about your business then. Do it, please.

Do not forget that this is the month to send your old rusty \$5 to Bro. Henry, and get a new card. Do this first, then you can buy fire crackers with what is left.

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St. Joseph Division-

Suppose you have all received notice from Bro. Henry that your remittance for the last half of the year was now due. We are glad to say that very tew members failed to pay up the first half of the year, and we hope to see even this good showing improved for the last payment of 1908. Our membership continues to grow, and we expect to close the year with at least 1,400 in good standing. In order to do this each member must make it a point to see there are no nons round him, or no brothers who fail to pay up. While the conditions have not been the best lately for organizing, quite a number of offices being closed, and some operators idle, we hope to see these things gradually getting better; even should they con-

tinue as at present, it is just as essential that we keep thoroughly organized as if times were better.

If you have not remitted, we hope you will do so at once. It is the same price, remitted carly or late. Occasionally we find a brother that never drops out, but always waits till the last minute to pay up, which causes more or less correspondence, and you all know we have plenty of this to do for the fun of it. Our salary for such service is the ill-will of the officials, and the kicks from the membership, likewise some of the nons take a fall out of us occasionally for something that's not running to suit them. So, if you wish to help out, kindly attend to the little matter of remittance without having us to beg you for it.

Onr general chairman has been trying to get the split-tricks at one-man stations straightened out. It seems the general manager has advised the division officials to place these men on the same working conditions they were before the nine-hour law became effective, and some divisions have complied, while others have not. To those that are still working more than twelve hours without overtime, we wish to advise this matter is being handled with all possible haste, and no doubt ere you read this such conditions will have been settled.

Our reporters have been taking vacations or laying off on us this month, which accounts for our short write-up this time.

Bro. Harper, of Council Bluffs, was home ten days the first of the month on account of his father's illness. W. E. Robinson acted as relief, but has now gone to a position with the U. P. in Wyoming.

Bro. Finch, of Island Park, will spend the latter part of this month visiting friends and relatives in the East; relieved by R. P. Renfrow. Can not say if Renfrow carries an up-to-date or not.

Mr. G. H. Payne worked one night at Block 36, relieving Mr. Robertson, who was obliged to attend court at Farley as witness.

Bro. Perrine from third trick Block 31 to Clarinda as day telegrapher and ticket clerk, temporarily; later relieved by Mr. Burns, who landed it on bulletin. Bro. Perrine going to Block 36, relieving Mr. Robertson, who landed Block 31 on bulletin.

Bro. Timberlake, who filled the vacancy at Block 31, to third trick at Caldron for about ten days, relieving Mr. Naylor, who laid off on account of the illness of his mother. Later Bro. Timberlake returned to Block 31, relieving Mr. Hunt, our B. of R. T. man, who has resigned to go into the barber business at Weston, his home town. If any of you happen to be in that city with a growth on your face, remember "Kiddy," and if you have not any whiskers, just step into Steele's barbershop anyway. "Kiddy" will be there, and will meet you with a smile and a hearty handshake.

Wm. Henderson, Nebraska City Junction nights, to third trick Block 36. Willie has his papers all ready.

Bro. Perrine from third trick Block 36 to Parkville. Com.

Sheridan Division-

There has been so many telegraphers dismissed from the service for sleeping on duty and keeping untidy stations that it should teach some of them to be careful. We are pleased, however, that there are more nons dismissed than Order men. Let us all get together, sisters and brothers, and show the company that it is to their advantage to work only good Order telegraphers and agents.

There has been one or two agents dropped the Order since the nine-hour law took effect, for the reason that they had to sacrifice a little, and handle a wire a few hours. This seems ridiculous on their part. It seems they are under the impression that a General Committee can do things in a minute. You won't find those men breaking their necks to inquire if their day or night operators hold a card. But they never made a holler when that little raise came to them every year, and now they drop the Order for a trifling thing that will be straightened out as soon as the committee meets the general managers.

Let us work in harmony, and see if we can work a membership to a hundred per cent on the Sheridan Division. We have the name now as being the strongest division on the C., B. & Q. system, and it don't take very much to prod those few nons and delinquents up and enlighten them to the fact that they are away behind the times, and should come out of it, and carry that little pasteboard that fits so nice in your vest pocket.

This division can be proud of the working hours they have at present towards what the divisions east of us have to put up with. But we are informed that Bro. M. J. Johnson, our general chairman, is making a strong headway in adjusting those disagreeable split-tricks there, and when he has them adjusted I hope the boys up here will be favored by a visit from him, as most of the boys have never met our general chairman, and would like to get acquainted and give him a shake.

One of our worthy assistants, Bro. Victor Mason, agent at Cowley, has handed in his resignation, and will leave for Kirksville in the near future.

A. Mr. Whitechurch, an old fireman from the G. N., holding down third trick at Toluca while Brownie Wilson holds second trick.

Bro. D. Brown relieved Mr. Chilson at Ballantine.

Bro. Peck relieving Bro. Tupper, agent at Hardin, while he is on a much-needed vacation.

Bro. Proctor, night man at Crow Agency, has left the service to accept work in the East, so we understand; relieved by Mr. Hubbard, who was relieved by Mr. Marshall on account of sickness. Mr. Marshall relieved by Operator Cadman, of Lincoln. Cadman relieved by a new man recently. Can not say if he holds a card or not. Cadman left for his home in Lincoln. Understand he was dismissed from the service on account of some difficulty with the chief dispatcher. Crow

Agency certainly has her share of new men. One per week has been the record lately.

Bro. E. E. Law, Wyola, recently on leave of absence for ten days taking in the sights at his old home in Billings, Mont. He was relieved by Bro. Avery from the Yazoo Railroad. Avery sent to Croton upon Bro. Law's return to work.

T. C. Law, day operator at Wyola, has manufactured a vibroplex that does the business just as well as a factory-made machine. The gentleman is a natural mechanic, and has invented several telegraph attachments during his time. We are sorry he does not hold an up-to-date card, but have hopes of geting him in line in the near future.

Bro. Runyan, Alger, and Bro. Dodge, Deitz, have been put on nights, and the day operators' jobs done away with on account of recent change in time-card. This arrangement, however, not at all satisfactory, and no doubt the day men will be put on in the near future.

Working hours on the west end have been changed at the following stations: Deitz, Alger, Parkman, Lodgegrass, Crow Agency, Hardin and Ballatine. This on account of the new time-card that took effect May 31st.

Assistant Trainmaster F. G. Robbins is holding down a telegraph job at Ballantine Pit, thereby keeping an operator out of a job. Nothing like being a company man. Wonder how he would like to be put on regular operator's pay? He certainly does not earn any more than a common operator.

Agents are a scarce article on this division at present, and will be still more so if the National Security Company continues to cancel bonds over every trifling thing that the auditing department reports to them. We surely sympathize with the conductors that have worked faithfully for years to get a train, then have to go to braking when the company requires them to furnish bonds, which, we understand, they intend doing in the near future.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Thomas Clifton is improving rapidly, and we hope he will soon be able to use his foot, which was injured some time ago.

Mr. E. R. Maris, agent at Newcastle, is on a vacation with the Agents' Association. He was relieved by Bro. Mangrum, from Division 111. Bro. Ralph Maris, third trick at Newcastle, took a few days' lay-off, and took in the sights of Sheridan; relieved by Bro. Essex.

Bro. E. M. Richardson, agent at Dewey, who had his resignation in several weeks, relieved by Bro. Essex. Bro. Richardson advises us that he is going back to dear old Missouri, where the corn blooms.

B. G. Knowles, relay man in Sheridan, recently laid off a few days visiting Billings, Mont.

Bro. A. H. Bernhard, third trick at Moorcroft, has returned from an extended vacation back East, and has resumed duty again.

Bro. T. F. Kling, the old stand-by, is keeping himself busy ordering cars for wool shipments.

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Mr. O. A. Roode, the unconvinced operator at Verona, has been put on days again on account of Nos. 43 and 44 taken off.

Several night and day offices have been closed up on account of Nos. 43 and 44 taken off until the N. P. can provide for them. Understand that over a hundred miles of track washed out on the main line of the N. P. It will work a hardship on some of the boys that were preparing to draw the big check to celebrate the Fourth, while others can make use of the week or so lay-off in looking after other interests.

Understand the man with the grudge against some of our Order officials, Mr. Pollard, agent at Kirby, is inclined to teach students the art of telegraphy.

We are sorry Lee Snyder, operator at Cody, don't favor us with his application. Some one up that way tell him something.

Bro. R. E. Hayworth off on a three weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. Bill Mallison.

Bro. W. A. Parsons, of Lovell, has resigned to go into commercial business. He has not been relieved yet.

Bro. C. W. Graham, former agent at Manderson, was down the line on business the first of the month. He is now located at Pringle, S. D., having gone into the grocery business there. His many friends wish him the best of success.

It seems that some of the brothers are afraid to speak O. R. T. There is no reason you should be backward in doing this. What you want to do is holler O. R. T. in everybody's ear that's interested, and tell them the good things that it has accomplished for you and others. Do not be afraid to talk to a non about it. Tell him if he don't come in and join us that he will wake up some morning dreaming some horrible things.

Get to talking to the trainmen and conductors when they are waiting around about this telephone question. Tell them it's going to do them more harm than it will do us if they don't do something towards getting rid of them. They like to hear you talk unionism to them, and it works up better friendship with each other. If you know where there is a hard-headed non that has been worked on, and is still on the division, tell everybody what he is. You will be surprised what this will do in securing everybody's confidence.

If you have any good ideas or opinions, don't hesitate in writing your local chairman about them. And it would be a bright idea to write your State representative in regards to this telephone question, and lay all the facts before him, and urge him to take it before the Interstate Commerce Commission. Tell him you will help support him in his coming election, etc., and now is the time as election is not far off. Hon. F. W. Mondell, Newcastle, Wyo., is Wyoming representative. Those in other States will find out who their representative is by asking their postmaster.

Bro. Ralph Maris transferred to Toluca, third trick.

A. R. McKinley, Felix, nights, resigned on account of being one of the men laid off recently.

Bro. J. P. Meehan laid off a few days around the 20th; relieved by Bro. J. F. Mills. Bro. J. F. Mills to Crow Agency nights, on Bro. Meehan's return.

LaCrosse Division-

Another month has rolled around and no notes from any of the boys, with the exception of Bros. Rogers, Duffy and Ragatz. It will certainly be appreciated if the boys will come across about the 15th or the 20th of the month. Who is it that doesn't like to sit down during his leisure and read of the happenings on his own division, and then turn to his old division on which he worked several years ago. A note or two from all of the boys will give us a fine write-up and we all want this. You appreciate a good write-up, so why not show your appreciation in a substantial manner by dropping your correspondent a line or mail them to Bro. Rogers, and he will see that his penship receives the dope. It is a task not easy accomplished to sit down and try to make a good write-up without help.

Bro. E. A. Griffin transferred Oakland second to North Yards third trick.

Bro. Leavitt transferred from Glen Haven second to Curry first.

Operator Short doing second at Curry, vice Operator Heineman transferred to Diamond Bluff second trick, Bro. Elkins doing third at Curry; new man among us. Treat him right.

Operator Anderson, second at Oakland, has received naturalization papers; if he asks any one what they are for put him "HEP."

Bro. Ragatz advises us that he and Bro. Nelson (the gent with the combination fist) have joined the Twin City Telegraphers' Club.

We have just learned that Bro. Nelson, who answers up to the call "SY," Dayton's Bluff, has been elected sergeant-at-arms of the Twin City Telegraphers' Club.

Bro. Leach has resigned at Oakland and is now trying his luck with the N. P. at Springdale, Mont.

Agent F. S. Clinton, of Prairie Du Chien, is attending the coupon ticket Agents' meeting at Atlantic City.

Mr. Ned Brodt has resigned first trick at "SN," Savanna station days, and now holds the position of agent at McCartney, Wis., United States of America. Rumors are that he is seeking the simple existence. Earnest Jay, formerly third, Savanna, takes the first and Operator Olson, from Glen Haven, takes third; can not say if up-to-date, but think he is O. K. Mister Jemi Leinlocken does the multiple duties on second; says the only trouble of the fone is it makes corns on his ears.

Bro. W. B. Schrunk is making good at "CU," Savanna Yards; he is working Dan Gillaland's trick at present, while Dan is on vacation. Dan used to be up-to-date.

It is understood Marcus, nights, is trying to fill the great demand for *ew operators; the kind that ask you to send STOW.

Bro. Dodge, Galena Junction second, is off on a vacation.

Agent J. M. Harville, of Cassville, has bought himself a Winton touring car; says she can clip off 69 an hour and do it easy. He might join the O. R. T. some day. Understand he is going to Grand Crossing in the near future to relieve Bro. Miller, who has resigned. Bro. Miller was our former local chairman and we hate to see him leave us. He has done a great deal for the boys of the LaCrosse Division.

On account of the recent heavy storm the roads in this locality suffered considerable from washout. The Burlington was affected, but owing to the excellent road bed fared better than competitors.

Bro. Cummings departed for the West, where he is going to try his fortune in some branch of railroading. We wish him success.

Messenger "G," at Dubuque, has made known his desire to be a wireless man.

Everyone wake up and come across with notes.
We wish to congratulate Miss S. Cornwall,
agent Briar Bluff, on joining the Order; we
thought she was a candidate for space in the "lost
column." We feel assured she will not regret
this act.

B. Y. Hek.

Creston Division-

The meeting called at Red Oak June 19th by Local Chairman Bollman, of Stanton, was the best erer. Quite a number of the boys turned out and the various things that pertained to our welfare was gone over and discussed, and all present were there for business; not a silent one in the bunch. The meeting was held at the Western Union office, where Bro. Risdon, manager, had prepared for us. Bro. Bollman's report showed a nice increase in membership and with the promises that he has for line ups for June this division will be about solid. While the line-up is good it would be a good plan for every member of us to take off our coats and dig in so that we will have the best division on the Burlington. It has taken a great deal of hard work to accomplish what Bro. Boliman's report shows he has done.

We were glad to see a number of faces at this meeting that we have never seen at these places. All members should take an active part in these meetings, for that is the place where we can meet to discuss our troubles and find out what is being done along the line. They are not called to discuss the latest scandal or the latest style of trousers, but to lay plans for our future welfare and to build up our organization. The question is simply a business proposition with us.

Different brothers gave short talks about the handling of train orders and block signals and also discussed the problem of station duties. Bro. Risdon proved an interesting talker and told us all about the Order when he first got in line 'way back in '88. He convinced us that we had a

fight on our hands and while it looked like a stiff proposition that if we pulled together we would keep on top.

Bro. Lamb, of "K" office, came up in the evening and gave us a short talk, which was greatly enjoyed by all. After the discussions Bro. Bollman read a number of letters from Bro. Johnson, all showing what was being done toward the welfare of the operators on the Burlington system.

Arrangements were made for a big blow-out to be held in the near future and we hope that all members get next to themselves and make arrangements to be there. The local chairman will notify all in time to secure transportation, and all who miss this meeting will always regret it.

After the meeting was adjourned Bro. Bollman took the gang to the Candy Kitchen, where "Merry Widows," "Buffaloes," taffy, cigars, etc., were consumed at an alarming rate until some one thought of how No. 14 was, then there was a mad scramble for hats and umbrellas and we were all off in a bunch for home.

Bro. G. E. Burton, of Villisca, has been appointed correspondent for the Creston Division. Everyone should send some news each month and "B" will see that it is put through the mill. There is no reason why we can't have a good write-up each month, but we must not expect one man to do it all. If you like to see a good write-up help us make one.

In the notes of the Creston Division appearing in the April number of THE TELEGRAPHER Arthur Horton was mentioned as being a brother. We wish to correct this, as Horton has never been a member of our organization.

It would be a great thing for a number of the operators on this division to study carefully the "Technical Points," that are published each month in the journal, so as to enable them to do good board work. We frequently hear wire chief ask some operator to make patch, and many times operators are unable to do so. A little study would be a great help to the wire chiefs and also to ourselves.

Bro. J. E. Shough, third trick Villisca, is enjoying a fifteen days' vacation, being relieved by Mr. A. W. Sterland, recently from Postal Co., Chicago. Mr. Sterland advises that he will soon get in line. He now carries a commercial card to date.

. Bro. Fleming, who has been relieving Bro. Mercer, agent Greenfield, for the past sixty days, has bid in Macedonia and moved to that place. Bro. Mercer was out to line up the Republican voters to the extent of landing the nomination for county treasurer in his home county. We wish him success at the election this fall.

The third trick at Stanton was re-opened on account of bad tracks between Villisca and that place. Mr. Griffin, of Boston, holding down the place. We can trust Bro. Bollman to land him in the right side before long.

F. B. Thomson, recently of the Wabash, is working the third trick at Emerson now.

R. E. Cook bid in Shenandoah on bulletin.

J. E. Walkington relieving agent at Elliott for a few days. We hope that A. L. Johnson will find it convenient to fill out the blanks when he returns to work.

Bro. R. B. Moulton, third trick at Malvern, taking a vacation a few days and was relieved by A. W. Sterland.

Mr. Gough is a new arrival on this division, holding down Balfour third trick.

Bro. J. M. Riley, who has been working third trick at Malvern, has resigned to accept a good position with the Union Pacific.

Bro. D. W. Camp, agent McPherson, recently enjoyed a vacation and was relieved by W. R. Hill.

Prescott third trick closed on account of slack business.

W. E. Reynolds, second trick McPherson, laying off a few days. Mr. J. R. Price, from C. G. W. Ry., filling his position.

We are very sorry to note the illness of Mr. Flint Turner, of Creston relay office.

Mr. L. B. Connett, of Creston office, is enjoying a much-needed rest in Colorado. Larry's health has been very bad for the past few months, and a change of location was thought the best thing for him.

Mr. C. J. Connet, of Creston, was visiting his brother Harvey in Denver a few days the first of this month. Harvey at one time was with the Burlington on the Ottumwa and Creston Division, but now with Union Pacific.

Mike McShane, from Ireland we presume, is working the third trick at Creston Yard office at the present time. We are sorry to say that there is not a member of the Order in the yard office. Good place for some missionary to get in his work, as these men have been enjoying the benefits of the Order long enough and they should be willing to bear their part of the burden.

After all the loud talk that was going the rounds about the revenue of the railroads falling off so much in the last year, we are glad to note that the Creston Division showed a substantial gain during the past year. We want to keep it that way and when we hear of a prospective customer go after him like Bro. Bollman does the nons.

With this our first attempt at a write-up, we ask that you not be to hard on us. If we have made any errors and called some of you Bro. when it should have been Mr. just make a kick to Bro. Bollman and he will send you blanks and you may become Bro. We wish to remind the operators and agents that one man alone can not make a good write-up, and it behooves every one of us to send in a few notes every month and we will then have a write-up that will be of interest to all. Remember all the changes you hear of and send them in.

Out of ten operators recently hired on this division by Chief Dispatcher Shiffer, all of them proved to be "drunks" and had to be discharged. We are glad to note that not one of these men carried up-to-date cards. All members should take

an active interest in the elevation of our Order and be careful not to propose any name that we should be ashamed to call Bro.

DIV. COR.

Alliance Division-

Bro. Triplett, extra agent, relieved Bro. Pinkley at Ansley, for a short time; then went to Hyannis for a few days and relieved Bro. Prettyman and Bro. Frank Simmonds, second trick operator at Ansley, ran the day stunt until Bro. "Pinks'" return. Bro. Triplett finally wound up at Broken Bow, relieving Mr. Ormsby.

Bro. Waskom, formerly agent at Halsey, now in Brownstown, Ind., working for the Illinois Central.

Bro. Herncall, from agency Ellsworth to agency Pringle. Bro. Hancock, former second trick operator there, taking the agency. Bro. Hancock has secured the hotel at Ellsworth.

Bro. Dan Norris, formerly agent at Dunning, still receives "B. & M." checks, but only one a year, instead of twelve, although that one is a good big one, and made payable to D. C. Norris, County Treasurer, Dan having been elected last fall to fill the office of Treasurer of Blaine County, which shows how he was liked by the many people with whom he transacted business at Dunning. He has moved to Brewster, twenty-five miles inland, where he can't even see or hear a train. He was relieved by Bro. C. L. Foster, from Provo.

Understand Mr. Hulse, who worked in different places on this division for some time, is working for "Uncle Sam" on the Forest Reserve, near Halsey.

Ex-Bro. Jordan, who was with us a couple of years, is now in the Signal Service of the United States, and wishes he could come back home.

Ex-Bro, Frank Callender, now "shacking" on the "slow board," between Seneca and Ravenna; claims he has the rest of us "skimned;" says when he is off he's off.

Contributions from the different brothers have been excellent. Don't stop now, keep the good work up; there is another month coming, and we want to keep pace with our neighbor divisions, at least,

Effective May 31st, quite a change was made in our time card, changing some of the boys' hours somewhat, but not resulting in any more men being put on.

Bro. Cheadle, agent at Sweetwater, is doing quite a "stunt" as farmer in his spare time.

Quite a number of helpers have mastered (?) the art of making dots and dashes, and will soon be going through the "trying experience of the ham's first night." From all reports some of them are not content with their local practice, but persist in practicing on the main line, and doing as much as possible to be operators, even without the name or money.

Work has commenced on the new line between Nemo and Piedmont. This will shorten the line to Piedmont considerably. The track between Bucks and Piedmont will be taken up.



Work on the Government timber-treating plant at Englewood is now in progress.

Bro. Graham, agent at Pringle, has resigned, and gone into the grocery business at that point. Bro. J. W. Bollinger, a member of the Grand Division, on third trick at Ellsworth.

Understand Roubaix is to be closed as soon as settled. Mr. F. J. Ellsbury promises to be with us. Presume he will locate at some other point in the Hills if Roubaix is closed.

By the time this appears in print, Mr. Chambers, of Custer, will be in and up-to-date.

Sheep Canyon, between Minnekahta and Edgemont, was washed out, thirty-five feet long and twenty feet deep. Old-timers state the water was the highest they ever saw it. The line between Minnekahta and Hot Springs was put entirely out of business, but is all right now.

Thos. Donegan, of Spearfish, was off a few days on account of his father-in-law, Mr. Peters, having been killed by lightning at Edgemont. Mr. and Mrs. Donegan have the heartfelt sympathy of all the boys on the division.

Bro. Livingston and Braich slinging lightning on the first and second tricks at Crawford. A Mr. Wallace on third. Here's hoping the brothers at "CO" will help him see the error of his ways, and have him fill out the blanks.

Some talk of closing Keystone. If they do I suppose Bennett will locate at some other place in the Hills.

Harold changed to Orella, with Mr. L. F. Taylor, a C. T. U. of A. man, in charge.

Mrs. C. L. Foster, third trick at Halsey; Mr. Williams on second.

C. T. U. of A. Bro. Jerry Davis, from second trick at Halsey to city salesman for Granger Bros., Lincoln. There is no doubt but what Jerry will deliver the goods, but a telegraph key to Jerry is like a red flag to a certain animal, he has to make a dive for it as soon as he gets his eyes on one.

Bro. Powell, of Broken Bow, attended a "swell" affair a few days recently—mumps.

Bro. Wheeler, newcomer, Seneca to Alliance, "J" office, and, later, to Crawford.

Bro. Triplett showed the natives of Spearfish a merry clip while Bro. Donegan left the village a few days.

Mr. Kemmer, second trick at Seneca, understand, goes to St. Louis for the Western Union.

Bro. Thompson, from Anselmo, takes second at Seneca, on account of one trick being taken out at "NS," during slack business.

Dispatcher Mifka, of "J" office, now at Deadwood, relieved Mr. Coleman, and now is relieving Mr. Marvin. The boys on the High Line are glad to see Joe back.

Third trick cut out at Halsey, and Mrs. Foster has returned to her home at Dunning.

Mr. Wells, "K," new man, in "J" office. "13" he should have the best that's going.

C. R. Elbers, new man, on third at Seneca.

Bro. Hanna, late night agent at Englewood, has gone to Texas to enter the employ of the A., T. & S. F.

Halsey has been spoken of as the "canners" last step to the block.

"Sid" Parkison, helper at Merna, to Englewood as night agent. Sid has the proper training, and is there with the goods when eligible.

A Bro. Herncall on second at Ellsworth.

Some of the men who came out of "J" office during slack business last winter, seem to have grasped the W. U. boys' watchword since the nine-hour law, namely, "stick to the road jobs."

Mr. Ormsby and family, of Broken Bow, have taken their annual vacation, and have gone to the east coast. Extra Agent Triplett and Bro. Powell will deal out hot air and take the tips during Mr. O.'s absence.

Bro. and Sister Ernst have left the service, Bro. E. going to the Pacific coast, and Mrs. E. to her home at Dresden, Kan. They expect to locate somewhere in the West later on.

A. J. Nelson, third trick at Edgemont, still staying in the cold. He does not seem to realize that he has one of the best-paying as well as shortest-hour jobs on the division.

Bro. Ayer, at Crawford, is now doing the stunt without a cashier, Bro. Livingston, former cashier, taking first trick at that place; Bro. Cox to Edgemont, first trick.

It seems strange they would try to run a competitive point, like Crawford, with no more help than that. Where will Mr. Ayer get a chance to rustle for them now?

Sister Richards, for a long time night operator at Hemingford, now second trick at Ardmore, on account of closing night office at Hemingford.

Understand the big mogul engines on Crawford hill are working quite successfully. Trains are now handling 2,300 tons out of Crawford, and 3,500 tons out of Belmont, with one helper.

Water was struck at the depth of 2,980 feet at Edgemont. There is plenty of water there now for all purposes, and it is a gusher, and hot, too. Just think where you are getting near when you are in Edgemont.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory resigned at Belmont, being relieved by Mr. Roberts, formerly dispatcher at Deadwood.

Hays, of Marsland, taking a short vacation; am unable to say who is relieving him at this time.

Understand M. J. Armstrong is now working as extra agent on the Lincoln Division.

I see jobs are being bulletined on account of operators not staying awake during their hours, others are taking small pleasure trips without the chief's permission. We only have to work eight or nine hours a day, why not show our appreciation by doing our best while on duty? The company has made a ruling that operators leaving their office without permission, or leaving town

Bro. Allstatt, I understand, has bid in Dunning.

when off duty, are subject to dismissal.

It seems that Chambers, at Custer, has quite a hard time finding men to take the helper job there at the present salary.

A man by the name of Smith just checked in at Hill City. Have not yet learned where Bro. Reed is going.

It has been suggested that we publish in these columns, monthly, the names of all the eligible non-members, and the names of all former members who are back an unreasonable length of time with their dues, and yet are enjoying the benefits of good working conditions and a raise of anywhere from \$14 per month. This raise was obtained at the expense of the faithful members of the Order.

I believe a better way than this would be for each member to take an interest in a non-member, point out to him the whys and wherefores, and keep up this fire until such time as there is not an eligible non-member on the division, or else see that we have their direct answers and reasons for failing to join us. It looks pretty small to a man up a tree for non-members to be enjoying an increase of nearly \$200 per year and yet can't see their way clear to loosen up on not quite one month's increase for the benefit of the organization that obtained it for them. If the non-members can not see and believe in all of the principles of the O. R. T., they, at least, ought to be generous enough to pay the interest on the present we have made them, even if they do not wish to take an active part in the Order. It has been said that "taxation without representation is tyranny." Reverse this rule and it applies to you, Mr. Non. In fact, you are obtaining money without any attempt to reimburse any one for itreally under false pretenses. As a matter of fact, you have no right to take the additional compensation you are receiving. It does not belong to you. You should still be working for the old schedule of wages, \$40 and \$50 per. My, what an awful roar there would be if the next time our committee goes in they should see fit to make an agreement that the salary of all non-members should be cut to the old scale in effect before we had a schedule. Wouldn't there be a scramble?

This is not intended for a "roast," but merely to present the facts to you as they are. Think it over and you will have to agree with me. Get on your thinking cap and come through with the goods for the last half of 1908. Nine-fifty pays it all and you will not have cause to regret the move.

DIV. COR.

Ashland Division-

The time is now here to remit for a new card. We hope every brother will do so at once, thus saving Bro. Henry lots of extra correspondence.

Bro. Hubbell, of Yutan, off a few days on business; relieved by Bro. J. T. Purdy.

Mr. J. D. Fender and wife, of Ashland, were Lincoln visitors Saturday and Sunday, 13th and 14th.

Bro. Reese Saul, days, at Havelock, visited in Omaha on the 13th.

Understand Bro. Haenshell, of Greenwood, has to wear his hip boots to get back and forth to work.

Bro. Karn, Oakland, doing the night act at "ON" until congestion is relieved on the Soo Line.

Mr. Fred Hall, formerly third trick man at Waverly, back to "NI," Lincoln. Bros. Saul, Abbot, Whitelock, of Havelock and Ashland, attended the dance at Gretna the 30th of last month.

Mr. C. L. Blodgett, of "NI" office, went to Ashland on the fast freight, No. 24, Monday morning, to help Operator J. D. Fender carry the fish they caught at the Platte.

Bro. Paulson, of Louisville, relieved Bro. C. A. Whitelock while sick for a couple of days at Havelock.

"13" Bro. Starkey lost a good bulldog in the cyclone.

Bro. Abbot, of Ashland, was over at Gretna one night last week.

Mr. Goldsberry, of Waverly, says he expects to be one of us soon.

Operator Carrier, of Waverly nights, is going to get back in line just as soon as he can. He has been out of the telegraph business for the past eight months. He has been giving high-balls and throwing coal at the hams.

Since the heavy rains on the Soo Line trains were delayed several days. Trains going over the Northwestern tracks, Fremont to Lincoln; during this time two extra men were put on at Fremont. Mr. Baker working first trick, Bro. Miller second. Bro. Purdy third.

Bro. C. A. Whitlock, of Havelock, is now local chairman of Ashland Division, vice Bro. F. R. Hubbell, resigned.

Bro. E. C. Puryear, Winslow, off on a vacation. Expects to take in the sights at Chicago and Denver; relieved by Bro. Purdy.

Bro. Martin, Belling, formerly of the Union Pacific, has been working nights at Walthiel during the rush on the Soo Line.

Send your notes to G. W. Holt, Rosalie. Every little bit helps. If your neighbor makes a change, or is on the sick list, let him know about it. Do not wait for him to find it out.

What's the matter with the brothers on the O'Neill line? Wake up, boys, and come across with a few notes... Drv. Cor.

Brookfield Division-

Bro. Chipman, of Monroe, off a few days recently; relieved by Bro. Lange.

Bro. Withers working third trick at Hunnewell at present.

Bro. Stevens was attending court at Liberty recently; relieved by Mr. Baily. Mr. Baily promises us his application in the near future.

Bro. Lange and wife, of Monroe, and Bro. Mc-Intosh, of Shelbina, were calling on old friends at Hunnewell Sunday.

General Chairman Johnson was on this division a few days ago. He reports everything looking favorable.



The night telegraph offices at Anabel, Lentner and Ely have been cut, and telephones installed, also day telegraph office at Ely cut out.

On account of heavy business several third trick men have been put on, among them Saxton, Easton, Turney, Holt, Robertson and Hunnewell.

R. O. Kay, formerly agent at Lathrop, went to Cameron Junction as third trick operator. You can now address him as brother, as he has recently decided that he had been in the cold long enough, and handed us his application.

We have recently heard complaint from some of the brothers about not having a write-up in the journal each month. Now, brothers, stop for a moment and think. One man can not keep in touch with every move that is made on the entire division. Why don't each one of you write the division correspondent or local chairman a few lines each month, and help us out? Don't wait for some one else to do this, but do it yourself.

It is now time to pay semi-annual dues. This is another matter that should be given prompt attention. With your card you will receive a circular letter from Bro. Quick, in which he makes some valuable suggestions, and if each member will do his part to follow these instructions, we will do wonders in the way of organization.

CERT. 1191.

Aurora Division-

Bro. Unangst, second trick at Polo, is enjoying several weeks' vacation, taking in the sights in the vicinity of Denver; relieved by Bro. Mades, formerly second trick at Chadwick.

Bro. H. Stauffer, who spent several months in Galifornia, returned to the service of the C., B. & Q. last month; working the night trick at Stratford for several weeks, but now third trick at Rockford, vice Bro. Van Alstine, working second rick at present.

Bro. C. F. Horn received Rochelle, third trick, on bulletin. Mr. Door, formerly of Aurora relay office, is the new second trick man, vice Mr. and Mrs. Forcey, resigned. Mr. Forcey taking a broker's position in Chicago. Can not say if Door is a brother or not.

Bro. Mades relieved Agent Boher at Hazelhurst a few days last month.

Bro. Dingman, third trick at Oregon, was a Polo caller on several occasions last month.

There are two or three "nons" on this pike who might well be termed "invincible nons," drawing from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per month more in salary secured by the committee. They take the money with as good grace as if they had been instrumental in securing the increase.

Bro. Ranger, of Somonauk Cabin, visited friends in Sandwich May 22d.

Boys, how does the nine-hour look now? We all want to pull together and give the company the best service possible, as we have plenty of time for rest and play. This hay must be cut out, as there is no excuse for it, and it only causes a hard feeling between our Order and the company. Do

the best work possible, and the company will feel more like meeting us half way. Keep our offices clean and everything O. K. Show them we appreciate a good thing.

Miss Grotz, formerly of "U" block, first trick, resigned, and "13" she is going to work on the Lake Shore.

Mr. G. H. Griffith, second trick, Bro. H. F. Wood third trick, and Bro. Russell first trick at "R," Downers Grove tower. Mr. Dressler formerly third trick at "R," resigned on account of ill-health. Bro. Wood comes from the Iowa Central.

Bro. T. G. Vernon second, Phoner Dressler third, and Phoner Ugel first at Greggs.

Bro. Musscelman first trick, Bro. Locey third trick, and Bro. C. O. Gern second trick at Eola.

Miss Ferness second trick, Miss Sanders first phoner, and Miss Rooser second phoner at "X" block.

Bro. La Cure second trick, Bro. Wright third trick, and E. G. Harter, phoner, first trick at Naperville.

Sister Lillian Horseman second trick, Mrs. Wattles first trick, and Phoner Giles third trick at "W" block.

Bro. Metzler second trick, J. B. Dressler third trick, and Phoner H. F. Slatnz first trick at "U" block.

Bro. Veith returned to work at Hinsdale, but was sent to relieve Bro. Jackson, second trick at Congress Park.

Bro. Brower relieving Bro. Veith. Bro. Merrill third trick and Bro. Vornsand first trick at Hinsdale Cabin.

Sister Ida Parish, second trick, Phoners Olson and Thorph first and third tricks at Western Springs.

Mr. Cope and Bro. Cull of Aurora yard office, were visiting at Earlville May 19th.

Bro. Pratt, agent at Sandwich, has returned from a three weeks' visit in the Northwest; was relieved by Relief Agent Long, of Aurora.

Bro. Robertson back at Downer's Grove after extended vacation. Operator A. H. Clowes back on night shift; Bro. Brower to Leland for short time.

Bro. A. J. Jackson resumed work at Congress Park May 25th, after a bad attack of rheumatism.

Bro. Veith returns to Hinsdale Cabin days; Bro. Merrill off for a few days, Phoner Ugel, from Griggs, on first and Bro. Vornsand on third trick. Phoner Fredenhagen relieving Ugel at Griggs.

Operator D. E. Hughes, who formerly worked on C. & I. branch before they cut the force up that way, took third fone job at 'U" block, worked a few nights and resigned; relieved by Phoner W. O. Milar, of Mendota.

We understand J. D. Dressler is now working for the C. & A. at Chicago, in claim department.

Bro. W. E. Scott, at Berwyn, got his helper back recently, which makes it much easier for Bro. Scott.

Riverside station got a \$22 helper, which makes it better for the night man, who worked from 7 p. m. to 9 a. m., having to work the local way freight for \$44 per.

Arrangements are being made to install new signals, Berwyn tower; also for eight new arc lights at Berwyn station.

The showing up an hour or two late by some of these phoners should be cut out, as you not only lay yourself liable, but also the company. This looks like riding a good horse to death.

Mr. Burns, of "SY" Cabin, resigned third trick, relieved by Mr. Cook, from Hinckley, Ill. Understand that Mr. Burns goes East.

Bro. Beasler, of Tower 38, resigned; relieved by Ray Winser, of Aurora.

There are plenty of extra men on the list now, making it easy to be relieved for our vacation.

One telegrapher has been pulled off at Altona. The agent now handles the block for six hours, with Mr. H. Abrahamson as third trick telegrapher, and a phone man on the first trick.

Mr. W. G. Davis, who held the third trick at Altona previous to the change, has bumped Mr. E. W. Hedburg out of first trick at Galva tower.

Mr. E. W. Hedburg has taken second trick at C., I. & S. Junction.

The telegrapher at Kewanee freight house has been pulled off and the telegraphing is now done at the depot by the ticket agent.

Bro. Sawyer, formerly first trick operator at "CR" tower, Earlville, has resigned; understand he is working for the C. & N. W. Ry at St. Charles, Ill.

Bro. Butterfield, who worked at Earlville depot before they cut off the operator at that station, is now working at Lee, Ill.

Bro. Brower, relief operator, is working first trick at "CR" tower, Earlville.

Bros. Ranger and Stoneburg, of Somonauk Cabin, were in Chicago last week, June 15th.

Bro. Sexton, agent of Leland, Ill., was in Chicago last Sunday to see the White Sox do the trick.

Mr. Harry Mooney, formerly of Fulton, Ill., and one of the Aurora Division relief operators, is now working as bill clerk at Sandwich, Ill.

CERT. 1246.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler of the Universe has deemed it wise to remove from our midst the beloved wife of our worthy Bro. F. P. Veith; therefore, be it

IN MEMORIAM.

Resolved, That we, the members of Burlington Division No. 130, extend to Bro. Veith our sincere sympathies in this his hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy forwarded to our brother, and one to The Telegrapher for publication.

E. F. Todd.

L. H. JAMES.

L. II. JAMES.

E. G. NOACK.

Beardstown Division-

Business is on the boom, coal mines resuming work has caused the opening of several telegraph offices that were closed when the big ax was swung April 1st.

The following positions have been opened that were not bulletined: Second and third tricks at Herrin, Ill.; second and third tricks at Christopher, Ill.; day operator at Sesser, Ill.; second trick at Virden and day operator at Franklin, Ill. These positions should have been bulletined, and any one desiring these positions have a right to make application for same if their seniority entitles them to such positions.

Mr. W. W. Schuhart, once a telegraph operator holding different positions on this division, but now a clerk in a general store at Pisgah, Ill., has accepted the agency at that place at \$20.00 per month and runs the business in his store. This looks hard when an old operator knocks on his friends.

We understand that the agency was closed at Walshville, Ill., and Mr. Snow, former agent, is looking after the station and U. S. mail at \$20.00 per month, but we still hear him working on the wires in case the trains getting stuck and train men calling on him to get help so as to make the next station. It is a grand thing for the railroad company that some men have such large hearts and have the company's interest at heart enough to break our agreement with the company in working for less than the minimum. Our local chairman should see that the wires were cut out of that office.

Understand switch lamps have been taken off this division to save oil and expense of caring for them. After some train heads into a string of cars and causes a wreck they will be sent back.

We notice since Bro. R. O. Willett has taken charge of Barnett that the dispatcher does not have to call so long to raise "BG," and another improvement is that the ham factory has been cut out there.

Bro. W. E. Cline, of Winchester, has been on the sick list, but is lucky enough to have a bride to care for him. We are glad to say that "WE" is back at his post again.

Bro. Jas. Guyer, of Briar Bluffs, was visiting relatives and friends in Riggston a few days. James having an up-to-date card has returned to Briar Bluffs to resume duties of second trick operator.

Bro. Walter Halt, formerly of Concord, has accepted a position at Rosalia, Neb.; says he likes it fine there.

Mr. Vermillion, of Whitehall, bumped Mr. Hickman, at Browning; both are nons. I wish we could drop that Mr. and call them Bro.

Pisgah office having been closed, Bro. Webster gets third trick at Chapin, Ill.

Bro. C. A. Wells gave up his position as second

Mr. R. D. Elvidge, once a brother, but fell from the ranks, has again filled out the necessary papers and will soon be Bro. Elvidge again.

trick operator at Chapin to Mr. Brown.

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Bro. A. J. Atking, "D," who was working in "B" office for some time, but laid off on account of reduction in forces, was called to Beardstown for a few days, relieving Dispatcher Harlan, who took a vacation.

Mr. L. É. Dooley, former agent at Atwater, is now day operator at Franklin.

Bro. J. T. Cole and family visited relatives at Keyesport last Saturday and Sunday.

Bro. S. H. Frazier visited friends in Girard this week.

We understand McVey and Reno offices will soon be closed; two more old men looking for positions. Some one will get bumped.

Mr. L. W. Yowell is at home, having been bumped by Bro. Simmons, who lost out at Sorento n account of office being closed nights.

Bro. D. D. Hodges, of Herrin, has been appointed assistant local chairman for the Herrin line. Any brothers on that line will please notify Bro. Hodges of any grievances you may have.

Boys, why can't we have a meeting somewhere co our division? All other divisions are having them. Offer your suggestions. I think it would do us good to get together and discuss the issues of the day.

Now, don't everybody sit back and expect to have a write-up each month without helping to get items. It would be an easy matter for each one of the brothers on this division to make a memorandum of anything they hear that would be of benefit or interest to the other members and when they get several items mail them to our local chairman. I am sure he would appreciate this very much, as he has plenty of work to keep him busy without doing all the write-ups.

CERT. 582.

Quebec Central Ry.

Notice to Quebec Central Members:

It is stated on good authority that the agents on the Q. C. Railway, at St. Joseph, Garthby, Broughton and Ascot, P. Q., are running wide-open "ham factories," and these same agents are members of our Order, and it is hardly possible to believe that they should be so ignorant and foolish as to maintain such a condition of affairs. After some years of hard work, we are now practically solid O. R. T. on the Q. C. Our officials use us well, and we, in return, should give them and our dispatchers good service; but giving good service and looking out for the interest of our company does not mean that we shall have "ham factories" on the line, and why these agents named above will humble themselves and the dignity of our Order to teach telegraphy for a few paltry dollars is more than can be surmised, as they are going directly against the policy of our Order, and as they are members, they are not living up to their duties as Order men, and something should be done about it to bring about the desired result. It is stated that the agent at St. Joseph recently graduated ten students, and the others turned them out in bunches. The low wages and long hours of the operator should be remembered by

these agents, and as long as they turn out "hams" the condition will exist, but if they will cease turning them out, they will help to have these bad conditions of the telegrapher done away with. It is hoped that these agents will get "wise," and cease running "ham factories," and get in the right line, do all they can to increase business for our company, and work for the company's interest at all times, and to do this does not in the least require "ham factories" shall be maintained by the operators of this company and division.

Owr.

Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

Waycross District-

Our district is in good condition, except a few men who have let their dues lapse, which, I hope, they will remedy. Let us try and make our side solid. Now is the time. We want all the boys in good standing, for the simple reason that the financial conditions make it rather hard on us for the time being, and we want to be right up-to-date, so as to be able to meet any emergency.

I find from some of our boys that they are complaining about the nine-hour law, saying that it has thrown so many operators out of employment, and closed so many offices that it has caused the telegrapher to suffer hardships.

I wish to say that this is a question which the telegrapher has always agitated, and now it has been made a federal law, and is one of the best things that has, or ever will be, for the telegrapher. It is not the nine-hour law that has caused so many operators to be out of employment, and it is foolish for any one to make this remark.

Why are the train men, machinists, carpenters, and all classes of labor out of work? Is it the nine-hour law? Well, I should say not. It is only the financial conditions that have existed all over our American land for the past six or eight months.

This is one of the best things that has ever been done for the telegrapher, and he will see it in only a short time. Now let us stand steadfast, and you will see that we are the winner in the end. If it were not for the nine-hour law there would be more idle telegraphers than there now

Bros. H. B. Graddy, A. G. Hack and F. L. Hall are taking care of the three tricks at the yard office, "FN." All seem satisfied with their eight hours.

Bro. Baisden has recently been transferred from Branford to Homerville, where he is working the second trick, Branford being closed.

We have also had a man cut off in dispatcher's office, only working Bro. Tom Sasser, W. L. Curry and E. B. Lary on the three tricks. Bro. Selvide being the man cut off, but he will take a trick at Valdosta as soon as the mumps turn him loose. We hope to see him out in a few days.

Bro. W. B. Whipple has had promotion to the dispatcher's chair, where he seems to be doing the job first-class.

Mr. E. Dunn, one of our old dispatchers, has been off for several months on account of his health.

Bro. A. L. Hughes has just returned from his trip to Hot Springs, where he has had his family for their health.

I leave it for another brother to give us a line or two for the journal next month. Be like "Cracker Joe," on the Savannah District. He always gives us a piece. CERT. 285.

Richmond Division-

Since March 4th we have been very busy getting the boys lined up on the eight-hour jobs. The company, of course, closed up enough offices to balance the offices that they were forced to put three men in. Everything running smoothly now. No jobs open or on bulletin. Only one extra man, though. Mr. Bean doing what extra work falls to him. Am sorry to say he does not carry an up-to-date, which may be the reason he is working extra.

Bro. Alston, of Pleasant Hill, third trick, made a flying trip to Severn, N. C., a few days ago.

Bro. Fernahough, of Emporia, off on two weeks' vacation. Do not know who is relieving him.

We regret to note some of the boys on second and third tricks are sleeping on duty.

Boys, this is certainly casting a great reflection on us, and shows up very badly when a conductor sends in his delay at your station, five or ten minutes on account of red block. Operator asleep. You certainly ought to give this matter serious thought, and stay awake. We hope you will not keep up this practice, as it will be very much against us in helping to keep this nine-hour law.

The vegetable season is on now in full blast, and we are kept very busy blocking the extras, but glad to say we get them over without any delay on our part. "TAR HEEL."

Richmond District, South-

As this is the heaviest district, and with more double track than any other on the system, and with more eight-hour positions than any other, it should always have something to say. We have some of the best material on this district, as well as some of the poorest, so the best should begin to work on the other, and make it all good. There are more nons than for some time, caused by so many third trick men being fired for sleeping on duty. It is our humble opinion that every eighthour man who goes to sleep on duty should be fired at once. That is negligence that there is no excuse for. We all know that there is no human being that is perfect, and, therefore, that errors will continue to be made, but going to sleep on an eight-hour trick is not an error, it is criminal carelessness and there is absolutely no excuse for it. This may sound pretty strong, but it is my sentiment exactly.

The moves on the monthly checker-board are so numerous that it would take up too much space to enumerate them. There is one that we wish to mention, however, and express our disapproval in no unmeasured terms, namely, the dismissal of Sister Miss S. D. Taylor from Wilson, N. C., first trick. Being in a position to know some of the circumstances, we know that she has been badly used, and it is our hope that she will be speedily reinstated at Wilson.

Bro. C. L. Pearson, who has been off on the sick list for several months, is again at work, having bid in first trick at Wilson. Mr. Hall going from there to Selma for a few days' relief work.

Now that the new schedule requires the chief or superintendent to notify the local chairman as soon as a vacany is filled, and by whom, we will be able to give a list of the changes each month with accuracy.

How many members on this district have received their new cards? I know several who have already received theirs, and it is not yet July first. Bro. Williams says quite a number on the district have paid their dues and the 50 cents for the convention fund also. Speaking of that convention fund, I certainly hope every member of this division will contribute the amount asked for, as our representatives tell wonderful things that were done for their pleasure in Minneapolis, and we want to show the other sections of the country what the South can do in the way of entertaining the Grand Division. We also want to show them what we can do in the way of organizing before that time. We want every office on the system to be filled by a member when the convention meets in Atlanta. With the 800 members we now have, we could have every eligible non on the system inside of two months if we all went to work after them. Will you try? I will, and send in some applications, too. Each division is entitled to one representative for each hundred members in good standing December 31, 1908. We want to send ten delegates to Atlanta. We can do it easily with the proper push among our members. Let's commence the work on this district.

J. H. W.

C. and W. C. District-

It certainly does look gloomy over here. I have had two men tell me that they had dropped out on account of us being so slow in getting together. That is no way to do. Don't just sit down and hold your hands and wait for the other fellow to do the getting together, but help to do some of it yourself.

I'll admit that I have been doing some of that waiting myself, but I am going to try and do better in the future, and I hope that all the other brothers will pull with me.

There was quite a little change over here on May 1st. Mr. A. W. Anderson, general superintendent, and Mr. F. M. Doar, superintendent of transportation, both from Florence, are back with us again. Mr. G. G. Lynch went to Florence.

Mr. E. S. McNeil is our chief dispatcher, vice Mr. J. R. Mixon, set back to dispatching trains, vice Mr. Miller, set back as operator in "SU," vice Mr. W. J. Connor, Jr., who went to "MC," McCormick, and is now agent at that point, relieving Mr. H. C. Harvely, who went to "RG," Fairfax, relieving Mr. J. K. Kincaid. "13" Mr. Kinkaid went to the Seaboard.

Night offices at "MC," McCormick, and "G," Woodlawn, have been cut out.

Night office at "F," Allendale, has also been

There are only two men working nine hours each at "Q," Laurens, and if I am not mistaken there are only two at "RG," Fairfax, working the same hours.

The telegraph office at "JU," Maxwell, Seaboard Junction, has been abolished, throwing three men out of work.

Office at "K," Parksville, has been opened up again. Mr. Wilson has agency at that station. Don't know whether he has a card or not.

Business has about struck the bottom. Don't think it can get any lower. The through business has gone to nothing, but the local business is holding up very well.

Boys, let us see what we can do now towards getting our non-list down to a lower number. Let us see if we can't get a few of the nons in, and perhaps in a few months we can begin to have meetings. I know it is disheartening for a fellow to never get to go to a meeting. Pay your dues. Don't drop your card, but get busy on the nons and we can soon have it solid.

CERT. 791.

Savannah District-

Bro. G. G. Nicholls has returned to work at Offerman tower, after being off some three weeks on account of very serious illness. He says its rather tough on a convalescent to have to go up against those new levers.

Glad to welcome Bro. M. C. Orvin, of McIntosh, and Bro. D. F. Minchew, of Douglas, Ga., into the fold, and hope their stay with us may be long and profitable; also note the transfer to Division No. 132 of Bro. A. F. Brusch.

Bro. S. J. Hood, agent at Walthourville, has now decided to stay with us, instead of going to another line, as he had planned to do.

Both clerk telegraphers have been cut off at Blackshear, something that has not been done before in eight years.

Bro. M. L. Briggs, who was relieving Bro. Nicholls at Offerman, has gone to Savannah, temporarily. Bro. Briggs is a member of the N. & W. system Division, but will transfer to our division at an early date, and we are glad to see him come, as they raise good union men up on the old N. & W., and that's what it takes to get good schedules.

Bro. R. F. Donaldson has accepted the McIntosh agency, vice Bro. R. B. Cassel, who has resigned. We have been unable to learn where Bro. Cassel was going.

Bro. A. W. Carter, of the Grand Division, was calling on the brothers at Offerman recently, and extending the "glad hand" to the faithful.

Bro. C. L. Barnett made a flying visit to Savannah, recently, to lay in a stock of summer clothes, and take in the sights of the city.

CRACKER JOE.

Norfolk District-

Business is picking up some on this division.

Mrs. D. S. Harper, agent at Bethel, has been furnished with an operator and clerk. Bro. J. W. Gardner, from Richland Division, South, being the successful man.

Bro. G. C. Blow, of Suffolk, Va., bid in Tarboro, first trick, on bulletin; relieved by Mr. H. L. Gardner, extra man.

Bro. Thos. O. Wilks is working at Tarboro; relieved by Bro. G. C. Blow.

Bro. Weeks relieving Operator Jones, dispatcher's office, Norfolk, for a few days.

Bro. J. W. Gardner relieved Bro. Ed Monson at Parmele a few days. Bro. Edmonson relieved Mr. Pope at Robersonville.

Understand there is a student at Bethel, one at Parmele, one at Robersonville, one at Everest; Williamston, the old ham factory stock, a block with them; also one at Jamesville.

There is one brother who takes part in helping students practice. Looks as if the agent will take a student. It looks as if a brother would have more respect for his fellow operators than to help him to learn in any way or form, as we are aware there are so many operators out of employment who can not get work, why should we help produce more.

CERT. 1072.

Montgomery District-

"J," night office, being cut out throws one more man on the extra list.

"GD," night office, opened, Bro. Fuller taking this place. He was formerly second trick at "J." Mr. Whitehurst, formerly third trick at "J," going to "N" nights. Mr. Whitehurst will be with the boys that carry an up-to-date card in a few more days. Mr. McFadden, formerly at "N" nights, was on the sick list for a few days, but is now relieving Mr. Knowles at "A." Mr. McFadden will also carry an up-to-date before long.

Bro. Kirkland resigned as ticket agent at "VN," and Bro. Dykes, formerly second trick operator at that place, was made ticket agent, Bro. Strain taking his place.

Bro. Truesdell, third trick at "VN," resigned, and Bro. Clarke, of "N," took his place.

We are sorry to learn that our local chairman, Bro. Grissette, of "NS," is sick; Mr. Hodges, of "RU," taking his place. Think Bro. Grissette will be able to return to his duty in a few days.

Bro. Barfield, of "X" office, is taking a short vacation. His relief man is not known to me.

Bro. Thames, of "DK," took a short vacation a few days ago, and reports a nice time.

Hope to hear from some other brother in the next issue of The Telegrapher. Father.



Big Four Ry.

Chicago Division-

Business, no doubt, is somewhat at a standstill and many of the second or third tricks have been abolished, at least for the present, and a ninehour shift is worked each by the agent and second or third trick operator, the office being closed for the remaining six hours. In some cases both operators being removed, compelling the agent to be on duty twelve hours. This is pretty tough, but I am pleased to note this misfortune has only occurred at one or two stations. "13" a few night offices which were recently closed temporarily will be reopened soon. So cheer up, brothers, not only the telegraph fraternity is encountering a siege of depression, but workers in all other walks of life as well, and considering the present situation we are not "up against it" as hard as some other labor (?) organizations, such as our worthy cousins, the Trainmen, and last but not least, "the section hands." We are all aware of the fact that especially at this season of the year, generally, railroading meets with a brief slump. The presidential campaign now being on and the commercial companies not having recovered from the recent disturbances, and employing far below the average number of telegraphers are, no doubt, part of the cause for the non-employment of so many brothers.

From the bit of knowledge I can gather on the third trick the percentage of card holders on this division will not, I am sorry to say, bear a compliment from the other divisions of the "Big Four." And after a careful canvass find we are about 60 per cent strong. This is a poor showing and should say this division is seriously in need of some tall hustling to gain a footing where we should be. I am at a loss to know where the hustlers are. Boys, our minimum is only \$50.00, where others are \$55.00 and more. Don't we need that five semolians in Northern Indiana? We should not be "Hoosiers," even though we do abide by their laws while so located. Let's shake the cobwebs from us, approach these nons and persuade them to get in line. Let each of us endeavor to build up this division. It's an all around good division and we certainly are enjoying the pleasure of being supervised by a fair set of officials, and if we had a little more coming at the end of each month we could all have a "happy home," and the only way is to organize and in a body ask for what we want and deserve. If there is a non within reach of you use every honorable effort to get him in.

A recent change in "DI," dispatcher's office, Kankakee, Ill., resulted in Mr. G. W. Sears being promoted to that of chief dispatcher for the S. & E., with headquarters at Indianapolis.

Bro. Sappenfield, third trick at Donovan, made a flying trip to Kentucky last week, being relieved by Extra Operator Boyle, a non.

Mr. Browning, third trick at Sheldon, is recuperating from an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Browning's heart is in the right place and says he has almost enough saved up now and will join us shortly.

Mr. Lasson, second trick at St. Anne tower, off a few days on sick list, was relieved by J. B. Reynolds, of "KT." Extra Operator Adney relieved Reynolds at "KT." All are nons at present writing.

Bro. Repschlagher, recently of Lafayette Yards, promoted to dispatcher's office, is making good and handles the trains like an old-timer while acting as relief at the noon hour for Mr. Alexander. We trust we can continue to call him brother.

Bro. Mead "NE," of San Francisco, is now among us.

The frogs they were a-croakin' In the swamp behind the shack; And the toads were all a-hoppin' Up and down the crooked track. And the skeeters were enormous, Big as California fleas, With their tin bills, sharp as needles, Make you change some great ideas. I tried to solve the problem, How to shake the ornery pesk, And rest a peaceful moment Upon my orfice desk. But I found the one solution That put them all to rout, And my heart it beat with gladness When my d-d old lamp went out.

We all know that the word "star" descends from Heaven. Can some brother please inform us where the word "ham" descends from?

CERT. 1794, DIV. 31.

Cleveland and Indianapolis Division-

After about six weeks knocking back and forth between Indianapolis and Cincinnati, the committee for revision of schedule finally secured a meeting with the officials on May 26th. After three days of argument on different propositions, one of which was to cut salaries and keep us out of the dispatchers' and general offices, the committee, managers and seven division superintendents could come to no agreement. On May 29th it was turned over to the Order for settlement, and in company with Second Vice-President Dermody we again met the managing officials and after a few days reached an agreement. Of course the new schedule is nothing to what we asked for, but everything considered it is pretty fair. There will be no reduction in salaries. This alone, with the eight-hour day, amounts to about a 33 per cent increase in our working conditions. So taking it all in all we feel we did very well, considering the times. When business is booming and we go up before them again we are promised many things we could not land now.

At the first meeting of the committee General Chairman Justice's resignation was accepted and Bro. Edw. Whalen, of the St. Louis Division, was elected general chairman for the ensuing year. He was there with the goods when things warmed up.

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One good thing the meeting with the higher officials amounted to was to get back to work three or four men who had been discharged by minor officials who did not construe certain rules correctly. Also the management found out several things they did not know in regard to students, and the day is not far distant when students will be a thing of the past over here.

Bro. Skinner Thatcher is home on a visit at Digraff.

Bro. Newfarmer has been assigned to Fortville. If some of you boys would send some items to me each month I could keep a better line on you. Quite a number of the boys have been getting fiften days lately for sleeping. Is this right, boys, or would you rather work twelve hours, which you will be doing if you don't attend to business?

Local Chairman Cook wishes to thank all who swisted him while on the committee. He is glad the majority of the members appreciate his efforts and the way things turned out. He has received quite a number of letters congratulating him.

Don't forget the new card. IKE.

South End Cairo Division-

J. M. Merchant, agent, "CH," Grand Chain, Ill., has two hams; reports one of them ready for a job the middle of September. Understand his excuse for not belonging to the Order is that he is not able. I notice he accepts his overtime that the boys got him through the Order, though, and wonders why they don't do more for him; also hear hams working on the wires at various other places—Olmstead, Ill., Belknap, Ill., and Tunnel Hill. Ill. This looks nice, and then I hear fellows wondering where so many operators came from in the last year.

CERT. 1803.

P. & E. Division West-

Mr. Rynearson is holding down the second trick at Urbana Yard office, working in Mr. Peterson's place, who in turn is doing the day stunt at Eagle Creek Pit. Do not think either of these men are up-to-date.

Bro. Sclossen, from Waynetown, is going to work second trick at "HY," in Mr. E. C. Harrison's place, who will work the graveyard watch, third trick man being put in the extra list.

First trick operator, Bro. J. E. Zumwalt, at 'SU" tower, Farmer City, was off for a few days on account of his wife's father's death. Third trick operator Bro. G. F. Zumwalt was off on a short vacation the first part of May.

We are sorry to announce that the third trick operators at Leroy, "DR," and Pekin, "SD," have been pulled off, but we hope only temporarily.

Mr. W. L. Martin, P. & T. A., Bloomington, Ill., and wife, have just returned from an extended trip through the West. They report a fine time.

Bro. E. H. Herron, first trick Bloomington, "AR" office, assumed the agency during Mr. Martin's absence, Bro. F. N. Halsted, second trick

to first trick, vice Bro. C. R. Keeran, third trick to second trick. Bro. M. S. Webb, formerly night operator at "KG," is holding down the third trick.

The night office at Mackinaw, "MS" tower, went up for bids June 8th. Did not learn who received it. Ziz.

Pennsylvania Ry.

Alleghany Division-

The open meeting held at East Brady on July 28th was very well attended, considering the difficulty most of the boys have to get away. The train service on Sunday is not of the best, and since the nine-hour law became effective it is impossible to double. There will be more of these meetings held as long as the members show a disposition to attend.

Bro. Ray changed from third trick, "VS" tower, to second trick, "BO" tower. No one assigned third trick at "VS" yet.

Bro. R. O. Baker, of Monterey, and Bro. E. Marshall, of Foxburg, have returned to duty after a short vacation.

Bro. Showalter has resumed duty at Brookville after a month's leave of absence, during which time he visited headquarters at St. Louis.

Bro. C. H. McElhinney from third trick Red Bank to first trick at White Rock, bumping Bro. J. K. Tittle, who, in turn, bumped Bro. Rockwell at Mosgrove, the latter going on the extra list.

Bro. G. W. Logue, Jr., was assigned second trick at Phillipston, Bro. Shuster going to third trick at Red Bank.

Bro. Carberry has returned to duty at Brookville, after a trip to Buffalo and Niagara Falls, accompanied by Mrs. Carberry.

Bro. W. P. Burns, of "BN" office, Pittsburg, has returned to duty after a two weeks' vacation spent in Gotham and Buffalo. Bro. Kibler, of the same office, is now enjoying his vacation in the wilds "back of Mosgrove." "Me for the simple life," says Kib.

It is with regret that I note the resignation of Sister E. A. Reitzel, of "DU," Du Bois. I do not know what her plans are for the future, but the best wishes of a large circle of friends and acquaintances are with her wherever she may go. She was a consistent member, loyal to the organization and loyal to the company that gave her employment.

Since my last letter there have been six new members admitted from this division, which I consider a remarkable showing, considering the fact that we are already so well organized. Every member on the division may well be proud of this record, and I want to again congratulate the membership on the way they keep after the "nons." Persistent and consistent efforts are bound to bring results.

It seems to be the general opinion that the period of business depression is about over. Passenger business is better than it ever has been at this time of the year, and all indications point to an early resumption of the freight traffic. If

that is really so, there is no reason why something should not be done toward securing something for the telegraphers on this division. We are entitled to it more than any other division. The company must surely realize that.

A word of warning and I'll quit. Live up to the rules of the company, strictly. This does not mean that you should look for trouble, or not assist any one who may be in trouble, but at the present time it is up to each and every one of you to adhere strictly to the company's rules.

BRIGHAM.

G., C. & S. F. Ry.

South Texas-

It seems clear to me that our brothers on the Santa Fe are afraid to make an attempt to write the journal any news for fear that some official will know his certificate number should he happen to see it.

We want all of our brothers to realize that at last we have an organization on Santa Fe, through the untiring efforts of our organizer, and from what I hear their task was no small one, on account most of the operators were afraid to show their cards for fear they were spotters, and, as I am informed, some of our men with up-to-date cards are acting in that capacity.

Now, brothers, what kind of a union man is he that will stoop so low as to do this? And what should be done with him? It would take me just one minute to consider this. "Tar and feathers" would be too nice for such a man. At heart, blacker than tar could make him.

News from the division I can not obtain, for, at present, I am not working, but was one of the "unfortunates" that were "canned" during the nine-hour controversy for not signing their petition. The chief dispatcher presented it in person to each of us on the division, and because we hoys would not sign it, there were about twenty-five or thirty discharged, with some fictitious reason on his clearance for cause of his discharge.

The nons on this line are plantiful, and no inducement you can offer is sufficient to make any of them see the right side of the path, and the majority of them are not fit subjects for any union man to associate with, such as those who have contracts with the road because they went through the 1900 strike. I could place my hands on several of them within a very few miles of each other.

All of the tricks are eight-hour tricks, with the exception of one-man stations, and at times they are worked from twelve to fifteen hours. Handling U. S. mail, express, baggage, telegraphing and selling tickets for about four or five trains, etc., for a paltry sum of perhaps \$75.00, and in comparison, take the eight-hour trick operators: they get \$70.00. This leaves the agent about seven hours' work each day for \$5.00 per more than we get.

Let each of us on the Santa Fe work faithful for a good cause, and see what can be done with the nons.

CERT. 5365.

Colorado & Southern Ry.

Southern Division-

Brothers, I wish to thank you one and all for the interest you have shown and I will try and have one every month with a little outside help.

Have you invited that non to join us yet? Have one man who is filling 'em out now. Try for at least one brother next month.

Here are a few notes:

C. & S. scheduled by January 1st. "Let's go, boys." No cards no favors at this camp.

Mr. E. Guyl, at Folsom, went back to his first love, C. F. & I.

Bro. Whitaker relieved him at "FS." Will you help?

Mr. J. Stack, an ex-dispatcher, bumped Bro. Al Bryan from third trick Southern Junction. Mr. W. C. Turner and "Bob" Hoxie still in first and second at "SJ."

Bro. A. T. Ingram and Bro. E. W. Carr, agent and cashier and operator at Ludlow, instead of Mr. Ingram and Mr. Carr. Excuse me, brothers.

Night offices opened at Wayne and Watervale
May 15th.

Boomers getting some fast rides now, as the stock rush is on.

Bro. W. C. Basey, agent at Bowen, off on a vacation to home folks, Brunswick, Mo.

Bro. S. R. Turnham, an old member, just came up from Texas, is relieving Bro. Basey at "DN."

Mr. Walt G. Blalock, agent and operator at Emery Gap, has the blanks, and expects to have them in before this comes out.

Mr. Hiatt doing the stunt at Rugby. Unable to learn if up-to-date.

Mr. E. J. Griffith, operator and pumper Mt. Dora, has taken up a claim near there.

All the lakes around Grande are dry, and it is the dryest in nineteen years, and sheep dying by the hundreds.

Mr. J. R. Johnson, agent at the new town of Des Moines, N. M., is also agent for the new road St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific, and a third road building.

Mr. C. F. Hoxsworth and wife, agent at Folsom, N. M., has taken a lay-off and are making a visit to friends in California. Will also visit several Southern cities in Texas.

"BILLIE B.," CERT. 5589.

Delaware & Hudson Ry.

Champlain Division-

The boys on our division will certainly do their share toward good service and bringing in the change for our road.

Business is not very brisk in freight line, but we are looking forward to see it start about August. They pulled off 43 and 44, Whitehall to Rouses Point, but understand they can not get along without them, as they would be required to run a rounder anyway, and so will put them back on again. Whitehall lost two switch crews by the reduction, also one at Rouses Point. The through



service by Champlain transportation is now in effect, and will keep the members at Fort Ticonderoga busy for the season.

Bro. Kemp, of Watervliet tower, bid in Glens Falls freight.

Bro. Stevens accepted position as cashier at Fort Edward, vice Bro. Wood, who secured a nice position in the national bank at that place.

Bro. Fitzgerald, of Green Island, worked four days at Fort Edward, allowing Mr. O. H. Ramsdell to attend the closing exercises at Hoosic Falls high school.

Bro. Londnigan, of Smith Basin, is now acting as agent in the absence of Mr. Smith. Bro. "M." has a telegrapher who will be with us soon as time is up.

Following temporary positions will be filled this month: Lake George, Saratoga, first and third tricks, and "X" office nights.

Too much can not be said to members when they allow their dues and insurance to lapse. If we want to get anything, the proper way is to keep in line, and the only way to do that is pay dues promptly, and especially the insurance, for if you let one go by sixty days it drops you from the other. The right way is when you pay dues pay the six months' insurance also, and then you will not forget or mislay slips. If we lose all hope or attention to our good Order, why, it will not stand on solid ground. Let us keep this wheel of ours solid, and let no spokes fall out.

Our last meeting was not very well attended, but officers all there, and also Bro. Kemp, of Division 78. An enjoyable evening was spent.

Cor.

Saratoga Division-

It is so long since I have seen a "non," and in view of the achievements of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers I regarded them as things as their monkey-like prototypes are in the history of the evolution of man. Our worthy chief assured me that the "non" was a present, actual and living being (living in the sense that he eats, drinks, sleeps and enjoys the eight hours, increased pay, and other benefits the O. R. T. has secured for him, and is sometimes mistaken for a man).

It is no easy task for me to argue persuasively with "nons," because of an impatience I feel toward them and their inevitable trivial excuses, for it appears to me, generally speaking, that the position of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, in respect to the proposition implied in the request to railroad telegraphers who are not members to join, is better than requiring an argument to uphold it. We are in a position to point to results accomplished, reforms established by rules in schedules for our promotion and protection; by legislative enactments reducing our hours 50 per cent; by substantial increases in salaries, and by the maintenance of the rates of the same salaries during this industrial depression, which demonstrates the truth of our claims, and I can not conceive what sensible argument could be advanced

by telegraphers who are permanently employed at the profession by railroads, to support them in their obstinency of remaining under the opprobrium of "non." Just imagine trying to argue a person whom you are gratuitously helping financially, physically and socially to a point where he will condescend to help himself. Ordinarily, it is too much to expect of human nature, and I hold in the highest esteem those members whose love for their fellows is so strong that they are able to stifle the feelings of impatience I experience in this respect. It may be uncharitable on my part, but, nevertheless, I think it practical if the few "nons" we have on the D. & H. will persist in occupying in regard to their craft a relation analogous to our extinct prehistoric ancestors to the present generation of men, they should be treated as incapable of mental activity above reflex actions, for where nature has decreed there shall be no thought you may teach the creature to imitate, but never to think, and obviously we should waste our efforts if we strove to reverse nature's decree.

The "FD" office, Green Island yard, has been abolished.

Bro. Charles Kemp bid in the Glen Falls freight house position.

Bro. I. P. Goodman was the successful bidder for Corinth, days, and Bro. Mangan secured "FH."

Bro. Rider from McVille, "XO" tower, went to New York for a vacation, necessitating general all around change, involving Bros. T. F. Cassidy, "UY" tower; Bro. G. L. Roach, of "JA" tower, and Bro. Ed. Southwell, of "CJ" tower. How it was arranged is too complicated to admit of an understandable explanation, except by the brothers concerned.

Thomas Hayes, former clerk at Green Island yard, is doing the "owl" trick at "SY." His assurance to the boys is that when he receives his first pay-check he shall prefix the title "brother" to his name. The same assurance is given by George Golden, at present on the extra list.

A number of the members are discussing, tentatively, plans for an open meeting and a banquet. The idea is excellent. We should "ginger up" socially.

DIV. Cor.

N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.

Western Division-

Am pleased to say that the boys done themselves proud to turn out as they did for the June meeting. Members were present from all quarters, old men too, and the best part of it, many of these men have never attended a meeting before. All promise to make a strenuous effort to be on the job at all meetings after this.

The regular business was rushed some, and a recess declared by the chief to enable the brothers that came from a distance, and who would be obliged to leave early, a chance to get at the good things to eat and drink. All felt more than repaid for their efforts.

Boys, you can't expect me to get a line on you and what is doing way up on the Old Berkshire

Division. Just drop me a card or a letter with any little item of interest.

Vacation time is here and many of the boys are asking for relief; all the extra men are working. A few weeks ago there were a dozen of them, now you can't buy one.

Only a matter of a few weeks now when they will run double track, Waterbury to Wheatons. This will make a berth for three good brothers.

Eighteen gravel trains are rushing the new fill for station grounds and approach at Waterbury. It fooks as though the new station might be ready by October. This and two new towers, one 58 levers and one 32, will place some of us old-timers on a good eight-hour job. Let us get busy, boys, and have these new places solid.

Old Fay, "RM," is back at his old stamping grounds, Summit nights.

Boys, do you know that the old High Division has the rest of the divisions beat a mile for membership. All kinds of offices are solid; most of them have one and two men.

Bro. Fuller has landed a good daylight job at "JC."

Old Mac, at Hawleyville, joined in the snake hunt on Kent Mountain last Sunday. A Mr. Bessette, from the "CV," relieved him.

Bro. Rand, of Newton, has returned from his vacation.

Bro. Cosgriff, of Botsford, was called away for a few days on account of the death of a relative. Bro. Tarbox held the reins during his absence. Bro. Fay relieved Bro. Tarbox.

Not a thing doing on the old Naugy; no jobs up for bids, no one taking vacations, and no freight running.

Let me call your attention to the fooling that is going on over the block wire on the old High Division every night. It is kiddish and the ones that are doing it should know better. They do not stop at profane, dirty remarks. It has been tested out and we know where it is. If it don't stop I will mention some names in next issue.

Several jobs about to go up for bids on the High Division. Hope by the time this is in print to see several brothers land them. "RM."

Twin City Telegraphers' Club.

The regular meeting of the club for June was held at Midway the evening of the 13th, and a good meeting was the result. The number in attendance was disappointing, as the annual election of officers was held, and a large turnout had been desired. The meeting was opened with Bro. Beamer in the chair, and all other officers present, except sergeant-at-arms and doorkeeper. After roll-call and inspection, the minutes were read and approved.

Bro. Renshaw, of the C., M. & St. P., was present, and gave us an outline of the past month, and judging from his fine talk it was a strenuous trip over the system.

Bro. Liddane did not reach the city in time for the meeting.

Under head of new business the election of officers took place.

Bro. Beamer, our past president for a number of years, wished to be relieved of the chair, as his being out of the railroad business and lack of time made it hard for him to continue in office.

Bro. Foulkes, the first vice-president, was elected to the chair.

Bro. M. J. Barrett, our sergeant-at-arms the past term, was elected as first vice-president to succeed Bro. Foulkes.

Bro. Galvin, of the Omaha, was re-elected as second vice-president.

Bro. Line, of the U. P., was re-elected as secretary-treasurer. Bro. Lane's record in that office has shown he is the right man to handle our cash.

Bro. Nelson, of the C., B. & Q., was elected as sergeant-at-arms to succeed Bro. Barrett.

Bro. Winnie, of the Great Northern, was elected as doorkeeper to succeed Bro. Lester. Understand Bro. Lester has located in North Dakota, on the new extension.

The club, not desiring any change in correspondent, the present one was appointed for another year. Any items of Twin City interest sent to the president at 232 Cayuga street, St. Paul. will be shown in our write-ups.

Bro. Beamer and wife spent Decoration Day at Buffalo, fishing, also a few days at Appleton and Manitowoc, crossed into Michigan, where he has an extensive interest in a fruit farm.

The summer office at Lake Shore will not be open this season.

The dues for next six months are now payable to the secretary of the club. All members should remit promptly, so new cards can be issued. Members changing address should drop the club a card.

Bro. Foulkes and wife spent a couple of days at Lake Chicago fishing.

A bad wreck occurred at the new plant at G. N. Junction, May 24th, on account towerman letting an Omaha freight train onto the Wisconsin Central tracks by mistake. Quite a loss of rolling stock, but none hurt, as crews had time to jump.

Mr. Herberg and wife spent a couple of days at Shaefer, their home.

Bro. Bradley, of Mississippi street, is entertaining his brother of Cable, Wis., a few days.

Bro. Liddane, of East St. Paul, spent a couple of weeks looking after his fences on the M. & I.

Bro. Nichols, of same office, laying off at present writing. Bro. Kanar is doing the relief act.

Just a word in regard to coming out to the meetings: With the number of members in both cities we should have at least fifty out at each meeting, and, with a little effort on everybody's part, we should soon be able to have some rousing meetings. This club is for the purpose of getting acquainted, and an invitation is extended to every one holding an up-to-date card in the O. R. T. or C. T. U. of A.

Mr. Dodge, of "TD," St. Paul, is entertaining his brother, Mr. Montgomery, and wife, of West Point, Miss. Mr. Montgomery is ticket agent at that point for the M. & O. Cert. 873.



MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 112 is due JULY 1, 1908. Time fer payment expires AUG. 81, 1908.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On	\$ 300 00 (Series	A)20	cents each
Оn	500 00 (Series	B)30 c	cents each
On	1,000 00 (Series	C)	cents each

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CLAIM No.	Name.	CAUSE.	Dīv.	CERT. No.	SERIES	. ANT.	
617Jol	nn E. Sullivan	Pistol Shot	62.	. 12865 .	. C	\$1,000	00
746Jas	a. A. Wilson	Chronic Kidney					
		Trouble	120.	10384	.A	300	00
747Al	dis Lent	Bright's Disease	8.	26085	.A	300	00
749W	I. Alcott	Peritonitis	23.	11390.	. C	1,000	00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT-MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to May 31, 1908	- ,	
•	\$662,436	16
DISBURSEMENTS.	- ,	
Death Claims paid to May 31, 1908	\$436,731	47
Death Claims paid in June	2,600	00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	1,077	42
Assessments transferred to dues	174	73
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, June 30, 1908	2 21,852	54
	\$ 662,436	16

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 H. B. Perham, President, St. Louis, Mo.; L.
 W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.
- NO. 1.—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.
- NO. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets 1st and 3d Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 3940a St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- NO. 3, HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Mauk's Hall, corner 6th & Keller sts., Harrisburg Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. J. S. Leyder, Chief Tel., Thompsontown, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 431 North st., Harrisburg, Pa.
- NO. 5.—Division covers the Kansas City Southern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Chas. Munea, Gen'l Chairman, Lanagan, Mo.; J. V. Thornbrugh, G. S. & T., Merwin, Mo.
- NO. 6.—Division covers the Union Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. L. Stump, Gen'l Chairman, Box 40, Denver, Colo.; John II. Hughey, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Box 294, Junction City, Kan.

- NO. 7.—Division covers the Canadian Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. G. D. Robertson, Gen'l Chairman, Borownville Junction, Maine; G. S. Morris, Gen'l S. & T., 721 Eleventh st., Brandon, Man.
- NO. 8.—Division covers New York Central Ry. M. G. Woolley, Gen'l Chairman, 155th st. and Eighth ave., New York; A. E. Blim, Gen'l S. & T., Chili Station, N. Y. Hudson Div.-Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, 27 Garden st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. J. B. West, Local Chairman, 11 Thompson st., Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Western Div.-Meets 3d Saturday evening in July, Oct., Jan. and April, at North Tonawanda, N. Y.; March, June, September and December, at Rochester, N. Y.; February, May, August and November, at Syracuse, N. Y. Mohawk Div.-Meets on 3d Wednesday each month, at 7:30 p. m., in the Trades' Assembly Hall, at Little Falls, N. Y. C. F. Loring, Local Chairman, Nelliston, N. Y. Harlem Div.-Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Fall Brook Div.—Meets 3d Tuesday evening each month, 8 p. m., Rettig's Hall, West Market st., Corning, N. Y. R. R. McInroy, Local Chairman, Middlebury Center, Pa. Electric Zone-Between tower 7, King's Bridge, and "VO" tower, Mt. Vernon to 56th st.-Meets 3d Wednesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., Colonial Building, Rooms 44, 67 and 69, West 125th st., New York City. Every third meeting a day meeting at 10 a. m. E. Neumuller, Local Chairman, 136 W. 167th st., New York City. H. R. Vernon, Assistant Local Chairman, representing G. C. Terminal. Chas. Armitage in charge of Station Agents, 125th st. Station, New York City. September meeting will be a day meeting at 10 a. m., and every third meeting thereafter will be a day meeting.



- NO. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambright, S. & T., Landisville, Pa.
- No. 11, OLD TOWN, ME.—Meets 4th Sunday each month at 1:30 p. m., Royal Arcanum Hall, 116 Main st., Bangor, Me. Burton A. Brackett, Chief Tel., 32 Coombs st., Bangor, Me.; E. E. McPheters, S. & T., Great Works, Me.
- NO. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets 3d Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. Bruce McCracken, Chief Tel., Riverside, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.
- NO. 14.—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va.
- NO. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.
- NO. 16.—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Falls View, Ont.
- NO. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., 2224 E. Oliver st., Baltimore, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.
- NO. 18.—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. M. Mulcahy, Gen'l Chairman, 33 Courtney st., Dunkirk, N. Y.; O. S. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., Argos, Ind.
- NO. 20.—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; M. E. Eccleston, Local Chairman, Southern Division, Port Jervis, N. Y.; T. E. Nealon, Local Chairman, Scranton, Division, Archbald, Pa.; C. F. Ingersoll, Local Chairman, Northern Division, Guilford, N. Y.; C. E. Downie, Asst. Local Chairman, Southern Division, Summitville, N. Y.; J. D. Foote, Assistant Local Chairman, Southern Division, Cooks Falla, N. Y.

- NO. 21.—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; A. C. Bushwaw, Gen'l S. & T., 55 Samuel st., Dayton, Ohio.
- NO. 22.—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System, R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.
- NO. 23.—Division covers Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. O. W. Renshaw, Gen'l Chairman, 2 West 14th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; G. E. Soyster, Gen'l S. & T., Covington, Iowa.
- NO. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets ad Friday evening of each month in Red Men's Hall, 112 West Fourth st. Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Friday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. Thos. R. Hepler, Chief Tel., 423 Park ave., Williamsport, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.
- NO. 25.—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Texas.
- NO. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 265 W. 144th st., New York City. F. J. Ryan, Chief Tel.; 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. L. McBain, S. & T., 265 W. 144th st., New York City.
- NO. 27.—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. C. H. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsboro, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., R. F. D., No. 21, Bridgeport, Ind.
- NO. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormack, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.
- NO. 31.—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. L. M. Nance, Gen'l Chairman, 4039 Castleman ave., St. Louis, Mo.; W. M. Holman, Gen'l S. & T., 7210 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- NO. 32.—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1368 Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; J. E. McQuade, Gen'l S. & T., 1368 Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.



- No. 33.-Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Pittshurg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. Districts, meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10, Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa. H. W. Mason, Local Chairman, Eastern District, 1314 Arch st., N. S., Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Lanning, Local Chairman, Western District, Celia, Pa. Cleveland Division meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, Local Chairman, Massillon, Ohio. Chicago Division meets on 3d Friday nights of each month, in B. of L. F. Hall, Garrett, Ind. O. J. Prouse, Local Chairman, East District, 303 North Union st., Fostoria, Ohio. A. P. Webster, Local Chairman, West District, Kimmell, Ind.
- No. 34.—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.
- No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.
- NO. 36.—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atalanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.
- NO. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Bank's Hall, over Post Office, New Rochelle, N. Y. F. J. Maher, Chief Tel., Harlem River station, New York, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.
- No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 8 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Art. O. Betters, Chief Tel., 216 Summer st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417 Springfield, Mass.
- NO. 39.—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. John Heusted, Gen'l Chairman, Clifford, Mich.; Charles I. Mead, Gen'l S. & T., Smyrna, Mich.
- NO. 40.—Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. A. W. Holmes, Gen'l Chairman, Lowell, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandot, W. Va.; A. W. Holmes, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Lowell, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Chairman Huntington Division, Guyandot, W. Va; C. D. McGehee, Chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; L. G. White, Chairman

- man Rivanna District, Warren, Va.; D. H. Scott, Chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, Chairman Mountain District, Craigaville, Va.; G. N. Hancock, Chairman New River District, Montgomery, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, Chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Olympia, Ky.; J. W. Mathewson, Chairman Cincinnati District, Vanceburg, Ky. Meets subject to call of Chairman.
- NO. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon, ave., West Somerville, Mass.; John A. Tuck, S. & T., upper station, Wakefield Mass.
- NO. 42.—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Frank N. Hall, Gen'l Chairman, 35 Clinton st., Salamanca, N. Y.; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.
- NO. 43.—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; E. G. Skelding, Gen'l S. & T., 531 Victor st., Winnipeg, Man.
- NO. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. F. Heller, S. & T., 1441 Bushwick ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- NO. 45, WOODVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Plymouth, N. H.
- NO. 46.—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. F. Hemminger, Gen'l Chairman, Guyton, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga.
- NO. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. A. D. Lawson, Chief Tel., Hunters River, P. E. I.; J. J. Trainor, S. & T., Bedford Station, P. E. I.
- NO. 48.—Division covers the Detroit Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. J. Tobin, Gen'l Chairman, 315 E. Exchange st., Owosso, Mich.; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., Bainbridge, Ohio.
- NO. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. H. Wasson, Gen'l Chairman, Amethyst, Colo.; F. W. Aiken, Gen'l S. & T., Cotopaxi, Colo.
- NO. 50.—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.

- No. 51.—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets 1st Friday evening after 16th, each month, in Eagles' Hall, Greenville, Pa., after the arrival of trains 2 and 13. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshall st., Conneaut, Ohio.
- NO. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
- NO. 53.—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., 1220 12th 2vc., East Oakland, Cal.
- NO. 54.—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.
- NO. 55.—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 8 p. m., in Trades and Labor Assembly Hall, Massillon, Ohio. J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.
- NO. 56.—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway Systems. L. D. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Tifton, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.
- NO. 57.—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Texas.
- NO. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. H. W. Kennedy, Chief Telegrapher, 305 N. Van Buren st., Wilmington, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.
- NO. 59.—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; A. L. McDaniel, Gen'l S. & T., Forest City, N. C.
- NO. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets 3d Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 B st., S. W., Washington, D. C.
- NO. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers'

- Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; R. A. McMillan, S. & T., Charlo Station, N. B.
- NO. 62.—Division covers Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333, Williamstown, Ky. W. J. Brell, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., Erlanger, Ky. W. E. Hines, Local Chairman Chattanooga Div., Somerset, Ky. Meets 4th Saturday night each month at Somerset, Ky. B. D. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Div., care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings on Cincinnati and A. G. S. Divisions subject to call of General or Local Chairman.
- NO. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.
- NO. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 289 St. Valier st., Quebec, Que.; Geo. Morin, S. & T., Ste. Louise, L'Islet Co., Que.
- NO. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., 2d Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; G. F. Berry, S. & T., 453 Main st., Biddeford, Me.
- NO. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets 3d Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- NO. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the 3d Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. E. O. Sherman, Chief Tel., 331 S. River st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.; J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- NO. 68.—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Maine; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Maine.
- NO. 69.—Division covers Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.
- NO. 70.—Division covers Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Hotel Foley, St. Paul, Minn.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.
- NO. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA.—Meets ad Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Trainmen's Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.

- NO. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., Box 432 South St. Joseph, Mo.; W. E. Reese, S. & T., Box 682, St. Joseph, Mo.
- NO. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. John F. Boyle, Chief Tel., Penn Haven, mail, Mauch Chunk, Pa.; William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- NO. 74.—Division covers B. & O. S. W. R. R. J. M. Peck, Gen'l Chairman, Farmingdale, Ill.; A. W. Morrow, Gen'l S. & T., 425 Jefferson st., Greenfield, Ohio.
- NO. 75.—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; F. K. Harter, Gen'l S. & T., Jonesboro, Ind.
- NO. 76.—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell Junction, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.
- NO. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Tuesday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., rooms 38-40, 1427 Stout st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.
- NO. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Chas. H. Kemp, Chief Tel., 128 George st., Green Island, N. Y.; B. M. Nichols, S. & T., Altamont, N. Y.
- NO. 79.—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, McHenry, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Box 60, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.
- NO. 80.—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. T. E. Cooper, Gen'l Chairman, Bay Springs, Miss.; W. C. Longmire, Gen'l S. & T., Union, Miss.
- NO. 81.—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.
- NO. 82.—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsburg, Md.; C. E. Marker, Gen'l S. & T., Smithsburg, Md. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman.
- NO. 83.—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the Chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, New Sweden Station, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Norcross, Maine.

- NO. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Friday at 8 p. m., at Morgan's Hall, Fourth and Market sts., Camden, N. J. J. W. Diffinderfer, Chief Tel., 610 Park ave., Collingswood, N. J.; I. W. Newkirk, Sec'y, Pitman Grove, N. J.; T. J. McCabe, Treas., 1014 Spruce st., Camden, N. J.
- NO. 85, TRENTON, N. J.— Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. Chas. R. Carty, Chief Tel., 308 Wood st., Bristol, Pa.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., 494 West Hanover st., Trenton, N. J.
- NO. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.
- NO. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa.
- NO. 88.—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the Chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Keithville, La.; J. E. De Souza, Gen'l S. & T.. Chamberlin, La.
- NO. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month, at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. W. Finn, S. & T., 22 Milton ave., Dorchester, Ctr., Boston, Mass.
- NO. 90.—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va.; J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Blue Creek, W. Va.
- NO. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State & Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel., 1760 North Lawndale ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.
- NO. 92.—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the Chairman. H. R. Childs, Gen'l Chairman, Warsaw, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.
- NO. 93.—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the Chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Lulu, Miss.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill. Chicago Terminal holds regular meetings on 3d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., sharp, in Vicinity Hall (3d floor), N. E. cor. 35th and Cottage Grove ave., Chicago, Ill.



- NO. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. J. E. Jones, Chief Tel., Oak Grove, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Catherin st., Mobile, Ala.
- NO. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets 3d Thursday each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Maine.
- NO. 96.—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Ia.; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Readlyn, Iowa.
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- NO. 99, COBALT, ONT.—C. D. Chatterton, Chief Tel., North Bay, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Latchford, Ont.
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- NO. 111.—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., Lyons, Cal., via Nipton, Cal.
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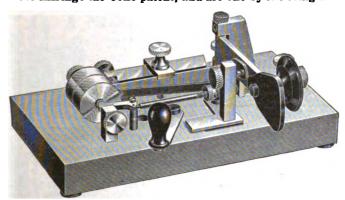
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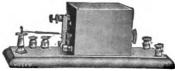
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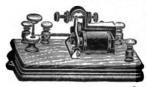
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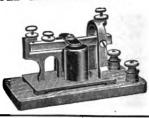
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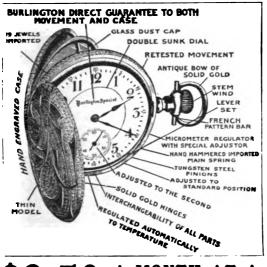
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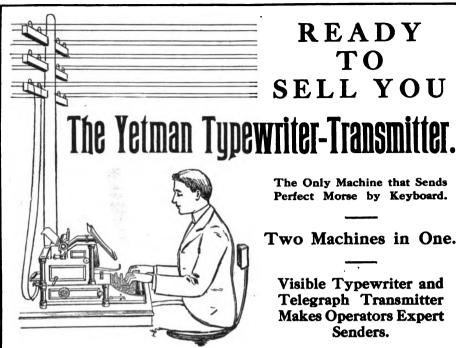
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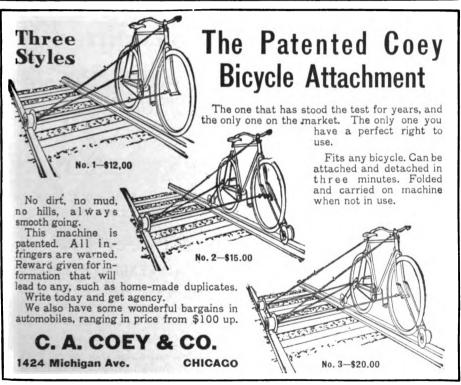
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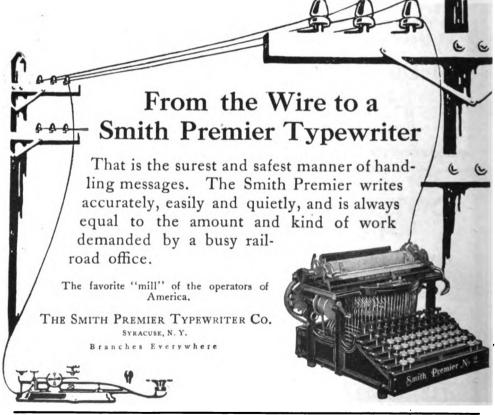
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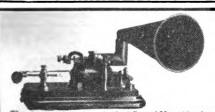
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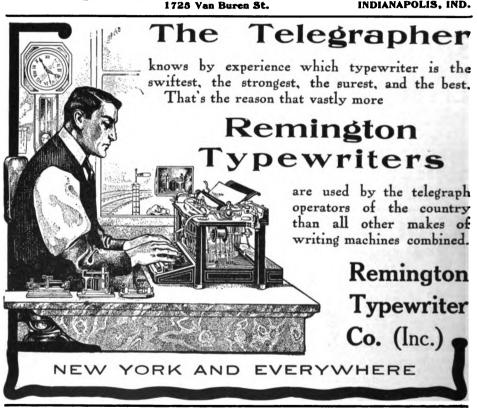
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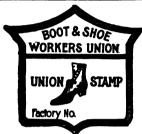
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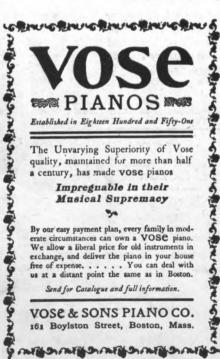
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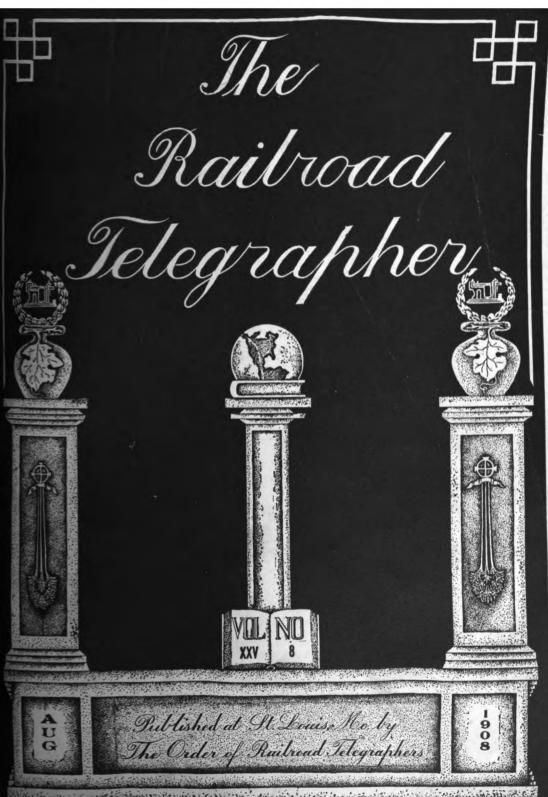
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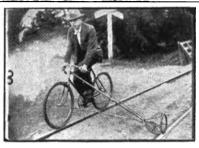
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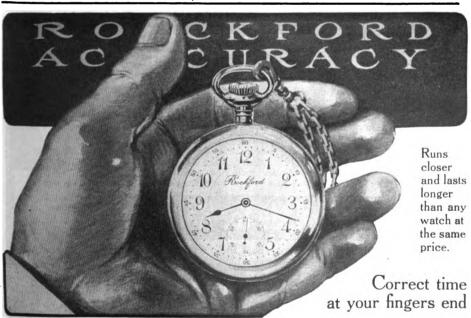
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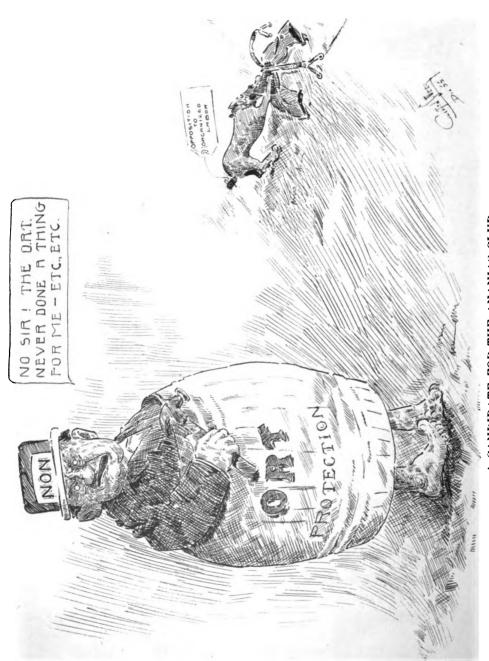
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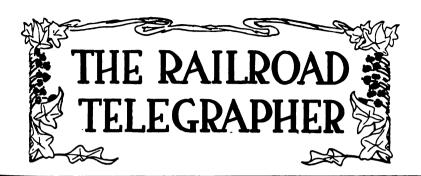
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HEARINGS ON THE NINE-HOUR LAW.

(Continued.)

In the March issue of The Telegrapher was published a brief account of the hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission on the applications of thirty-five systems of railroads for an extension of time in which to put that law into effect, which hearings, it will be remembered, were held in Washington, D. C., on February 27th, last.

In the July issue of THE TELEGRAPHER was published in full the official record on the application of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, and the statement was made that from time to time the testimony offered by other companies at that hearing would be published.

The following is the testimony offered by the Southern Railway and the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway: The Chairman: We will take up the next case, the petition of the Southern Railway Company.

STATEMENT OF R. W. MOORE, ESQ., Special Counsel of the Southern Railway Company.

May it please the Commission, the amended petition filed by the Southern Railway Company states the situation in a general way, so far as that company is concerned. If it is in accordance with the views of the Commission as to the course of procedure, I think I will ask that Mr. Ackert, the general manager of the company, be called as a witness to support the petition and develop the situation a little bit more in detail than has been done in the petition itself. I believe that is better than any statement I might make, or any statement that might be made by Mr. Ackert in some other way.

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The Chairman: Very well, we will hear Mr. Ackert.

C. H. ACKERT,

A witness of lawful age, called by and on behalf of the Southern Railway Company, being duly sworn, is examined:

Mr. Moore: Mr. Ackert, you are the general manager of the Southern Railway Company?

Mr. Ackert: I am.

Mr. Moore: The amended petition which you have signed states that the company operates approximately 7,500 miles of railroad. That is a correct statement, is it?

Mr. Ackert: Yes, sir.

Mr. Moore: The petition further states that the company maintains about 950 offices in which it has employes who are telegraph operators, who are in some cases wholly, and in the majority of cases, partly occupied in telegraphic work respecting the movement of trains. Is that correct?

Mr. Ackert: That is correct.

Mr. Moore: About how many of those offices are open day and night?

Mr. Ackert: About 350.

Mr. Moore: And the remainder are day offices?

Mr. Ackert: Day offices.

Mr. Moore: Will you kindly file with the Commission copies of the bulletins that you issued in accordance with the order of the Commission?

Mr. Ackert: Yes.

The documents in question were marked "Ackert No. 1."

Mr. Moore: I wish the Commission to see exactly the character of these bulletins, and to notice that we bulletined the offices in this way. Instead of listing the offices that are asked to be excepted, the Company asks that all offices be excepted save those that are enumerated in the notices.

The Chairman: That is, you name the stations at which no extension is asked?

Mr. Moore: Yes, they are stated in that way.

The Chairman: And you desire an extension as to all other stations?

Mr. Moore: Yes, except that we propose now, as Mr. Ackert will indicate to you in

a moment, to enlarge the number of stations as to which no exception is asked.

The Chairman: Very well.

Mr. Moore: Of course, we do not ask any indefinite postponement. We recognize that that would be asking the exercise of a legislative function in effect, but we ask relief as to certain stations, for reasons which will be brought out by Mr. Ackert in a moment. He asks that relief be granted so far as the stations are concerned at which in October, when the work of the company was very heavy, there was not more than four hours' work done, and we have an enumeration of those stations. Mr. Ackert, have I accurately set forth the position of the Southern Railway in the statement I have just made as to the extent of the relief that is asked for?

Mr. Ackert: You have.

Mr. Moore: Have you prepared a table showing the stations at which less than four hours' work was done in October of last year?

Mr. Ackert: The first fifteen days of October, yes, sir.

Mr. Moore: Will you file those tables with the Commission?

The tables referred to were marked "Ackert No. 2."

Commissioner Cockrell: How many of those are there?

Mr. Ackert: There is one table for each division, I think.

The Chairman: How many stations altogether?

Mr. Ackert: That we ask relief on?

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Ackert: I should judge there would be three hundred stations.

The Chairman: And that is what percentage of the total number of stations on your system?

Mr. Ackert: That is probably a third of all the stations,

Mr. Moore: Will you please state to the Commission the character and extent of the work done at those about 300 stations?

Mr. Ackert: In making this comparison to see how much of the operator's time was occupied in the safety of trains, we took it

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from the train dispatcher's order book, showing all orders and took the first fifteen days of October, which was the heaviest month we ever had, and we found that a large number of stations were occupied only a few minutes during the twelve hours, handling train orders and for the safety of trains. We took the time that the train order was given to the operator and the time that he held it, whether he held it one hour or two hours, all that time was counted that he was occupied in the safety of trains.

Mr. Moore: Will you take one of these tables, if the Chairman will allow you, and point out to the Commission the way in which it shows the extent of the work that was done?

(Mr. Ackert exhibited one of the tables to the members of the Commission.)

The Chairman: That shows that at a large percentage of the stations listed on that exhibit the number of train orders handled in the course of twenty-four hours is very small?

Mr. Ackert: Yes.

Mr. Moore: Are as many train orders handled at those places now as in October?

Mr. Ackert: No, sir.

Mr. Moore: What has caused the decrease?

Mr. Ackert: The decrease in business.

Mr. Moore: Will you state as briefly as you can in a general way what has been the decrease in business in consequence of which the work is less at the telegraph stations?

Mr. Ackert: Do you want the earnings?
Mr. Moore: No, I mean in a very general way.

Mr. Ackert: In a very general way, we have taken off on the Southern Railroad passenger trains equal to five thousand miles per day, and of course our freight trains are run according to the business. Our freight earnings have gone off at the rate of fifteen or twenty per cent, which will decrease the service just that much.

Mr. Moore: Suppose you are called upon to enforce the law at once, how many additional operators will it be necessary to employ, I mean in this time, when business conditions are abnormal, not to speak of

what would be necessary under normal conditions?

Mr. Ackert: We figure that it will take about 220 men for the whole road.

Commissioner Clements: Now, on that point, what is comprehended in the lines that you are speaking of—the entire Southern System?

Mr. Ackert: The entire Southern System.

Commissioner Clements: That includes about how much mileage?

Mr. Ackert: 7,500 miles.

Commissioner Clements: Do you include in that such roads as the Queen & Crescent?

Mr. Ackert: No, sir.

Commissioner Clements: And the Mobile & Ohio?

Mr. Ackert: No, sir, just the Southern proper.

Commissioner Clements: You include only the lines that are operated by the Southern?

Mr. Ackert: Yes, operated by the Southern, that is operated as part of the Southern Railway.

Mr. Moore: Can you say how many men would be needed?

Mr. Ackert: We figure that with this abnormal condition we could get along with 220 additional operators.

Mr. Moore: How many would you need if conditions were normal as they were in October last?

Mr Ackert: In all offices we would have to have between 400 and 450—400 probably.

Mr. Moore: Taking it as of this time, are there the men in sight whom you could employ?

Mr. Ackert: We have laid off 73 operators since the depression. That is, we have taken them from one station and doubled them up, trying to comply with the law. We have a list of 132 operators wanting employment, who are located along our road. We are short about 80 operators to comply with the law on the 1st of March.

Mr. Moore: Of those 130 odd men, where are they and who are they?

Mr. Ackert: They are located at different points along the line. Mr. Moore: Not in the employment of the company?

Mr. Ackert: Not in the employment of the company.

Mr. Moore: Men you think you could get?

Mr. Ackert: Men we think we could get, but we have not examined them all yet as to whether they would pass the examination. Whether we would employ them would depend upon whether they would pass the examination required, to take train orders.

Mr. Moore: You mean that in those 132 there are some student operators?

Mr. Ackert: Some student operators.

Mr. Moore: Men who have not been tried?

Mr. Ackert: Men who have not been tried.

Mr. Moore: What is the experience of the company in dealing with such men? Do you have to give them any preliminary training?

Mr. Ackert: We have to give all student operators preliminary training, and that is one of our difficulties, to find the place where we can give them the preliminary training.

Mr. Moore: As I understand, if you count confidently upon the 130 odd and upon the 73 that you mentioned a moment ago, you are still short, to fill up the places that would need to be filled under present conditions, more than 80 men?

Mr. Ackert: More than 80 men.

Mr. Moore: Where would you get them?
Mr. Ackert: Well, we would have to look for them.

Mr. Moore: Have you looked for them in the effort to prepare to comply with this law?

Mr. Ackert: Our people have been trying to get a list of responsible operators for six or eight months. We started some schools to make operators. The law was passed in March last, and about May, last spring, we started two schools, of which we paid the entire expense, hired a teacher and all that.

Mr. Moore: That was in the effort to get ready to enforce the law?

Mr. Ackert: Yes, to comply with the law.

Mr. Moore: Where were those two schools located?

Mr. Moore: One at Moresville and one at Danville.

Mr. Moore: Beyond that did you do anything in the way of contributing to the support of other schools?

Mr. Ackert: We contributed, I think, to three or four other schools.

Mr. Moore: Had you experienced any trouble in getting first-class operators or really competent operators whenever you wanted them?

Mr. Ackert: When business was what we call good we never had enough operators to man all of our offices. At least we have not had for three years.

Mr. Moore: In the effort to find out whether you would be able to get the 80 odd operators, have you applied to any of the schools, besides those you have mentioned?

Mr. Ackert: We have, I think, applied to about twenty-one schools.

Mr. Moore: With what result?

Mr. Ackert: The twenty-one schools claim to have a thousand students, and about 130 operators that they thought could go out and do the telegraph work, but of course they have had no railroad experience and would have to be put on trial, and directed, before they could be used by the railroads.

Mr. Moore: You have to put a man who comes as a student under a man who has actually worked?

Mr. Ackert: Who has actually worked.
Mr. Moore: So from your practical knowledge, as well as the effort you have made, you are anticipating great difficulty in filling these places up?

Mr. Ackert: Yes. I want to say in that connection we have a large number of applicants sent us at the request of the Order of Kailroad Telegraphers, but we find that fully half of them that we get are operators that have been discharged for cause heretofore.

Mr. Moore: Have you had applications from mere youths?



Mr. Ackert: We have had applications from boys fifteen years old, wanting positions as operators.

Mr. Moore: About how many applications have you received since this matter has been agitated lately?

Mr. Ackert: I could not tell as to that. I could not tell you how many applications we have had.

Mr. Moore: Mr. Ackert, suppose you are compelled to comply with the requirements of the law at once. Do you believe that taking the conditions as you have just outlined them, you would promote the safety or travel or increase the danger of travel?

Mr. Ackert: I think it would increase the danger of travel in putting on a large number of operators. It is just like when business picks up and you put on a large number of new men, when necessity compels you to put on a large number of new train men in the rush of business, you will always have more accidents when you do that than you do when you are going along in the regular mode of business. Anything that is abnormal in the way of employing men makes the risk a great deal more than it is if you do not have to comply with that.

Mr. Moore: If all the companies are in the market after the 4th of March for operators, to comply with the law, do you think it is within the range of possibility that you would be able to get, for your great system, the competent operators that would be needed?

Mr. Ackert: I do not. When I say competent operators, I mean ones that you would be willing to employ under normal conditions. There are a great many operators whom no road should employ.

Mr. Moore: Is there any consideration of safety at all that would be interfered with by a reasonable extension of the time for you to comply with the law?

Mr. Ackert: I think it would help safety to have the law extended.

Mr. Moore: Leaving the question of men, and coming to the question of money, when you were arranging for a compliance with the law, was there any reason to an-

ticipate the condition that has occurred within the last ninety days?

Mr. Ackert: Not at all.

Mr. Moore: Bearing on that condition, will you state what are the fixed charges of your company?

Mr. Ackert: About \$11,700,000 per annum.

Mr. Moore: What were your gross and net earnings in December, 1907, as compared with December, 1906?

Mr. Ackert: Our gross earnings decreased \$693,000, and our net earnings, as I remember it, \$580,000.

Mr. Moore: Has the decrease of gross earnings for January and February been along the same line?

Mr. Ackert: For January they have been \$660,000, or, rather, \$657,000, and the first three weeks of February, over \$600,000. The last I have a report of shows a decrease in earnings of about 42 per cent, worse than it has been any time yet.

Mr. Moore: Are you earning your fixed charges?

Mr. Ackert: We are not.

Mr. Moore: You have abandoned all of your double track work and all the improvements that require capital?

Mr. Ackert: All of them.

Mr. Moore: In order to enable you to get along, have you reduced operating expenses?

Mr. Ackert: We have reduced operating expenses, and are reducing them every day.

Mr. Moore: In January, how much was the expense of operation reduced?

Mr. Ackert: With regard to the pay-roll, we reduced the pay-roll \$240,000 in January.

Mr. Moore: Does the reduction strike all the employes of your company?

Mr. Ackert: It has struck all employes EXCEPT UNION LABOR. That is, it has struck all the officers and their clerks. We have been having a conference for the last two weeks with union labor, and we have appealed to the Erdman Act.

Mr. Moore: You are under arbitration?
Mr. Ackert: We are under arbitration
now in regard to all labor unions.

Mr. Moore: If you employ additional operators at this time, will not the conse-

quence of that be a tendency to a reduction of your force in some direction?

Mr. Ackert: It will be necessary for the Southern Railway to make a reduction of force in every direction, to live.

Mr. Moore: Or a further reduction of wages?

Mr. Ackert: Or a further reduction of wages.

Mr. Moore: And even then, on the basis of your present carnings you will not be paying your fixed charges?

Mr. Ackert: I do not believe it is possible to get the expenses down enough to pay the fixed charges, at this time.

Mr. Moore: Except for these new conditions, that date back something like 90 days, would you be able to provide the money to do what the law requires?

Mr. Ackert: If our business had continued like it was when the law was passed, I do not think we would have been here today. I believe we could have complied with the law, because we started early to make operators. I believe we could have complied with the law, but under our present financial conditions we can not comply with this law and meet other obligations.

Mr. Moore: Other obligations that are equally as urgent, and I understand that some of those obligations are obligations that you owe to your other labor?

Mr. Ackert: Our other labor.

Mr. Moore: So you have trouble as to men and as to money?

Mr. Ackert: Men and money.

Mr. Moore: Now, in adjusting your management to new conditions, have you had to make changes in many directions?

Mr Ackert: We have made changes in many directions. We have consolidated divisions, laid off officials, laid off clerks, and done everything we could find to do to reduce expenses.

Mr. Moore: And you have other economies in contemplation?

Mr. Ackert: We have other economies in contemplation.

Mr. Moore: If the Commission should be inclined to grant you the relief, will you indicate by what date you would expect to be able to put the law in operation on your system? We understand you cannot get indefinite relief.

Mr. Ackert: I feel this way. If the business of the company gets so that it would pay—I am putting our position somewhat on the question of being able to do it—at the present time it would be an impossible task to increase our expenses. It can not be done and have the railroad keep out of the hands of the bond-holders. If we got relief for a year or six months, conditions might change and we wou! I probably be able to comply with the law without detriment to any one.

Mr. Moore: You are willing to limit your application to such a period, comparatively brief, as, if the Commission think you ought to have relief, they shall deem proper?

Mr. Ackert: That is true.

Mr. Moore: I understand that the condition of the Southern financially is almost extraordinary?

Mr. Ackert: Extraordinary.

Mr. Moore: You have said you are struggling now to prevent a catastrophe?

Mr. Ackert: That is what we are trying to do; to prevent a catastrophe.

Commissioner Clements: You say your fixed charges are \$11,000,000?

Mr. Ackert: \$11,000,000, sir. That is the bonded indebtedness. That is, you might say the bonds and—

Commissioner Clements: The interest.

Mr. Ackert: The interest on notes, that you are probably familiar with that were placed for the double track work. The interest on the bonds and notes amounts to between eleven and twelve million dollars a year—fixed charges.

Commissioner Clements: That includes only interest?

Mr. Ackert: It includes no dividend. I am not talking about dividends in any way.

Commissioner Clements: Taxes?

Mr. Ackert: That includes all expenses

expenses, taxes and interest.

Commissioner Clements: Interest and taxes?

Mr. Ackert: Interest and taxes. We put our taxes in operation.

Commissioner Clements: The fixed charges are just the interest?

Mr. Ackert: Just the interest.

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Commissioner Clements: The interest on notes and bonds. What is the bonded indebtedness of the Southern?

Mr. Ackert: I would hate to guess at it. I don't know.

Commissioner Clements: Your reports will show.

Mr. Ackert: Our reports will show.

Mr. Moore: Judge Clements has just brought out that your fixed charges amount to \$1,000,000 a month. How much did you say you earned in January, gross?

Mr. Ackert: In January—well, I remember the decrease. It was a decrease of—

Mr. Moore: Approximately, how much did you earn?

Mr. Ackert: About \$3,900,000.

Mr. Moore: Your operating expenses were about what percentage of the gross?

Mr. Ackert: They have been running about 80 to 82 per cent.

Mr. Moore: So you are really not earning the fixed charges after deducting the operating expenses?

Mr. Ackert: We did not earn to exceed half the fixed charges in December.

Commissioner Clements: I suppose December is hardly a fair month.

Mr. Ackert: I do not think January will be any better. We have not the actual figures for January, but the earnings are going off in about the same proportion in January that they did in December, and they are going off now.

Commissioner Clements: Is there not a whole lot of cleaning up of business in December?

Mr. Ackert: No; our year ends June 30th, and any cleaning up is done in June.

Mr. Moore: How was the second week in February compared with the second week in February, 1907?

Mr. Ackert: It went off \$250,000 in tendays.

Mr. Moore: If that ratio is kept up, how much will you go off in February?

Mr. Ackert: If that ratio is kept up, we will go off about \$800,000 in February.

Mr. Moore: And you will be short largely on your fixed charges?

Mr. Ackert: Absolutely.

Mr. Moore: Is there any prospect, so far as the present outlook is concerned, that you are improving or going to improve?

Mr. Ackert: It seems to be going down. That is, every week our decrease is greater.

Mr. Moore: That is all, Mr. Chairman, unless Mr. Ackert wishes to say something else.

Mr. Ackert: No; I do not.

Mr. Moore: You had better wait a moment. There may be some further examination.

CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Mr. Perham: You represent the St. Louis-Louisville Lines?

Mr. Ackert: Yes, sir; but the representative of the St.. Louis-Louisville Lines is here, and he may want to say something in addition to what I have said.

Mr. Perham: When you desire to get additional telegraphers, how do you go about getting them?

Mr. Ackert: What do you mean?

Mr. Perham: How do you attempt to get men?

Mr. Ackert: A large number of men?

Mr. Perham: Yes.

Mr. Ackert: We started schools last spring.

Mr. Perham: And you make it a practice not to hire men who have experience?

Mr. Ackert: We hire men with experience wherever we can find them, provided their record is clear and they are such men as should be hired by railroads.

Mr. Perham: Would it surprise you to learn that there are over 3,000 men seeking employment in the States traversed by the Southern Railway.

Mr. Ackert: I would not doubt that at all.

Mr. Perham: Are any of the stations which you seek to have exempted from the operation of the law closed at the present moment?

Mr. Ackert: Yes; I think some of our block offices and night offices have been



closed. That is, we have taken off seventy-three operators in the last sixty days.

Mr. Perham: And some of them are now closed? The stations are closed?

Mr. Ackert: Yes; either the night office or the day office is closed, whatever we can do and keep our trains moving as they should move.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION.

Mr. Moore: You say you do not doubt there may be 3,000 men seeking employment in your territory. What do you mean by that?

Mr. Ackert: What he means by that is, the territory south of the Potomac and east of the Mississippi River.

Mr. Moore: There are a good many companies operating there.

Mr. Ackert: Our territory extends from Illinois and Indiana—he has reference to about fourteen States.

Mr. Moore: And there are a good many sorts of men applying?

Mr. Ackert: A good many sorts.

Mr. Moore: That is all.

The Chairman: Mr. Ackert, I infer the extension you desire relates to stations such as appear on the exhibits you have introduced, where the amount of train orders handled is very small?

Mr. Ackert: Yes, sir; we put it on that basis.

The Chairman: I say, that is the general character of the stations?

Mr. Ackert: That is the general character, yes, sir.

The Chairman: Now, at those stations, the men who handle train orders, of course, have other duties?

Mr. Ackert: At some stations, and at some stations not. At some stations they have just the operator employed. At the majority of them, except on branch lines, just the operator is employed.

The Chairman: Where a man is employed for no other purpose and has no other duties than to handle train orders, or such commercial messages as may be required, what wages do you pay?

Mr. Ackert: We pay \$60 and \$65. We have some small stations. I looked them over this morning. There are three or four

that pay \$35. We wanted to close the telegraph office because we did not want to keep it open, but the man lived there and asked us to leave the wire in, and therefore we call him an operator, but he is not an operator in the sense of any duty.

The Chairman: Take the class of men who have other duties and only occasionally handle train orders, which is, I suppose, the case at many stations?

Mr. Ackert: Yes, sir.

The Chairman: The ordinary small country station agent?

Mr. Ackert: Yes, sir.

The Chairman: What wages does he get?

Mr. Ackert: I will have to explain that by saying this, Judge. We have some stations where the agent only gets \$40 a month on our pay-roll. We have offered them a station that would pay them \$100 per month and they would not go. They say their express receipts are such that they are making more money where they are. Our pay-roll at some stations—

The Chairman: What do you mean by that? Do they get a commission?

Mr. Ackert: They get a commission on express. Take some of our stations in the South, where they ship asparagus and things during the summer, and their express receipts are so great that men working for \$40 a month have declined a \$100 position. Those things are taken into consideration in making our agents' pay-roll.

The Chairman: Those men are not expert telegraphers, are they?

Mr. Ackert: They might be, at a small station.

The Chairman: They have a sufficient knowledge of the art so that they can meet your needs?

Mr. Ackert: They meet all the needs of that station.

The Chairman: But they are not expert telegraphers?

Mr. Ackert: Well, you might call them experts in handling a train order, but not expert telegraphers. A commercial operator is called an expert. He can take so many words a minute.

The Chairman: They have a sufficient knowledge of the art—

Mr. Ackert: To do what is necessary.

The Chairman: So that they can receive and transmit train orders?

Mr. Ackert: They can do what is necessary.

The Chairman: Well, are not such men available? Are they not obtainable?

Mr. Ackert: At the present time, Judge, we can get all the men we want. I will say that up to last October I do not think there has been a day in three years that some office has not been closed, day or night. I remember less than a year ago we had fifty miles of block wire to put in, and we couldn't get or were unable to get, anyway, enough operators to install the block; so we had to put it off for ninety days until we accumulated operators. We didn't get them in time; but it has been a hard time to get good operators. We have now a good many operators that I do not think will be with us long, unless they change their tactics, because they are getting more plentiful, and we will have to weed them out. We have put up with a good many things that we won't stand for when we can get better men.

The Chairman: Take the case, which I assume is a common one, where you have two men at a station who perform all the duties of your company. They sell tickets, handle freight, bill it out, look after the express business, and one or presumably both of them have such knowledge of telegraphy that they can receive and transmit train orders. Now, can not a man of that character, not an expert telegrapher, who is a fairly intelligent all-round man, with some knowledge of the use of the wire, be readily obtained?

Mr. Ackert: If he belonged to the union he could go to work there. If he did not, they would make it so that they wouldn't let him.

The Chairman: Are there such men who can be had?

Mr. Ackert: There are such men to be had, but the operators object to taking anyone like that in. They will not do it—that is, the O. R. T. operators.

The Chairman: Are we to infer from that that you are practically obliged to

employ only telegraphers who belong to the union?

Mr. Ackert: I will not say that. After our students get so they can telegraph some, we take them and give them \$25 a month to finish their education in telegraphy. have had to put several of those at one station where we find an operator who does not belong to the union, who will teach them. The union operators refuse to teach them unless he gets permission from Mr. Perham. Now, we have had quite a number of students this last fall, and we could not find a place to send them to get this education because our operators refused to take them. Now, you may say we should tell the operators they must. That is very easy, but it will bring on a conflict probably, between the operators and the company, which we did not feel at that time able to go into. It is the operators themselves who have kept down the force of good operators. and when I say good operators, I mean operators who attend to business. I do not mean operators who can take 50 words a minute or do some outlandish feat, but men who attend to business. I would rather have the fellow who attends to business than to have the expert. It is hard to find a place to put a boy in to learn the business.

The Chairman: Take your employes at such a typical country station as I refer to, where they do all your work?

Mr. Ackert: Yes, sir.

The Chairman: Do they belong to the Telegraphers' Union, as a rule?

Mr. Ackert: As a rule; yes, sir.

The Chairman: That is to say, your ordinary station agent, who has some knowledge of telegraphy, is ordinarily a member of the union?

Mr. Ackert: I would say yes. We have a lot of agents who do not have anything to do with telegraphing, and do not belong to the Union. If they don't do telegraphing, they probably drop their union card and don't belong to the union; but in that case he would be the agent and not the operator.

The Chairman: Have you any further questions to ask, Mr. Perham?

Mr. Perham: I would like to ask another question. Mr. Ackert, I notice that at Weems, on the Atlanta Division, you have a day operator at \$26.25 per month?

Mr. Ackert: Yes, sir.

Mr. Perham: Has he been there any length of time?

Mr. Ackert: He has been there a long time, and the Central of Georgia pay him the other \$26.25.

Mr. Perham: And the same applies to the night operator at that place?

Mr. Ackert: Yes, sir.

Mr. Perham: And the next station, Irondale?

Mr. Ackert: Yes, sir; I think he is paid by three roads.

Mr. Perham: Does he get \$26.25 from each of them?

Mr. Ackert: I don't know whether he gets \$26.25 from each of them. He gets twice that. He is paid by the Central of Georgia one-half and we pay the other half. That is the trouble, Perham. You say we go around paying \$25 and \$26. You haven't been fair. I want to say that to you. You haven't been fair, because you state things that are not so. He gets \$26.25 from us and \$26.25 from the Central of Georgia, at Weems and Irondale.

Mr. Perham: Now, you state that you pay wages as low as \$40 a month?

Mr. Ackert: At some of these outlying country stations; yes, sir.

Mr. Perham: Do you pay wages as low as \$25 a month?

Mr. Ackert: If the man keeps a grocery store and runs the station too, I presume yes.

Mr. Perham: Then you have several employes whom you are paying less than \$40 a month?

Mr. Ackert: Yes; but he probably has other business. He doesn't give his whole time to us.

Mr. Perham: You have as many as 29 employes who are paid \$40 a month for telegraphing?

Mr. Ackert: We may have 30.

Mr. Perham: Are those men employed at stations that would be continuous under this law?

Mr. Ackert: They may be or they may not be. I am not familiar enough with that to say. I do not know what stations you have reference to.

Mr. Perham: I presume it would not be at that character of a station?

Mr. Ackert: I don't know. I don't know what stations you have reference to

Mr. Moore: You might suggest a station, Mr. Perham.

Mr. Ackert: I can't testify to certain stations and say what applies to certain stations.

Mr. Perham: We will say at Mount Holly. Do you happen to know that?

Mr. Ackert: I do not think it would do any harm to close that station up. We have kept it open for the convenience of the agent. He lives there and wants to keep the wires in. That is my understanding of it.

Mr. Perham: And he is paid \$40 a month now?

Mr. Ackert: We have several stations we want to close up, but the agent wants to live there and keep the wire in. They are of no particular use to us.

Mr. Perham: Have you any particular instance in which the Order of Railroad Telegraphers discriminated against a man on account of his not being a member?

Mr. Ackert: I have instances where the Order of Railroad Telegraphers would not take our students and teach them.

Mr. Perham: You would not consider that an unnatural proceeding, seeing that there are so many out of work, would you?

Mr. Ackert: That was done before they were out of work

Mr. Perham: I have to differ with you there.

Mr. Ackert: That was done before the Western Union strike. That was done before the decrease in business, when operators were scarce on every railroad in the United States.

Mr. Perham: I have here 2,883 names and addresses of men in the States traversed by your line who were ready to return to the railroad business on June 10th, 1907. That was before the strike.

Mr. Ackert: At what salary?

Mr. Perham: At any salary they might make with you.

Mr. Ackert: Eighty dollars was the minimum fixed was it not?

Mr. Perham: That was generally accepted as about the figure, but many said they would take less than that, and they have even gone lower.

Mr. Ackert: How many of that 2.800 had been discharged for cause?

Mr. Perham: I have no means of knowing that.

Mr. Ackert: You might ask it.

Mr. Perham: I think if you had asked it you might possibly have gotten plenty of men for your lines.

Mr. Ackert: They wouldn't tell us.

Mr. Perham: They would not tell you?

Mr. Ackert: No: they wouldn't tell us

Mr. Ackert: No; they wouldn't tell us. They don't give their past history, much.

Mr. Perham: Is it not true, Mr. Ackert, that you discharged telegraphers for various trivial causes?

Mr. Ackert: Yes; such as getting drunk. Mr. Perham: Do you consider that a trivial cause?

Mr. Ackert: No, we don't consider it a trivial cause. They do.

Mr. Perham: Do you not discharge men for trivial causes?

Mr. Ackert: Sometimes.

Mr. Perham: Do you not discharge them for being away from the office, for instance, when the dispatcher may be calling up?

Mr. Ackert: I think we do, sometimes.

Mr. Perham: Is it not true that although the operator might only handle one train order in a day, he is supposed to be within the sound of his instrument all the time during that twelve hours?

Mr. Ackert: Yes, sir; he might as well sit there as sit some other place, you know.
Mr. Perham: And he is discharged if he leaves there?

Mr. Ackert: If he is a good man, no. If he is a poor man, yes.

Mr. Perham: That is all.

Mr. Moore: Just one other question, if I may. You did not state what additional expense this employment of new force would involve you in; say \$50 a month for the operators.

Mr. Ackert: I was figuring \$50 a month. Now, take 230, and in ordinary times take 400.

Mr. Moore: Two hundred and thirty at this time and 400 men in ordinary times. You could not expect to do it for less than an average of \$50 a month?

Mr. Ackert: No; the average would be more than that, unless we would succeed in reducing the operators' pay, under arbitration.

Mr. Moore: I understand some of these applications you have gotten recently are from men on your discharged list?

Mr. Ackert: I think more than onethird of them are men we discharged for cause before.

Commissioner Cockrell: Have you the exact number of offices that are night and day offices?

Mr. Ackert: They show on those charts. Judge. Our records show. Before we took so many off we had about 900 offices. Four hundred and fifty of them were night and day offices. Those were about the figures when we started to get these figures up in December. Since then we have taken off some. Half of our offices are night and day.

Commissioner Cockrell: Now, how many of them would you ask an extension in for time to comply with the law?

Mr. Ackert: Under those conditions now?

Commissioner Cockrell: Yes.

Mr. Ackert: In the neighborhood of 300. We are putting our greatest stress on our ability to pay. It is not getting operators now. As Mr. Perham says there are 2.800 operators in the fourteen States through which we run who want employment. They can be hired, but it is the ability to pay, and if we have to put the operators on, I don't know what is going to become of us. When we say ability to pay we call that good and sufficient cause. That is all we are talking for, is cause.

Commissioner Cockrell: It would then seem that nearly all your night and day offices you want extensions in?

Mr. Ackert: Yes, sir. It wouldn't be any help to us to close three offices or five offices, in that sense. That is not help. It

might have been a year ago, when operators were scarce, because we couldn't get them, but now we can get the operators. Now it is our ability to pay.

The Chairman: That is to say, the particular cases on the Southern Railway aggregate a third of the total number of stations?

Mr. Ackert: Yes, sir; that is right.

Mr. Perham: And some of those stations are now closed?

Mr. Ackert: Some of those stations are now closed. What I am trying to do is this. If business picks up, in order to move the people's freight and carry passengers, we will have to go back and open them again, and if the law was not postponed. when we opened them we would have to put on the three men, and therefore I have included those in order to avoid putting on the three men, if possible, before the limit expires, which I hope the Court is going to give us.

Commissioner Cockrell: Have you made any of the offices that have heretofore been open night and day only day offices?

Mr. Ackert: Yes, sir. I can't tell you how many. We have taken off seventy-three operators in the last sixty days. When I say taken them off, I mean we have taken them out of those stations with a view of putting three in and moving them up. When we take one off we either close the night office or the day office or close it altogether. We have taken off up to seventy-three so far. So you may say there are seventy-three offices that have been closed, but I don't know whether they are all night offices or all day offices or what they are, but there are seventy-three of them.

Commissioner Cockrell: Out of the 900 offices, you say 400 of them are night and day offices?

Mr. Ackert: About that,

Commissioner Cockrell: About how many of them are already included in the offices with three employes?

Mr. Ackert: I think we have 100 offices equipped with three employes.

Mr. Moore: Mr. Ackert, with reference to one question asked by Mr. Perham, does an operator ordinarily have any difficulty at all in getting away from his key if he asks permission of the dispatcher?

Mr. Ackert: As a rule he does not, unless a train happens to be right there and they say, "Wait a few minutes," or something of that kind.

Mr. Moore: They have only to ask permission of their dispatcher?

Mr. Ackert: Ask the dispatcher.

The Chairman: Mr. Moore, the application in this case, then, appears to be based upon the ground of financial hardship.

Mr. Moore: I think mainly so, yes, sir; and the inability that the company has found in adjusting its management to the new conditions—of course, inability not only with reference to this particular matter but every feature of operation.

The Chairman: If I understand it, your petition and the company's papers do not show, by a list of names, the stations at which you want the extension?

Mr. Moore: Only in an indirect way, sir, but I will file that list if the Commission desires me to do so. In fact, I will ask permission to file that list.

The Chairman: I will ask you whether you think this law in any aspect or in any state of facts would contemplate a general or blanket extension? Can there be a particular case which is not named?

Mr. Moore: I think, sir, that we have named the cases in an indirect way. We will name them directly. As to the number of cases the Commission would deal with, that is wholly a matter within the discretion of the Commission. It seems to me that if four cases were singled out and made a particular instance or case, to use the idea of the statute, that might be done. Logically, it would be possible for the Commission to single out a hundred offices and make those hundred offices a particular case; but, with reference to the Commission, it does not strike me that there is any more legal difficulty in dealing with a hundred cases, a hundred offices, than with three offices.

Mr. Ferham: Your Honors will observe that there are 900 offices on the Southern Railway, and that there are about 100 of them with three men now employed. An application for extension is made for about 300 stations, which seems that the law is not to become operative as far as the Southern Railway is concerned. I take that from the figures furnished.

Now, as to the question of inability to meet the expense, that, of course, leads us into a maze, to be able to defend our position. It would be necessary to show how the earnings of the railroads go or are disbursed in behalf of the railroads. It would be necessary to go into the financial history of the company, to show how it is that such wages as we have been talking of this morning could not be afforded for an extra man where he was needed under the law. We should have to show you that the fixed charges of this company are not ethically correct. We would have to show you that railroads have been purchased by the issuance of stock and of bonds upon which dividends and interest are now expected to be paid; that for those stocks and bonds that were issued there never was an equivalent in money put into the treasury of the company.

The Chairman: If you will pardon me, Mr. Perham, that does not seem to be very material upon the present showing, unless you are prepared to dispute it. They show that their fixed charges are \$11,000,000 a year.

Mr. Perham: It leads up to the question that the employes might not be able to defend themselves upon that ground, because they have not this financial history that I refer to. We are defenseless when it comes to a matter of a company not being able to afford the expense.

The Chairman: Mr. Ackert, let me see that I perfectly understand your position. You have about 900 offices?

Mr. Ackert: Yes, sir.

The Chairman: Under you: normal methods of operation, how many of them would be affected by this law at all?

Mr. Ackert: Half of them. The Chairman: About 450? Mr. Ackert: Yes, sir.

The Chairman: And you are asking an extension—

Mr. Ackert: I will make plain to you what we are asking for. We are asking

exemption for our night offices, where we now have not three men.

The Chairman: I am for the moment leaving out of account those offices which this law does not affect at all as a practical matter.

Mr. Ackert: That is right.

The Chairman: Your proposition, therefore, involves an extension of the time within which to comply with this law as to 300 out of the 450 stations to which the law applies?

Mr. Ackert: That is practically correct, sir.

The Chairman: That is to say, the particular cases—

Mr. Ackert: The 300 particular cases.

The Chairman: On the Southern Railway are two-thirds of the whole?

Mr. Ackert: No.

The Chairman: Yes, two-thirds of all those to which the law applies.

Mr. Ackert: Oh, yes.

Mr. Moore: That is our position, sir.

The Chairman: That is your exact situation?

Mr. Moore: That is our exact situation. Mr. Ackert: In dollars and cents.

The Chairman: Mr. Moore, I think you should at least file a list of the stations, by divisions, at which the extension is asked.

Mr. Moore: We will do that promptly, sir,

Mr. Ackert: I thought the chart would show you. We will do that.

The Chairman: Of course, I shall assume, for the moment, that if an order were made in your case, it could only be made as to the stations named in that order. I also understand from Mr. Ackert that the extension of time as to a comparatively small number of stations would be of no practical value.

Mr. Ackert: No practical value at allnot at all.

The Chairman: You are virtually asking us, then, to suspend this law, to nullify it as to two-thirds of the stations affected by its provisions.

Mr. Ackert: To extend the time until we get time to pay, your Honor.

Mr. Moore: We believe, if your Honor please, that that was the power that Congress designed to vest in the Commission, and its exercise is unrestrained by anything that we find in this act.

The Chairman: That is, that it was contemplated by the Congress, when this law was passed, that this Commission might extend the time allowed for compliance to two-thirds of the cases which the law covers?

Mr. Moore: Yes, sir; I think if Congress had designed that the Commission should deal with one or two stations, Congress would have given it the power to deal with cases of that character for the indefinite future.

The Chairman: That is to say, that Congress was legislating for a third of the stations, and leaving us to legislate for the other two-thirds?

Mr. Moore: I think not, sir. My idea would be this, that Congress, in limiting the power of the Commission to the 4th of March, and preventing it from legislating after the 4th of March, must have had an idea that the Commission would be dealing with a very important subject. That is just the thought I have about it, sir.

The Chairman: Right in that connection, it is not unsuitable to observe that apparently any extension which the Commission should feel justified in making in a particular case should, in point of time, have some reasonable relation to the time allowed by Congress for general compliance.

Mr. Moore: I think so, sir.

The Chairman: If I recollect right, in the case of the safety appliance law, certain of its provisions were to go into effect about two years and a half, if I remember rightly, after its passage. The Commission gave an extension of seven months additional. The automatic coupler provision, I think, was to go into effect about five years after the law was passed, and the Commission extended it for two years, or something more. I am only suggesting that it might be fairly said, I think, that any extension granted in any case, should have some proper relation to the time which Congress allowed for general compliance and which it must have

deemed sufficient in nearly every case for that purpose.

Mr. Moore: Exactly; I agree with that view, sir.

Mr. Ackert: This case, the case of a poor railroad like the Southern, is somewhat different from the coupler law. After the coupler law was complied with, the expense stopped. This is an expense we have now and forever. That is the difference between the two.

Mr. Moore: And in normal times it would be very much heavier than you have figured it for this?

Mr. Ackert: That is true.

The Chairman: Is there anything further you desire to show in regard to the Southern Railway?

Mr. Moore: No, sir.

The Chairman: Very well; we will take up the next case, the St. Louis & San Francisco.

ST. LOUIS & SAN FRANCISCO RAIL-ROAD COMPANY.

Mr. C. R. Gray: Mr. Chairman, I will endeavor to proceed as rapidly as I can with our case.

In compliance with the instructions of the Commission, the offices at which we desire an extension were properly bulletined, and I will file with the Secretary a list of those points and the points at which they were bulletined.

The Chairman: Mr. Gray, it does not appear to us necessary to encumber the records with proofs that you complied with the order of the Commission in respect to giving notice, unless some point is made about that, it will be assumed that you complied with that provision.

Mr. Gray: I assure the Commission that was done.

The Chairman: And proof of the fact may be dispensed with.

Mr. Gray: The contention of this company, Mr. Chairman, will be that during the past twelve months, and indirectly during the past three years, it has been exceedingly difficult to man with two men the offices that it has been compelled, in the handling of its business, to operate continuously day and night.

We will show that the representations have been made to us by the gentlemen representing the employes that are being made now, and that will be made, I presume, always; that by the increase of wages we can secure more men. There is always in the background this intangible army that is available by the increase of wages. We will show you by our experience, by affidavit, that this representation was made to us, that a material and substantial increase in wages was made, and that it did not produce the results.

We will not contend, gentlemen, that during the present two or three months following these extraordinary conditions which I have outlined briefly to the Commission, there are not men available at this moment, if they were diffused all over the country to meet this condition; but we will show that even today with all of the agitation that has been made by these gentlemen through their publications, which I can read if you wish, through the messages they have sent over our wires, directing men to apply-that even now we are not receiving applications enough to fill these offices. We do not doubt the men are there, gentlemen, and we do not doubt this army of applications; but we will show you that, as has been said in the Southern's case, a great many of these men are not available for our purposes. I wish to introduce the affidavit of Mr. W. C. Nixon, vice-president and general manager of this company. He says:

"State of Missouri,

"City of St. Louis—ss.

"I, W. C. Nixon, being first duly sworn, upon my oath depose and say:

"I. That I am now, and have been for about eighteen months last past, Vice-President and General Manager of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company.

"2. That prior to June, 1907, the committee representing the telegraph operators of said railroad company strongly represented to me that by increasing the wages of such employes the character of their work would be greatly improved and a greater number of such employes could be secured, and that the operation of said rail-

road would be greatly benefited thereby: that a short time prior to June 1. 1007. the wages of all telegraph operators on said railroad were increased by me, effective June 1, 1907, in a sum averaging in the aggregate fifteen (15) per cent; that the increase in the wages of said employes was made by me solely for the purpose of obtaining a greater number of such employes and to improve the character of their services, and to enable said railroad company to handle and operate the trains upon its railroad with greater convenience and dispatch, and upon the representations of said committee that the desired results would be accomplished. "W. C. NIXON.

"Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said W. C. Nixon, this 24th day of February, A. D. 1908.

"My commission expires Nov. 22, 1911.

"KATE L. Worley,

"Notary Public."

I have here and will file an affidavit of Mr. H. D. Teed:

"State of Missouri,

"City of St. Louis-ss.

"Affidavit of H. D. Teed, Sup't Telegraph, "Frisco System.

"My name is H. D. Teed, I am 35 years of age, and have been employed in active telegraph service in various capacities since June, 1887, and as Superintendent of Telegraph of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company since November 1st, 1906.

"Among my other duties, I am charged with the responsibility of providing sufficient telegraph operators to handle the telegraph business of the system. In order to do this, recruiting offices are maintained at St. Louis, Mo., Newburg, Mo., Springfield, Mo., Ft. Scott, Kas., Kansas City, Mo., Neodesha, Kas., Sapulpa, Okla., Francis, Okla., Enid, Okla., Hugo, Okla., Ft. Smith, Ark., Thayer, Mo., Memphis, Tenn., Amory, Miss., Birmingham, Ala., and Chaffee, Mo., in charge of the Chief Dispatcher and Division Operator, or the Manager and Wire Chief, who are delegated with authority to employ operators not only for their own District but for other Districts, in

case of a shortage in any particular locality. The scarcity of operators during the past year has been very marked. At one time I had orders from the various Division Operators for sixty-eight operators, showing clearly that they were unable to recruit sufficient operators to man their own offices. At one time during the month of March we were six operators short in our General Office at St. Louis, and had great difficulty in securing men for these positions."

And I will pause, gentlemen, to say that is one of the best positions, if not the best position, on our railroad.

"I was frequently advised by the Division Operators that unless operators were secured at St. Louis, they would be obliged to close telegraph offices. My records show that they closed a number of offices temporarily, due to inability to secure men.

"Effective June 1st, we gave our operators an increase in salary of fifteen per cent. In some instances this amounted to twenty dollars, hoping to attract sufficient operators to man our offices, as the increase placed our salaries equal to, if not exceeding the salaries paid in similar positions on other roads. Between Memphis and Birmingham our salaries were about twenty dollars above those paid on roads in that vicinity. Notwithstanding this increase we were still unable to procure operators to man our offices, which would indicate that the salary paid bears no relation to the supply.

"That means if a point is not considered a good point to work, it does not make any difference what that pays. A man will choose his position and choose his locality.

"There are about 830 telegraph operators on the system, exclusive of train dispatchers. During the past year 2,488 telegraph operators were employed in the 830 positions, or an average of three changes in each position during the year, and an average term of four months' service for each operator. Out of 121 applications received at my office by mail, 107 did not reply to my offer, or report for assignment. Nearly every applicant stated that he was then employed on some other road, but

would accept a position in a certain office, and in a few cases, on certain divisions, if these certain positions were open when nis application was received. During the past year sixty-four operators employed in my office in St. Louis accepted transportation and failed to report for duty. Out of the 2,488 operators employed, 622 are ineligible for re-employment for various reasons.

"By a coincidence that is just onequarter, or twenty-five per cent.

"Immediately after the Nine-Hour Law was passed, I inaugurated an Apprentice System on our line, anticipating a shortage of operators when this law became effective, and placed sixty-eight apprentice operators on our line. These young men were carefully selected, according to their aptitude to learn, but as fast as they became efficient we were obliged to use them to keep offices open, and have not been able to gather a surplus to meet the demand occasioned by the Nine-Hour Law.

"During the eight years that I have been an employer of operators, I have never experienced such a shortage as during the past year; this in spite of the fact that salaries have been very greatly increased, and working conditions improved, that is, the hours have been shortened at nearly all of the heavier offices.

"(Signed) H. D. TEED.

"State of Missouri,

"City of St. Louis-ss.

"Sworn and subscribed to before me this the 21st day of February, 1908.

"My Commission expires Sept. 30, 1910.

"HARRY F. KENDALL,

"Notary Public."

I beg to submit a letter of Mr. Teed to me, dated February 24th:

"St. Louis, Feb. 24, 1908.

"Mr. C. R. Gray,

"Second Vice-President,
"Building.

"Dear Sir:—Referring to your communication, I beg to advise that for the two weeks prior to and including February

24th, 1908, I received eight applications for position as telegraph operator.

"Yours respectfully,
"H. D. TEED.

"H. D. Teed, "Supt. Telegraph."

I desire to submit a message from Mr. Teed, dated yesterday:

"St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 26, 1908. "C. R. Gray,

"Care New Willard,
"Washn., D. C.

"Seven applications received since the twenty-fourth.

"H. D. TEED."

"In a period of a little over two weeks we have received fifteen applications for positions as telegraph operator, notwithstanding that the men have, by publication and otherwise, been importuned to apply for these positions.

Now, gentlemen, we have shown the representation that was made to us as to the results which would follow this increase in salary. I beg to submit, and will read affidavits from the men who directly employ these telegraphers, which will show conclusively that that is not a direct result and was not a direct result; and I beg to say, before reading these, and reiterate. that it is not our contention and we do not believe that the Commission, with its opportunities for understanding the conditions throughout the whole country, will believe that the condition today where we have shown that the bottom has dropped out of everything within four months is one apon which you can fairly and justly judge the physical condition.

We contend that the conditions which have prevailed throughout the last three or four years, prior to this last unforseen slump, are more properly those upon which you can reasonably judge our presentation than you can upon the condition today.

This is an affidavit from Virgil H. Cain, made at St. Louis:

"State of Missouri.

"City of St. Louis-ss.

"My name is Virgil H. Cain; am forty years old, and have been in railroad telegraph service for twenty-five years as opera-

tor, train dispatcher, chief dispatcher, etc.. and have had charge of the employment and discipline of operators on various roads for fifteen years.

"During the past five months I have been employed as chief dispatcher and division operator for the St. L. & S. F. R. R. Co., at Birmingham, Ala., with charge of telegraph service at Birmingham and over the Birmingham District, extending to Amory, Miss., on which there has been maintained eight offices (days only) and sixteen continuous telegraph stations for the movement of trains.

"I have had a great deal of trouble in securing safe and reliable operators to fill these positions, although this company has raised the pay of its operators in this territory an average of twenty per cent in the past year, and is paying more than any other line entering Birmingham.

"While the applicants are more numerous at Birmingham than at almost any other point, one-half the men seeking employment are not safe to use, on account of ignorance of the rules governing the movement of trains.

"I have been forced to close as many as three stations at the same time on account of the shortage of safe, reliable men, thus causing annoyance to our patrons, as well as delay to movement of trains.

"To inaugurate the nine-hour law will require sixteen additional men on my district alone. In order to relieve the shortage anticipated with the inauguration of the nine-hour law, we have been securing what capable young men we could, and placing them in telegraph offices on the line for the purpose of learning telegraphy and station duties. I have promoted these young men as fast as they became competent, on account of shortage of reliable men. I have now four of these apprentices, none of whom will be available for the next sixty days; therefore, can not be counted upon to meet the requirements of the law effective March 4th.

"Should the limit be extended, and this railroad be allowed to comply with same gradually, our apprentice system will fur-



nish fifty per cent of the operators needed on my division within one year."

(Signed) V. H. CAIN.

"State of Missouri,

"City of St. Louis-ss.

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this twentieth day of February, 1908.

"HARRY F. KENDALL, Notary Public."

This is an affidavit from the Chief Dispatcher and Operator at Neodesha, Kansas. This refers to Alabama, gentlemen. You will see the scope of this condition:

AFFIDAVIT.

"My name is George Bailey; am thirtyone years of age; entered railroad service as assistant agent at Williamsburg, Ky., in year 1890 and since have occupied position as Operator, Train Dispatcher and Chief Dispatcher.

"For the past four years have been Chief Dispatcher and. Division Operator for the Kansas Division of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad, extending from Pierce City, Mo., to Ellsworth, Kan., with branch line from Oronogo, Mo., to Baxter Springs, Kan.

"One of my duties is the employment of all the telegraph operators on said division. There are under my jurisdiction seventeen exclusive day and thirteen continuously operated telegraph offices which handle train orders. My headquarters are at Neodesha, Kan.

"Have experienced the greatest difficulty in securing operators during the past year, the principal reason being that the applicants are either unreliable as telegraphers, or on account of bad references, and on account of being unable to give bond.

"The increase in salary given to telegraph operators by this company June 1, 1907. did not benefit the situation to any extent, in that it did not provide for a greater number of telegraph operators, or for any more efficiency among the applicants. My practice is to keep in touch as to prospective telegraphers at all of the stations on my division, and all applicants are answered promptly. Where I am not able to secure operators, requisition is made on the Super-

intendent of Telegraph. From my experience I can state that to the best of my knowledge and belief I will not be able to find sufficient operators to take care of the new positions after the law takes effect March 4th, and at the present time I know of but three available operators otherwise employed or unemployed.

"(Signed) GEORGE BAILEY."

"State of Kansas,

"County of ---- ss.

"Sworn and subscribed to before me this 24th day of February, 1908.

"My commission expires November 26th, 1908.

J. A. DEARDORFF.

(Seal)

Notary Public."

"I wish to say that our railroad is, to a great extent, in a part of the country that is in process of development. A great many of our men must, of necessity, handle the minor duties of the station. A great many of our stations, as will be shown by these affidavits, are stations operated only during the day time, and we have been providing telegraph facilities in that country for the public convenience, as we shall continue to do, the difficulty being that so many of these applicants are not able to handle the rudimentary work at a station, or they are not able to furnish bond that the performance of their duty will be satisfactory and safe."

(To be continued,)

ACCIDENTS.

HE number of persons killed in train accidents during the months of January, February and March, 1908, as shown in reports made by the railroad companies to the Interstate Commerce Commission, under the "Accident Law," of March 3, 1901, was 125, and of injured 2,770. Accidents of other kinds, including those sustained by employes while at work, and by passengers in getting on or off the cars, etc., bring the total number of casualties up to 15,441 (728 killed and 14,713 injured).

The total number of casualties to passengers and employes reported in this quarter (15,441), is smaller than in any quarter since that ending with March. 1905: the

total number of passengers and employes killed by all causes is smaller than in any quarter since June, 1904, and the total killed in train accidents (125) is smaller than in any quarter since the monthly records were established, in July, 1901. The number of employes killed in coupling accidents (44) is smaller than in any quarter since June, 1902. These gratifying reductions in the lists of death and injuries are all due primarily, the report states, to the reduction in traffic on practically all the roads of the country. The condition was indicated, though in lesser degree, in the last report. The following table shows the comparisons with the last preceding quarter and with the corresponding quarter last year (Bulletin No. 27 is for the quarter under consideration):

	Balletin 27	Balletin 26	Bulletin 23
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1. Passengers killed in train accidents	21	21	129
2. Passengers killed, all causes	72	81	184
3. Employes killed in train accidents.	104	199	295
4 Employes killed in coupling	44	77	62
5. Employes killed, all causes	656	1,011	1,109
6. Total passengers and employes	-		-
killed, all causes	728	11.092	1,293

The following table shows the total number of passengers and employes killed in train accidents, each quarter, since the monthly records were established:

PASSENGERS AND EMPLOYES KILLED IN TRAIN ACCIDENTS.

Bulletin No. 27125	Bulletin No. 13411
26220	12167
25346	11221
24250	10446
23421	928o
22474	8230
21 267	7300
20194	6266
19274	5263
18 320	4140
17272	3,212
16262	2272
15232	1,,240
14242	

The total number of collisions and derailments in the quarter now under review was 2,632 (1,190 collisions and 1,442 derailments), of which 199 collisions and 220 derailments affected passenger trains. The damage to cars, engines and roadway by these accidents amounted to \$1,977,419.00.

The report, in enumerating the more important accidents, shows that a rear end

collision occurred between two freight trains on account of "False clear manual block signal. Operator's experience four years. This operator says that when the train approached he was working on his books and unconsciously pulled off the signal without consulting the block sheet."

That a collision between two freight trains in which one person was killed and three injured was caused by "Operator failed to deliver meeting order. Also train ran past an automatic block signal set against it."

A collision between a passenger and a freight train in which two persons were killed and thirteen injured is shown to have been caused by a mistake in a train order. Of this accident the report says:

"Collision was due to the mistake of a telegraph operator in writing out a meeting order. The order, as recorded in the dispatcher's office, named '12:15' as the time at which a certain train must be at a certain station, but the operator, in writing the order for delivery, wrote '12:50.' Two or three operators, who were listening at the time, testified that the order was transmitted over the wire as recorded by the dispatcher, namely, '12:15;' and the report indicates the belief on the part of the superintendent that the station operator, not being satisfied with the copy which he had made, rewrote the whole order, and, in rewriting, made the mistake. The collision occurred about 12:30 a, m. The station operator had been on duty since 8 p. m., and had worked nearly all the preceding day at another station. At this other station he went on duty at 7 a. m., was relieved at 3:30 p. m., and then went to the station where the error occurred. The dispatcher who ordered the operator from one station to the other did not know that he had been on duty during the day, but appears to have understood that he had been relieved at that station in the morning."

Two persons were killed and twenty-three injured in a collision between a passenger and a freight train, due to the passenger train running by automatic block signals in dense fog.

Seven persons were injured in a collision between two freight trains, due to the conductor and engineer misreading name of station in meeting order.

A collision between a light engine and a freight train is shown to have been caused by the engineer of the light engine overlooking a meeting order.

One person was killed and twenty injured in a collision between a passenger and a freight train shown to have been due to the conductor and engineer of the passenger train overlooking a meeting order; the engineer also ran past an automatic block signal set against him.

Five persons were killed and two injured in a collision between two freight trains shown to have been caused by a mistake in train order. The report states that "Operator two years in service, omitted the word 'East' from the name of the meeting station, though in repeating the order back to dispatcher he had given the name correctly."

One person was killed and thirteen injured in a collision between a passenger train and a freight, the cause of which the reports shows to have been: "Mistake in dispatcher's order, the form of the order being substantially as follows: The order read 'Run from A to C. Meet 7 at B.' It was written out and delivered, 'Run from A to C. Meet 7 at C.' The operator had had five years' experience and is reported as having a good record."

The report concludes with the following brief review of previous bulletins:

Bulletin No. 17 records one collision, killing six and injuring thirty-five persons, and one derailment, killing fifteen and injuring twenty-eight. The collision, occurring at I a. m., was due to gross negligence on the part of the men in charge of a freight train. The derailment was due to an open draw. The drawbridge was not provided with interlocked signals and the engineman was not adequately acquainted with the line of the road. A collision and a derailment are reported, which were due to the lack of suitable detector bars at switches, and a collision which was due to failure of "controlled manual" block signal working.

Bulletin No. 18 shows total casualties much larger than in the preceding quarters,

due largely, no doubt, to an enormous increase in traffic. Many accidents are reported in which the men had been on duty excessively long hours. One collision, killing seventeen persons, was due to the error of an engineman of five months' experience, who ran past five warning signals. Another collision, killing ten persons, was due to the failure of the men in charge of a freight train to identify opposing passenger trains. One derailment of a passenger train, killing thirteen persons, was reported as due to some cause that could not be discovered.

Bulletin No. 19 is like Bulletin 18 in showing a large number of casualties. One butting collision, due to failure of train dispatching, caused thirty-four deaths and twenty-four injuries and \$50.000 damages, besides the damages for deaths and injuries of persons. One collision was due to the negligence of men who had been worked flagrantly long hours. Particulars are given of a number of collisions due to complicated and unusual causes.

Bulletin No. 20 shows total deaths greater than in the corresponding quarter of the previous year, but the number of passengers and employes killed in train accidents was considerably smaller. The most serious accident in this bulletin was a butting collision of passenger trains, due to misinterpretation of a dispatcher's order by a pilot; ten persons killed, thirty-eight injured. One derailment, unexplained, train running slowly, caused nine deaths and eighteen injuries.

Bulletin No. 21 contains the record of only one train accident—a collision—in which more than ten persons were killed, but the totals of casualties of all classes are large, no improvement being shown over preceding quarters. Number of passengers killed in train accident, fifty-two. One collision, klling seventeen and injuring fifty-six, was due to confusion of telegraphic orders; one derailment, killing nine and injuring forty-three, was at a misplaced switch, and another, killing seven and injuring forty, was due to excessive speed.

Bulletin No. 22 shows 180 passengers killed in train accidents—a number larger than that in any other bulletin except No. 13. One rear collision in the District of Columhis caused the death of forty-three passengers and the injury of sixty-three. A butting collision killed forty-three persons and injured 155, the bodies of the killed being consumed by fire. In the derailment of a passenger train at a drawbridge fifty-seven persons were killed and thirty-six injured.

Bulletin No. 23 shows 126 passengers killed in train accidents. It contains the record of two collisions, killing forty-one persons, and two derailments, killing the same number. The number of employes killed in coupling accidents is 25 per cent less than in the last preceding quarter.

Bulletin No. 24, though representing that quarter of the year which is usually the lightest in traffic, showed all of the principal totals of casualties larger than in the same quarter of the year preecding, and the number of passengers killed in train accidents was very much larger. One derailment killed thirty-three persons and one collision eight. The tables for the year ending June 30. 1907, showed heavy increases in all items except accidents in car coupling and from striking against overhead obstructions, and the number of passengers killed and injured in collisions and derailments showed an alarming increase, the number of killed in this class being 17 per cent higher than the very large total reported in the year ending June 20, 1905. A condensed list is given of ten prominent accidents in the year ending June 30, 1907, to which are charged an aggregate of 201 deaths.

Bulletin No. 25 shows 110 passengers killed in train accidents, three collisions and one derailment being responsible for eighty deaths in this class. The number of passengers killed from other causes (mostly their own negligence) also shows a large increase. One of the most serious collisions was due to the misreading of a dispatcher's order, and another to a mistake in sending or receiving the order.

Bulletin No. 26 shows a marked decrease in casualties as compared with preceding quarters, a large falling off in railroad traffic having taken place. The list of "prominent" train accidents includes only three cases which may be classed as notable.

THE ROLL OF HONOR.

DURING the month of July the following named members of the Order secured one or more new members by individual effort:

G. E. Aikman.

S. S. Beene, J. W. Baker, F. M. Benton, J. W. Burgess, W. E. Burkholder, L. R. Brooks, V. L. Burns (4), C. M. Brown.

J. M. Cash (3), H. M. Clay (2), H. H. Chambers, T. E. Collins (2), W. H. Cord (4), L. E. Covin, S. D. Croft, A. W. Cue (5), E. B. Coons, J. J. Collins.

G. E. Davis, G. N. Doyal, M. H. Dusch. J. A. Eads, G. D. Eddy, S. J. Egelston (6), C. G. Ellison.

L. Finn (2), T. B. Freeny, M. W. Frix. J. J. Glynn, Jr., F. E. George (2).

J. W. Haley, F. H. Hanley (2), Arthur E. Haley (2), T. P. F. Haine (4), H. C. Hamm, N. C. Hines (9), F. F. Holmes, Z. R. Hook, Fred H. Hughes, J. D. Hinds, Jr., C. E. Hosler (3).

T. E. Jenkins, R. H. Judd (2), J. A. Johnston.

J. F. Karl, E. H. Kauffman (2), Walter Kellv.

M. W. Larsen (2), R. G. Lewis, E. H. Lung, Geo. Lavengood (2), C. F. Loring (2), C. C. Larson (2).

R. R. McInroy (5), F. B. McGuinness, J. E. McDermott (5), J. P. Meehan, A. R. McGann, W. L. Maines, A. E. McCullough, A. C. Meyers (2), J. W. Martenis (4), J. M. Mings, R. L. Montgomery, W. H. Morrison, H. B. Morey (2), G. D. Miller.

L. D. Newhart.

W. G. Oldham, J. A. Oglesbee.

L. A. Peacock (2), E. L. Porter (2), W. A. Pitre.

J. H. Rogers, Jr. (2), C. H. Russell.

Thos. Sasser (3), F. W. Shoop, B. D. Stone (5), F. F. Sullivan (3), W. J. Strupe, L. E. Smith, R. E. Stroupe, M. C. Strode, F. E. Sidener (2), H. W. Stapler, L. R. Swope, W. F. Smith (4).

H. R. Thomm, T. J. Tedder, Thos. Truitt (tt).

W. R. Van Deusen (3).

Geo. C. Webster, E. H. Webster, C. A. Welch, H. O. Wanous, C. C. Wheeler, B. Wheeler, F. E. Williamson, O. M. Wood (2).

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No card, no favors.

Four hundred and eighty new members were initiated into the Order during the month of July.

The mailing list will be revised after this issue, and only members with dues paid to December 31st will receive future issues from the regular mailing list.

The Mortuary Fund of the Mutual Benefit Department continues to grow, as will be seen by referring to the statement of that department appearing on the Grand Division page of this issue.

A system division having been established on the Santa Fe Railroad, all members of the Order that have not already been transferred to that division will please write the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, requesting that their membership be transferred to that division, which will expedite matters.

The member (officers receiving salary or expenses, or both, and secretaries barred) who secures the most new members before December 31st, will receive \$200 in cash. For further particulars in regard to this matter, reference should be made to the article appearing in this department under the caption, "Prizes," in the January Telegrapher.

Help to complete thorough organization throughout the country by furnishing the Grand Secretary and Treasurer with a correct list of all non-members in your territory, using care to give correct initials, the correct spelling of the name, and the correct address, and also to show the road on which they are employed.

The attention of certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department is called to the second paragraph of Article V of the laws governing that department, which provides that certificate holders shall pay their dues in the Order within sixty days from the beginning of the semi-annual dues period. Holders of certificates in that department who have not already paid dues for the current term should do so at once.

Individual effort has been greatly instrumental in increasing the membership of the Order to its present high standard of over 43,000, and a continuation of the same effort will bring about thorough and complete organization in the near future. In order that credit may be given to those to whom credit is due, a Roll of Honor will be published in each issue of this journal, showing the name of each member who secures one or more new members during the month preceding such issue. Each member securing the petition of a new member should promptly notify the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of that fact by postal card.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of June, 1908, shows that there were 31,947 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during that month; that there were 543 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, 1; imbeciles, 3; feebleminded, 8; epileptics, 2; insane, 13; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 152; likely to become public charges, 222; mentally or physically defective, 21; contract laborers, 53; accompanying aliens, 6; under sixteen years of age, unaccompanied by parents, 2; assisted aliens, 1; criminals, 5; prostitutes and procurers, 24; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 25; other causes, 5.



The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. Jesse S. Shaffer, of Zanesville, O., a boy.

To Bro, and Mrs. E. E. Aber, of Hyner, Pa., a girl.

To Bro, and Mrs. M. V. Nolan, of Wentworth, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. A. Dildine, of Union Station, O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. McCurdy, of Hydetown, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. H. Martin, of Hampton, Fla., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Bloom, of San Creek, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. C. Schlegel, of Jewett. O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. D. Smith, of Rossville, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. E. M. Heaton, of Gardner, Ill., a boy.

Gardner, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. E. Flynn, of Belch Creek, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Carson, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Poole, of Bristow. Ia., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. V. E. Pinckley, of Slidell, La., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. E. Smith, of Bishop-ville, S. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. H. Trickey, of Dal Lousie Mills, Que., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. P. Mehl, of Agency, la, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Frank C. Devney, of Forest City, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. C. Shanklin, of Ronceverte, W. Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. A. Whanger, of Tuckahoe, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. F. Skinnell, of Thomasville, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ed. Chaffee, of Lime Lake, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. B. Shannon, of Creston, O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. C. Gilliland, of Rolling Fork, Miss., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. I. E. Crane, of Clover-dale, Ia., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. L. Woods. of Rexford, Colo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. S. Burton, of Cobden, Ont., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. A. Smith, of Holmesville, Neb., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Z. R. Hook, of Manhattan, Kan., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. P. McKellar, of El Paso, Tex., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Dauberman, of Northumberland, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Reardon, Hammels, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. Doxsey, of Jamaica, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. K. Harris, of Canandaigua, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Dansby, of Newport, Mich., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. L. Perry, of Tariff-ville, Conn., a girl.

To Bro, and Mrs. C. C. Hinman, of Oakland, Neb., a boy.

To Bro, and Mrs. A. H. Owens, of Magnet, Neb., a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of The Telegrapher:

At Gillintown, Pa., Bro. G. C. Duck, of Div. 8, to Miss Mary Dinges.

Bro. Martin H. Hansen, of Div. 76, to Miss Ethel Lewis.

Bro. Adolph Anderson, of Div. 76, to Miss Anna Hansen.

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At McConnellsville, O., Bro. W. C. Harlin, of Div. 33, to Miss Mary Monroe.

At Girard, O., Bro. C. W. Morse, of Div. 42, to Miss Knight.

At Bear Lake. Pa., Bro. F. E. Sands, of Div. 42, to Miss A. G. Hull.

At Bradner, O., Bro. O. L. Black, of Div. 118, to Miss Elizabeth Leffingwell.

At Dresden, Ont., Bro. A. S. Hatch, of Div. 93, to Miss Kathryn Johnson.

At Ashton, Ia., Bro. J. H. Nelson, of Div. 76, to Miss Jessie M. Beckwith.

At Henry, S. D., Bro. Otto Breen, of Div. 76, to Miss Adie Kerscher.

At Esmond, S. D., Bro. W. M. Wilson, of Div. 76, to Miss Ethel May Barber.

Bro. F. E. Dreisbach, of Div. 117, to Miss Minnie I. George.

Bro. Nathan Gable, of Div. 117, to Miss Emma Gensil.

At Los Angeles, Cal., Bro. Thos. Walsh, of Div. 53, to Miss Mary A. Dillon.

At Centralia, Mo., Bro. C. R. Fox, of Div. 53, to Miss E. Bennett.

At Hawesville, Ky., Bro. W. C. Sherer, of Div. 71, to Miss Amie Collard.

Bro. E. R. Gilbert, of Div. 59, to Miss Bessie Hall.

At Eufaula, Ala., Bro. C. A. Welch, of Div. 132, to Miss Vida Sauls.

At Cadiz, O., Bro. W. A. Albaugh, of Div. 55, to Miss Bertha Smith.

Mr. S. A. Taylor to Sister Anna Hicks, of Div. 130.

At New Castle, Pa., Bro. A. V. Wright. of Div. 52, to Miss Ada Whitehouse.

Bro. J. W. Hilliker, of Div. 76, to Miss Maude Weaver.

At Geneva. N. Y., Bro. G. L. Ghent, of Div. 100, to Miss Minnie E. Roberts.

Bro. David W. Kelly, of Div. 119, to Miss Mildred Kelly.

Bro. H. W. Farnsworth, of Div. 135, to Miss Carroll.

At Salt Lake City, Utah, Bro. Frank Geiger, of Div. 111, to Miss C. Beatrice Shermer.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples. The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Huntington, Ind., Nina Cox, daughter of Bro. J. C. Cox, of Div. 2.

At North Freedom, Wis., father of Bro. L. M. Burt, of Div. 76.

At Meadville, Pa., Bro. E. A. Leitz, of Div. 36.

At Lamont, Miss., Bro. G. O. Hilliard, of Div. 93.

At Lawrence, Kan., Miss Daisy Hoar, daughter of Bro. C. A. Hoar, of Div. 6.

At Thistle, Utah, infant son of Bro. T. M. Burke, of Div. 49.

At Ottawa, Ont., Bro. J. B. Leary, of Div. 7.

At Brookneal, Va., Maude E. Clark, daughter of Bro. Wm. Clark, of Div. 14.

At. Omega, O., Bro. M. W. Kyle, of Div. 14.

At Dwight, Va., Bro. J. W. Hadge, of Div. 14.

At Saranac Lake, N. Y., Bro. B. T. Niles, of Div. 18.

Miss Springer, daughter of Bro. C. D. Springer, of Div. 31.

At Edmonton, Alberta, Can., Bro. F. J. Parkhill, of Div. 7.

At Larimer, Colo., Bro. Wm. Rosenbaum, of Div. 49.

At Corkery, Ont., Bro. John F. Leahy, of the Grand Division.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

WANTED.

Present address of S. N. West, last heard of working at Gainesville, Texas.

GEO. B. PARKMAN.

Present address of P. L. Turner and G. C. Eubanks. Boys, if you see this, write your old friend a card.

W. A. KINNEY, Elrod, N. C.

Present addresses of R. B. Honea, W. M. Shealy and Wm. Gaston. Boys, if you see this, write your old pal at Salisbury, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.

J. N. WALLACE.

Present address of A. C. Rains, last heard of at Webster, Cal.

C. A. WELCH, Banks, Ala.

Present address of Fred Bock, last heard of working for Soo Line at Russell, N. D., about two years ago.

O. S. SMITH, Argus, Ind.

Present address of Fred E. Wheeler, last heard of with Pa. Ry. in Pennsylvania. Left sixteen years ago for the West. "Fred," if you see this, write me, account of death.

GEO. L. PAGE, Cameron, Pa.

Present address of Eughine Forsard, last heard of worked for Big Four at Muncie. If you see this, write to Ollie Scranton, 2231 Fourteenth St., Terre Haute, Ind.

E. W.

Present address of Ben Nixon, last heard of working at Council Bluffs, Ia., about three months ago. Formerly lived at Eyota and Waseca, Minn. "Ben," if you see this, write me L. A. BLACKBURN, Assistant Wire Chief, U. S. Telephone Co., ooz Electric Bldg., Cleveland, O.

Present address of H. A. Davis, worked at Beauvoir, Miss, on L. & N. Last heard of at Stanley, Ia., on C. G. W., May, 1906. Also present address of R. A. Paquette, worked on C. B. & Q., Sheridan Division, in 1907. Last heard of working in St. Paul for "Q" about March, 1908.

H. E. KEAS, Pierce, Colo.

Present address of C. C. Perry, known as "Double C" Perry. Also present address of Dean B. Ellis, last heard of working for U. S. Sig. Cor. in Philippines, and present address of O. C. Hinkle, last heard of working for I. C. at Riverdale Tower, Chicago, Ill.

A. D. Hills, 6120 Washington Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Present address of H. A. Sanford, last beard of at Morgan, Texas. Also present address of J M. Ratliff, worked for Cotton Belt at Mt. Vernon, Texas, in February, and present address of L. H. Brown, worked several nights for Santa Fe at Clifton, Texas, in January. "KC," "R" and "B," if you see this, write me.

A. M. HAMMOND, Mill Fork, Utah.

The following members would like to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

C. E. Epley, Yale, Mich.

Geo. Giles, Rennert, N. C.

A. E. List, Blandburg, Pa.

W. A. Kiney, Elrod, N. C.

T. G. Lucas, Coalbluff, Ind.

P. W. Peters, Atwater, Minn.

K. O. Wade, Heaters, W. Va.

P. C. Roth, Albert Lea, Minn.

A. M. Hammond, Tucker, Utah.

H. D. Evans, Noxapater, Miss.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card No. 5339, Cert. 133, Grand Div., for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 3463, Cert. 723, Grand Div., for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 4743, Cert. 2088, Division 7, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 3378, Cert. 1860, Division 126, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 851, Cert. 24, Division 26, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 2823, Cert. 5257, Grand Div., for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 10748, Cert. 1846, Grand Div., for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 9577, Cert. 1759, Division 8, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 6182, Cert. 1551, Division 23, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 4791, Cert. 289, Division 46, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

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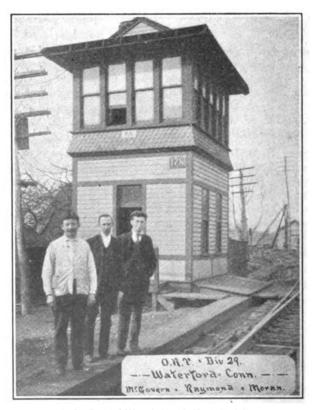
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"THAT MESSAGE."—"WHAT MES-SAGE?"

THE night operator at Holbrook, Dennis Holland, awoke with a start, rubbed his eyes, glanced at the clock and answered the dispatcher. It was now 3:25 a. m., just twenty minutes until No. 9, the fast mail, was due. Holland had been dozing at the ticket window when he was awakened by the office call. The dispatcher asked him, "Who reported bridge on fire?"

"Who reported what?" said Holland.

"The bridge—give me details."

"What do you mean?"

"What do you mean by that message?"

"What message?"

Then the chief dispatcher came to the wire and said:

"Thought it strange. We called you ten minutes after received message. No. 9 will be at Stateline (first station east) in ten minutes, lock office, run to bridge, examine, return, report. Hurry up now, I don't want to delay No. 9."

Holland left the key open a moment in hesitation, then-there being nothing else to do in his confused mind-"O. K.'d" the message and closed his key. When he had hurriedly lighted his lantern and locked the door, he hastened down the track in a slow trot, thinking as he ran how long he had slept, and during that time what could have happened? What did the dispatcher mean by the bridge being on fire, and what message? The mile seemed ten miles, and all the time he was more and more perplexed and bewildered: Holland would have turned back, but blind duty spurred him on. At last he came to the bridge and in the blackness of the night he saw the form of the trestle work darkly outlined against the sky, he heard the ripple of the water beneath, but there was no fire nor light save the glimmer of his own lantern. He remained but an instant, yet it seemed to Holland as ages; he must get back to his key, but he had to pull himself away. As he turned he shuddered and bit his tongue to see if he were awake; was it a dream? He turned back and looked again to be sure that the bridge was not on fire. At last the faint light of his lantern showed him the two half-burnished rails leading out into the night and toward the depot; he followed them with his mind in a state to think almost anything.

When he entered the office the dispatcher was calling. He told the dispatcher, "Bridge is all right—" and started to ask him what was the trouble, but the dispatcher called Stateline and sent this message to the conductor of No. 9: "Be prepared to stop at Holbrook bridge. Bridge reported on fire, reduce speed there."

Holland broke in and asked him: "Bridge O. K. Why did you have me go see if it was?"

"Why did you send that message? Here, take this, 'Bridge one mile east on fire. Stop all trains;' this has agent's name signed to it."

Holland answered, "I didn't send it."
"After we received message, we called you

"After we received message, we called yo ten minutes. What were you doing?"

Holland had been asleep and he now realized that something had happened in his office during that time. He replied that for an hour before No. 9 was due he was booking expense bills and answered when he heard the call.

One night three months later as Dennis Holland was carrying the mail to the crane, a short time before the arrival of No. 9. he heard a door slam and muttered to himself, "I thought I shut that door." When he returned, on entering the ticket office through the baggage room he saw

for an instant in the semi-darkness caused by the shade on his lamp the form apparently of a person, dressed in white, leaving the ticket office. No footsteps were heard, but the outside door opened and closed. Holland stepped to the window and saw the vision of white disappear down the track to the east. But the dispatcher commenced to call and he immediately answered. The dispatcher asked him:

"Why didn't you tell us, so we could hold No. 9 at Stateline?"

Just then Holland heard the faint whistle of the fast mail, and took in the situation at a glance

"Went to hang mail on crane, heard door slam, came back and thought I saw somebody leave office, but I did hear waiting room door lock. Did you get a message from this office?"

The thought of the fast mail running through the burning bridge so weighed upon the dispatcher's mind that he did not for one instant think of what had happened in the office at Holbrook, and he said to Holland:

"Go out and see how close No. 9 is."

The moment Holland stepped upon the platform he heard it whistle for the bridge. He stood there until he could see the headlight which told him it had crossed the bridge. Then he returned and told the dispatcher:

"No. 9 is past bridge."

"O. K. Why did you report bridge on fire again?"

"Didn't."

"Did you send this message, 'Bridge one mile east on fire, stop all trains?"

Holland repeated the account of what he had seen and heard in the office. Later in the morning the dispatcher called Holbrook and instructed Holland to meet the morning train, as Mr. Flaherty, the superintendent, wished to see him. During the interview with Holland the superintendent said that within two years three operators had left Holbrook because of the frequent visits of a ghost and that one dispatcher had resigned because of it. "Now, we would like to have this matter cleared up, so you keep

on the lookout and do not be out of the office only when absolutely necessary."

For two months after this Dennis Holland was startled by every little noise. About three o'clock one morning he was sitting at the ticket window wide awake. He fancied he heard the outside door open and close, but hearing no footsteps he tried to dismiss it from his mind, when he heard the sound of a key being inserted in his office door and the lock was turned, the door opened. A figure clad in white, girlish in appearance, whose pallid face was scarcely visible, entered. Holland, greatly frightened, watched this spectre go to his table, open the key, call the dispatcher and send this message:

"Bridge one mile east on fire. Stop all trains."

Then this extraordinary intruder left the office as strangely as it appeared. During these flitting moments no sound was heard except the click of the telegraph.

"There are instincts for all the crises of life." Holland was no longer afraid. He immediately unlocked the door and followed. He heard the dispatcher calling, but what mattered the dispatcher now? The same duty that spurred him on to the bridge at the word of the dispatcher now bade him follow his unwelcome visitor.

The apparition was going down the track toward the east. When he had gone a short distance from the office the question arose in his mind whether he should follow or overtake. He now saw his plight and asked himself why was he following the ghost anyway. With these puzzling thoughts occupying his mind he suddenly realized that he had overtaken the spectral figure, and reaching forward grasped—not the cold night air, but the warm arm of a young woman,

"It's a girl!" he cried.

At the touch she screamed: "Help! Where am I? Oh, that awful dream again! Where—where am I? Who are you? Oh, what am I doing here?"

Holland explained what he saw her do, and when he had escorted her home she thanked him and asked him to call. Once when Holland called he learned that two years ago her father had been night operator at Holbrook and in spending evenings with him she had learned telegraphy. One night the bridge caught fire; her father seeing the fire down the track, and thinking perhaps it might be the bridge, went to investigate, leaving his daughter in the office. In crossing the burning bridge to save the train, he was fatally burned. However, some one saw the bridge on fire, ran to tell the operator and she sent this message:

"Bridge one mile east, on fire. Stop all trains."—P. SAMUEL PITTMAN and P. CAS-PAR HARVEY.

GRAHAM'S RIDE,

ES," remarked "Old Bart," the night operator, "Uncle Sam has licked everything he has ever tackled yet, including himself. He licked himself all right, but he found that job the longest train he ever coupled onto by several cars.

"Stalled at Manassas Junction, had to back up and make a run for the grade, lost time at Cold Harbor and also at the Wilderness; had quite a wreck at Fredericksburg, came very near putting the whole train in the ditch at Shiloh, passed several other points at push-car speed, with the pilot in the mud and the caboose dragging along on the ties.

"But he went through all right, if he did lose time at every curve along the way, and if you will just remember it, he was ready to line-up against both France and Austria at the end of the run on account of the way they had been prancing around down in Mexico, while he was busy licking himself.

"Yes, he licked himself, all right," continued old Bart. "But you can bet his right hand knew what his left hand was doing while he was at it. It had to."

"Old Griff," the boomer switchman, had been telling us about that fierce little charge up San Juan hill. Old Griff had quit his job, and lied about his age by a dozen years or more to go with the Rough Riders. He had clubbed his Krag Jorgensen after passing the last barbed wire fence, and sprung

into the trenches of the enemy along with the other boys.

Old Griff didn't talk much, but he had been telling us about the fight, and we were bragging some, as all Americans will when the prowess of Uncle Sam's arms is the subject of discussion.

"Oh, I don't know," remarked Gately. the engine foreman, "Uncle Sam fights like a drunken king snipe (section foreman) when you once get him roused up, but, honest, now, Griff, haven't you taken just as close chances on your life railroading as you did going up San Juan hill?"

"No; don't know as I have," answered Griff, "but I know some others that have. There's young Graham, for instance, braking here for old Pap Smith. Burke, you know all about it; tell the boys about Graham's ride down White Rock hill."

"Why, that's been over two years ago." said Burke, the day operator. "We might think up something more modern, but if the boys want to hear the story, I'll tell it the best I can.

"We didn't have the eight-hour law then, and Bart there was on night shift, and I was setting the semaphore and keeping the keys busy from 7 to 7 in the daytime.

"No. 23 pulled out at 6:50 one morning just as I got to the office, and on examining the train file I found that extra north 321, potatoes and stock, would arrive at Dallas at 8:35, with right of track from Ennis to Denison.

"Well, old Pap Smith, the conductor on 23, had some switching to do at Richardson, and if he hadn't had he would have switched anyway. Old Pap's that way, you know. He's afraid if he rests a minute or two the boys won't earn their money.

"The brakemen were at work placing cars to suit 'Bum' Crossley, the agent. And to make room on the Mill track, they switched a stock car loaded with lumber out onto the main line and turned it loose. Graham was head man, and, of course, it was his business to catch that car and set the brakes to hold it until it could be replaced on the head end of the house-track.

"Now, you all know that Richardson is four miles north of White Rock, and that

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it's down hill from the depot to White Rock bridge, and just north of the water tank there are three or four of the shortest, sharpest, reverse curves on the road.

"Now, it was all right to make this switch. You've got to use the main line in switching at these little sidetrack towns along the way, but a man should be sure that everything is all right before undertaking work of this kind; it's never safe.

"The brake-chain of this old stock car was disconnected, and the boys hadn't noticed it. The north switch is 200 yards or more above the depot, and by the time the car had rolled down to where Graham was at work it was traveling at a pretty lively gait.

"Graham ran across from the house-track, skinned up the ladder, grabbed hold of the brake-wheel and gave it a yank that would have stopped any old car if the brakes had been all right; but she didn't stop. The boy saw the trouble at a glance, and he knew that no power on earth could stop that old car until she struck the heavy grade south of White Rock creek.

"He was half-way down the ladder when he thought of extra 321. Old Dick Judson was on engine 321, and Tom Wright, his friend, was giving her steam. They were almost due at White Rock, and yet there was a chance for the car to beat them, to reach the grade south of the creek, where they could be flagged and a collision averted.

"All this flashed through the mind of Graham as he hung to the ladder on the side of the car, and also the consequences of the awful collision, should they meet on the way. Think of it, the old 321 would be making at least forty miles an hour, while the car would be going as fast as wheels could turn. Could he beat them to the grade? He had no time to look at his watch, but his duty was plain. He would stay with the car, and save that train, or—well, he would do his duty, let the consequences be what they might.

"He climbed back onto the top of the car, which by that time was rolling something like thirty miles an hour, and increasing its speed at every click of the joints of the rails, grasped the useless brake-wheel, and stood straight up, with his eyes set hard along the track towards the south.

"He could see no smoke from the old 321, but then the forest of White Rock obscured his view. His hat was gone, but he did not notice it, for by this time the old car was nearing the reverse curves north of the water-tank, swinging from side to side, and running at least sixty miles an hour. He glanced at the earth, and it appeared to be sliding from under him, while the telegraph poles along the right of way looked like fence pickets flying towards the north.

"You know, just south of the curves, the track straightens out with a clear field all the way across White Rock bottom, turning sharply to the left just as the hill is reached, south of the iron bridge. If the car held to the rails until those short reverse curves were passed, the boy had a showing for his life, but was it possible? It was rolling even then seventy-five miles an hour, with no brakes to steady it-no possible way to decrease the speed. The track turns sharply to the right, then to the left, to the right and again to the left. It would appear that the impetus of the heavily-loaded car was bound to carry it straight ahead at the first turn, and if, by chance, it should pass the first curve, how was it possible for it to right itself for the second plunge?

"Young Graham, clinging with one hand to the brake-shaft, slowly lowered himself until he could grasp the running-board. Then throwing himself flat upon his face he clung with all his strength to the frail timber, with closed eyes, and without hope in his heart, for he knew that nothing less than the hand of God could hold that wildly-rushing car to the rails beneath it, or prevent its being dashed into fragments among the thickly-growing trees by the roadside.

"The first curve is reached, and with a lurch that almost tore his hands from the boards to which he clung, they rounded the curve.

"The next one is even worse, but still the wheels went, clinging to the rails, though it seemed from the position of the car that some of them were high above the steel,

while the flanges of the others held them correctly poised.

"How it was ever done. God alone knows: no one else ever will, but the last curve was passed, and the car still clung to the rails. And then Graham opened his eyes, and there was a half-mile of straight, level track before him.

"No one could tell by this time how fast the car was running; just as fast as 33-inch wheels could turn, and it could go no faster.

"The water-tank flashed by, the iron bridge was passed as a mark across the road, and now the car was climbing the hill, and the awful speed was decreasing. Slower and slower it moved, and now with nervous, trembling limbs. Graham eased himself to the ladder. Half-way up the long grade the car stopped and he dropped to the ground. The old stock-car, with its leavy load of lumber, rolled backwards down into the White Rock bottom. And here came extra 321.

"Old Dick, always on the alert, saw the wild 'washout' signals Graham gave, applied his air and came to a stop. And then: 'What's the matter, Graham, old Pap hung up on the hill?'

"'No; car of lumber got away from us up at Richardson; it's down in the bettom now. Go slow, Bill; you'll have to shove it out to the switch.'

"That's all." concluded Burke. "That's the story. Did your heroes of San Juan beat it?"—S. J. Adams. in Railway Carmen's Journal.

A PREACHER'S FAITH IN THE UNION LABEL.

REV. W. A. SUNDAY, in the course of his remarks in a sermon in Indianapolis recently, withdrew his coat and displayed the union label to his audience, saying:

"This is the union label, the emblem of purity, and no merchant can sell me a garment that does not bear the label. All religious people should demand it. If you had visited the sweatshops and tenement houses of the large cities and witnessed the conditions, as I have done, you would not let a merchant sell you anything else. In

many instances the entire family are compelled to work at starvation wages, and eat, cook and sleep in one room, which breeds disease and endangers the life of the public, all for the greed of gold.

"We are only just beginning to appreciate how much we are indebted to the man with the dinner-pail. My sympathies are with the labor unions; had it not been for them, men would be working for starvation wages today. Certainly he has the right to unite so that he won't have to live below the starvation line. The church must never lose sympathy with the man who toils. If it does. I will leave it. Greed for gain and power have blinded men to the old-time principle of 'love for your neighbor.' Too often business consists in getting all you can and keeping out of the penitentiary. So often some fellow will pay \$5 000 for a dog and give some woman 60 cents a dozen to make shirtwaists, and little children will sit pulling basting-threads so that mamma can carry home 15 cents more when night comes. That's the reason I buy my clothes from those who pay the union scale of wages. There are too many who have substituted the penal code for the moral law. We have seen men who have been trusted implicitly in positions of honor become reckless speculators with the savings of the poor. Men are beginning to recognize that if civic righteousness is to prevail, graft in high places is to be checked and the awful avalanche of wickedness that threatens our destiny, it will come when employer or employe put into practice the principles taught by Jesus. In a labor meeting in New York City a big, husky, broad-chested man leaped upon a chair and shouted: 'Boys, I propose three cheers for God! I propose three cheers for his imperial majestythe man with the dinner pail!'

"I am willing to take the platform in behalf of the rights of workingmen. No man was ever more in sympathy with the labor movement than I."

The reverend gentleman mentioned above is not the only clergyman that is taking a tumble to himself. The church is beginning to take a more lively interest in the affairs of labor organizations, and it is up to the labor movement to foster and encourage such advances. While perhaps not as influential as it once was, or as it ought to be, still the church wields a mighty influence in the affairs of life, and should be reckoned with accordingly. It is only through the lethargy and indifference of its members that it has not realized its responsibility in this connection. It is encouraging to see an awakening in this direction, and it is our duty to meet all advances and encourage more friendly relations whenever possible.—Columbia (S. C.) Daily Record.

THE PASSING OF THE PAY-CAR.

R AILROADING isn't any fun any more. Sordid commercial folk in Wall street, with never an idea in their noggins but to invest money and make it pay dividends, have removed all the romance out of life on the rails.

They have reduced grades and straightened kinks and eliminated low joints and high centers and wooden culverts and crazy bridges until a ride over the division is about as thrilling as walking to church.

Air-brakes have so thoroughly crowded out the good old Armstrong kind that a brakeman has no use for skill or judgment or muscle, or even a vocabulary in stopping a train. The engineer does all that is necessary with a slight twist of the wrist.

As for making a coupling, a brakeman no longer mines in the cinders on the back of the tank until he digs up a rusty old link and a couple of pins, and, taking these in one hand and his life in the other, sprints down the center of an unballasted track and over unprotected frogs and guard-rails six inches ahead of a string of cars rolling back at the rate of fifteen miles an hour. No; in these days of slavish adherence to M. C. B. standards he just stands around smoking cigarettes with an air of ennui and lets the cars couple themselves.

No more does he fracture the handle of the fireman's coal hammer and his own peace of mind in vain endeavors to pound a stub switch open after a grilling summer sun has expanded the rails until they are stuck as tight as if they were welded. A fellow in a dog-house on a pole away off yonder, by manipulating a few dainty levers, throws the switches for him.

They have replaced the little old eight-wheel engines, with their ear-splitting, staccato bark, with compound steel mountains, with cylinders like hogsheads and nozzles so big that the exhaust is gentle as a lover's whispered nothings, for no better reason than a desire to keep coal consumption down. No more can the engineer and fireman have a nice sociable quarrel in the cab whenever either's hair pulls a little, for now they are so widely separated they only see each other on Sundays.

Trains, instead of being made up of a dozen or so of pill-boxes, now consist of a string of warehouses on wheels so long that when the front end is arriving at its destination the hind end is just pulling out at the other end of the division.

No more do engineer and conductor, watches in hand, make nice calculations on the time they can steal to make a meeting-point that has a siding long enough to avert the necessity of sawing past. Roads are double-tracked and four-tracked and block-signaled till all a man has to do is to trundle along from block to block until his run is ended and repeat the process until he is retired on a pension.

Ah, no! Railroading isn't what it used to be. But if those Wall street money grubbers had only left us the Pay Car all else could have been forgiven.

Do you remember how, in the good old days, the decrepit jokes about what was to be done when the Pay Car came were taken out of the moth-balls along about the tenth of the month and dusted off and put through their paces?

How, toward the fifteenth, a feeling of sprightliness gradually stole over every one from the wipers in the roundhouse to the lucky dogs who had passenger runs?

How this exuberance swelled in volume as the forte pedal was put on in anticipation. until toward the eighteenth everybody went about with a broad grin and nerves all a-tingle like you feel when the orchestra is playing the creepy music to accompany the

rillain's midnight assault with intent to kill?

How, still later, everybody drifted down to the depot about four times a day to ask the station agent if he had heard anything about the Pay Car, until he grew as crabbed as a setting hen?

How, about the twenty-second, the waiter girls at the Depot Hotel would give you a saucy wink and bring you a great, juicy, melting, extra special wedge of pie you didn't order, for dessert, along with the ice-cream and nuts and raisins and fruit and pudding and shortcake you did order? Those girls knew how to work a fellow for tips about pay day, didn't they?

At last, one day as you were letting 'em down the hill into the junction, the operator pulled his train order signal on you. Your heart leaped into your throat because you knew—

Well, you just felt it in your bones.

You went down the side of the car without knowing how you did it and sprinted for the switch to head 'em in on the passing track, and then flew to the station on winged feet, leaving the engineer to hold 'em with the driver brakes or let 'em run out at the lower end as he chose. And the grumpy old curmudgeon stopped 'em beautifully, without so much as saying "boo," when on any other occasion he would have unloosed a torrent of vituperation that would have set the ties on fire, and would have followed it up by heaving a monkeywrench at you if you had been in range.

There behind the counter was the Old Man looking over the shoulder of the operator, who was spelling out the order without breaking oftener than every second word:

"Train No. 7, Conductor Flatwheel, Engineer Poundem, will meet Pay Car special. Conductor Linkenpin, Engineer Moriarty, at Emerson."

Such an air of nonchalance as Old Man Flatwheel did assume as he turned away to discuss with the hind man the advisability of making a switch of that through car of corn next the engine to get it behind the way-cars so we wouldn't be bothered with it at Lyons in doing our work on those

heavy grades, and affected to forget that he was getting orders until the operator called him over to sign them. He was so slow about his signature that before the dispatcher's O. K. was received you looked out of the big bay window and saw the section gang which was working just beyond the Y throw down their shovels and run down the track like a herd of stampeded steers.

There, just coming around the curve, was a glittering vision of brass and varnis'h half hidden in a nimbus of smoke and dust. Two short blasts of a whistle greeted the gang, the vision hesitated for a minute, while the section men disappeared in the nimbus and reappeared as suddenly as if they had been shot out of a gun, and here came the vision gliding up to the platform with bell ringing and pop-valves sputtering sotto voce, like a young lady trying to suppress a ticklish cough.

It was the Pay Car.

At this point you lost consciousness.

Some time later, while still as one in a dream, you realized that your numbed senses, beginning at the pilot, had taken in every detail of this romantic visitation of opulence.

Never was there such an engine as the one which pulled the Pay Car. At each joint in her jacket was a band of brass four inches wide. Dome, sand-box, steam-chests and cylinders were encased in brass, polished until you could have seen to shave in it. Her front end and her dainty straight stack were rubbed with plumbago until they shone like a small boy's heel. All her bright work was smooth and spotless and glittering, while all the rest of her surface was striped and curlicued with all the colors the general shops could mix.

Moriarty, the lucky runner of this paragon, in a clean checked jumper left open at the neck to show a gorgeous red tie in which a diamond glittered, a hard-boiled cady cocked jauntily over his left ear, was lolling out of the cab window in such a way that all the world might see that he wore kid gloves while on his engine. Moriarty was something of a swell, and he didn't care who knew it.

His only rival in sartorial effulgence was Pete Swanson, his Swede fireman, who was leaning out of his cab window with a stony glare fixed on vacancy, affecting to watch for signals. Of course, he knew that all the signals which concerned him would be given with the bell-cord; but his zealous attention to duty relieved him of the necessity of recognizing his humbler fellow mortals.

No plebeian overclothes eclipsed Pete's glory. There was the square-cut black coat that no one but a railroad man ever wore -vou know the kind-a vest of fancy red cloth, trousers with stripes that you could hear ten car-lengths away, square-toed shoes with soles half an inch thick, and a stiff-bosomed shirt with red and white stripes. On this foundation reposed a black satin puff tie held together by a locomotive done in gold. On his head at a rakish angle was one of those soft hats of the peculiar block affected exclusively by railroad men a score of years ago. No, you didn't need to read the tag to discover that Pete was a railroad man.

Coupled to the engine was a wheeled palace built on graceful lines in freshly-varnished yellow paint which rivaled the brass work on the engine in brilliancy. The plate-glass windows were curtained with bright-hued brocade. Not a speck nor a flaw was to be seen. Even the yellow wheels bore only so much dust as had been gathered on the day's run. Through an open window came fragrant odors, while in the background a white jacket surmounted by a black face vibrated at intervals.

All the time Old Man Flatwheel was heading a little procession bound toward the rear platform of the Pay Car at a gait which he assumed but once a month. Flatwheel had conscientious scruples against undue exertion, so he always had the caboose stopped at the station platform so that without dissipating his energies he could saunter in to gas with the agent until the hind man announced that the work was all done and that we were ready to go. Then he would get his orders or a clearance and tell the hind man to give 'em the sign and saunter back to the caboose before

they got to rolling. But to have seen the animation with which he swung himself aboard the Pay Car would have created the impression that he was the only working railroad man on the division.

At his side stalked Panhandle Dan, the engineer, his face actually wreathed in smiles. Panhandle Dan had a chronic grouch from 12:01 a. m. January 1 to 11:59 p. m. December 31, except for three minutes once a month. On the way to the Pay Car he always perked up a bit and was even known to crack a joke with Old Man Flatwheel.

After these two came the hind man talking incessantly with the fireman. Charley always was talking that way. He had an automatic tongue which never ran down. Half the time he didn't know he was talking. His was what the doctors would diagnose as a reflex conversation.

Frank, the fireman, was the only sober one. He, poor fellow, was doing sums in mental arithmetic, trying to figure out how on earth \$58.60 could be made to pay all necessary bills for a helpless father and mother, a wife and four kids, besides board bills for a man who was obliged to be away from home half the time.

Then there was the operator, in shirt sleeves and careworn air, hoping he could get back to his key before the dispatcher lost his temper; the agent, placidly smiling; and the two coal-heavers from the coal-shed with an expression of almost human intelligence struggling up through number-less strata of grime and whiskers. After thirty days of humping over a scoop-shovel in a choking smother of dust they were now about to be recompensed with thirty seconds of bliss in which they could fondle real money with their own hands. After that the storekeeper would do the fondling and feel bad because there wasn't more.

You had presence of mind enough to float into the Pay Car in the wake of the others. There were nine in the little party and you knew by experience that the average time required to pay nine men was sixty seconds: also that Moriarty would have 'em rolling before the last man had scooped his allotted coin into his trembling palm.

But in the presence of death or the paymaster one may live an eternity in sixty seconds. How glad you were that you had not been rude and rushed in ahead of anybody, even the coal-heavers! Now your hungry soul could have the uttermost second in which to revel in—

Great Mackerel! Just look at it!

A metal coin rack crammed to the muzzle with three denominations of yellow boys, flanked with silver, and on the desk behind it a very large wooden tray on which were long columns of yellow coins. D'ye ever see anything so pretty in all your life? No wonder your eyes stuck out until you could have used 'em for hat pegs.

And all the time an exquisitely musical "tinkle, tinkle, clink-clink" welled up from coin-rack and counter in response to the calls of the assistant paymaster. Talk about Beethoven's symphonies!

If it were not for that strong wire-screen you could have touched that fascinating tray. For the infinitesimal fraction of a second a wicked thought flitted through your brain. Then you almost fainted as your roving eye stared down the barrel of a monstrous revolver. It was only in a rack, but it was within easy reach of the paymaster's hand, and most eloquent for all that. Half a dozen of its fellows lay in the handiest places, with as many Winchesters lying on tables and settees, came in strong on the chorus.

Hurriedly your vagrant wits busied themselves with all the Sunday school lessons you had ever learned. As your subconsciousness perceived that the head of the road's secret service department stood on the platform with his eyes intent on every man in the car at once, while Conductor Linkenpin stood on the ground outside very much alert, with his coat-tail bulging suggestively, your bosom swelled with pride over the watchful care the company had exercised to bring its honest toilers their hard-earned money.

From the lithograph of Caroline Miskel Hoyt on the wall to the little hollows in the hard mahogany counter worn out by the attrition of the hundred and twenty-eight million dollars in wages the paymaster had plunked down on that spot since this first Pay Car ever built had been commissioned, you kept on absorbing details until your name was called.

A still greater rush of blood to your head caused you to gulp violently. Mechanically you lifted your hand to touch the pen as the others had done, and turned to go.

"Here! Come back and get your money."
When you came out of your trance you were standing in the middle of the track. your eyes wandering from some yellow objects in your hand to a nimbus of smoke and dust which was just tipping over the hill to the accompaniment of the diminuendo flutter of Moriarty's exhaust.

But now!

Oh, well! After you have washed up on a certain day in each month you trudge drearily down to the station all alone, walk in, and lolling on the counter, affect to look indifferent, and say:

"Hello, John!"

And the agent, after going over a column of figures three times, replies, "Hello, Bill," and gets up and goes to the safe and fumbles over some papers and hands you—

A check!

No jokes, no infectious sprightliness, no uncertainty to put a wire edge on anticipation, no fleeting vision of brass and varnish and opulence wreathed in a halo of romance to leave a golden taste in your mouth for a day, nothing but a measly old check handed over a commonplace counter by a man who lives next door to you.

Why couldn't they have left us the Pay Car?—By C. F. CARTER, in The American Magazine.

EARLY DAYS OF TRAVEL.

TCHISON to California in thirty-five days; fare only \$200 in gold."

This was the heading of an old handbill, yellow with age, which a traveler laid upon the counter in a railway ticket office the other day, says the Kansas City Journal. It was an advertisement of a line of stage coaches that ran from Atchison, Kan. to San Francisco, during the gold excitement of years ago.

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"People seldom stop to think what their poor ancestors had to put up with fifty years ago," the man said. He was comparing the old time-table with a modern railway time-table, which told of the luxuries one could have by traveling on that road. No dust no jarring, and all other disagreeable features eliminated.

The old time-table was a double sheet of paper, torn and yellow with age. It was issued by the Atchison & California stage coach line in 1857. The inducements it held forth were in strange contrast with those of the modern railroad advertisement. The stage coach line advertised that it had recently refurnished the entire "road" with absolutely new wagonettes, and it told what kind of coaches they were, how the springs were made, and of what strength they were. It even said that the coaches were painted in the "best manner possible." The horses that drew the coaches were described, too, as the best.

An inducement that was held out on the time-table to prospective passengers was a stopover privilege. "Passengers who had paid their entire fare from Atchison or other points to the destination," the paper said, "may register with our agents. A stopover privilege is then given for any place on the road." The time of the stopover was unlimited. The time-table provided that a passenger might resume the journey whenever there was an empty seat in the stage coach."

"We make quicker time to California than any other stage coach line, at a cheaper rate," the pamphlet stated. It went on to say that for \$200 a person could ride all the way from Atchison, Kan., to the gold fields of California. "The distance is 1,913 miles." was stated on the time-table. "The longest distance ever attempted by a stage coach line. Atchison to California in thirty-five days."

A boast was made that there were twelve telegraph stations on the road to California, and that eating places had been established along the road where good meals could be had at a nominal price of \$3.00. Every passenger was allowed twenty-five pounds of baggage, consisting of wearing apparel and

other necessary baggage. All over that amount must be paid for at the rate of 50 cents a pound.

It was advertised that the risk on the return trip was very great on account of the amount of gold-dust and nuggets being brought back from California. The company employed only the bravest men, fully armed, all the time. But it declined to carry gold-dust unless paid for at the rate of \$3.00 a pound. The company refused to be held responsible for the loss of the gold-dust by robbers, Indians or other means.

The pamphlet also advertised a fast freight line between Atchison and Denver, Colo., in twenty days.

A PIG TALE.

OBJECT only because I can't see why one should feed pigs—beastly pigs—before one can learn farming." the young Englishman objected. "I didn't come to Canada for that, you know. When I buy my own farm, I shall not grow the nasty things," he added in explanation.

"Oh, I see," said MacDonald of the fiery beard. "I see. But I'll just tell you this: If you don't learn how to feed pigs, you don't learn how to farm with me. You either feed those pigs or we call off our agreement, right now. Understand?"

The Englishman flushed scarlet, and twisted savagely at the waxed points of his mustache. "Oh, very well," he said, with as good grace as could be expected, "if you think it a necessary part of my education. I shall feed the beastly things." Then he muttered, under his breath: "But I think it a piece of bally rot—my word, I do!"

"Good morning, Mr. Perry," the farmer's daughter called out, as she came towards them. "Oh!" she cried, stopping abruptly and raising her pretty eyebrows, "starting in seriously this morning, Mr. Perry?" Her voice was rich, refined, well-modulated, with a tone of confidence and gentle raillery in it; all of which proclaimed the "College for Young Ladies." as the well-knit frame and the healthy flush advertised the virtues of country air.

Mr. Perry's manner became more uneasy; the possibility of having a spectator of his humiliation was, perhaps, a reasonable excuse.

"Yes," he said, glancing a little nervously at the farmer; my first practical lesson, Miss MacDonald, and I feel quite a blockhead, don't you know—quite hopeless."

"Oh, you'll learn all right," MacDonald put in. "But the only place to start is where I started—at the bottom, Better hurry up, though; they're singing for their breakfast, and may tear that fence down if they don't get it pretty soon."

"What—the pigs? Are you to feed the pigs, Mr. Perry? Oh, how delightful! and may I watch you?" the young lady asked.

"Well, you know really, Miss May-" he stammered.

"Oh, yes, I must watch you!" she interrupted. "You will need my advice, of course."

She waited no more, but started for the little field into which the pigs had been turned for the summer; while he, with burning cheeks, but a firm determination to see the thing through, followed, twisting murderously at the little yellow decoration on his upper lip.

"My word! I feel like a blooming idiot," he muttered to himself.

The arrival of Miss MacDonald at the enclosure was announced by an uproar almost loud enough to split one's ears.

The Englishman came to a sudden stop. "My eye! but they seem savage this morning," he thought. But at that moment he saw the farmer giving him a last look before entering the house, so he squared his shoulders and faced the music with a bold front.

"Don't you think they are awfully cute?" the girl asked, as the victim came up. "Did you ever see brighter or more intelligent little eyes? See how they sparkle and dance and blink. Who, after seeing them, can say they are stupid?"

"Or gentle!" he added.

She pouted, and withdrew a little way while he filled the pail from the barrel, and the pigs attempted to anticipate his service by scrambling over each other to the top rail of the fence.

Perry watched their efforts with mingled disgust and alarm. He approached the fence and peered over in search of the trough into which he had seen Bill pour the milk the day before. To his consternation he beheld the trough several yards from the fence, turned bottom up, where the greedy herd had nosed it.

"I say, Miss MacDonald, here's a shocking mess!" he complained, turning an appealing face to her. "The stupid things have upset their trough!"

"Turn it over again," she laughed—unsympathetic creature!

"But-" he objected.

"Oh, Mr. Perry, you are not afraid of them, surely!" she laughed again.

Afraid! The idea of his being afraid! And for her to laugh! He would show her how much cause she had for laughter at his expense. He mounted the barrier almost recklessly, but paused on the top rail, with the pail resting before him. and shouted "Shoo!" at the scrambling beasts below.

But the pig is a rowdy; he knows nothing of respect or discipline. And so the young Englishman now learned. His "Shoo!" produced not the slightest effect; it was drowned in a storm of protest; and the huge mother of the half-grown family displayed her contempt for orders and impatience of delay by tossing his dangling foot aside with an unexpected roughness that almost precipitated both milk and man upon her back.

"Lord Harry! The vicious duffer!" he gasped and made a frantic grab to save the pail from falling. He succeeded; only about a quart of the milk was lost—and not irretrievably; the flaring top of his new long boot caught it, and it trickled amongst his toes quite refreshingly. Again he glanced his appeal at the girl; but she was writhing in the grip of convulsive laughter.

"Oh;—oh!" she gasped; and then as he performed another acrobatic feat, to avoid the tossing snouts: "Oh, please—please, don't," she cried; "I—I can't stand it!" And she leaned against the fence, holding her sides and shaking.

This humiliation was even too much for a self-controlled Englishman. He trembled with fear and anger; but the anger, backed by pride, prevailed.

"I shall jolly soon show you," he muttered; and brandishing his hat before the bead-like eyes, he dropped amongst the squealing, scrambling brutes.

To his surprise, his sudden descent produced no pronounced effect—except within his boot; there it caused the collected milk to spout and gurgle musically. He shuddered at the sensation, and kicked out savagely at the roll of bacon that had climbed half into the pail in his hand.

"You blooming bounder!" he ground between clenched teeth, and kicked to right and left in quick succession.

The pigs squealed, but, undaunted, returned to the attack with renewed vigor.

Mr. Perry's heart began to sink. conviction that he had made a mistake in taking the tempting pail within the enclosure forced itself upon his mind with disconcerting strength. His position was becoming less bearable with each second that passed. That he might save the pail from capture he was forced to hold it with both hands, breast high, before him; and even then a dozen squealing noses tossed and puffed but an inch below. Alarm began to drown his resolution. He was being rudely buffeted to right and left by creatures that he loathed and did not understand. He took a backward step; they tumbled over each other in their haste to follow; and one, even less courteous than his fellows, stamped a well-weighted hoof upon his soaking foot.

The victim bit his lower lip with rage. "Oh, you duffer! You—you blundering idiot!" he swore. Again he kicked with might and main, and limped painfully back another step.

The pig that received the blow squealed in ear-splitting falsetto, darted away a few yards, turned, and with head tipped to one side, stared back with dancing little eyes, and grunted its wonder and resentment.

The accusing look was wasted on Perry; he had heard a gasping laugh, and glanced over his shoulder in wonder. There he beheld the girl—the girl that he had been fool enough to admire—squirming against the fence purple in the face and half strangling with laughter at his agony.

"Uh!" he grunted, and lurched to one side, as the huge mother of the ruffians collided with his leg.

There is a limit to even a gentleman's patience. "My word! It's amusing—devilishly amusing!" he sputtered in desperation. "Ha, ha!" he laughed, half hysterically. "so glad to contribute to your pleasure! So jolly glad!"

She was too breathless to take offense: she merely clung to the rail, swayed from side to side, and struggled for breath.

At this moment the crisis came. The Englishman had just ground his teeth and delivered a mighty kick at an impetuous beast that had almost upset him, when his most dreaded and least refined enemy, the lumbering mother, with a hungry-brightened eye, spied from the rear the tantalizing pail, lowered till well within her reach. Driven to a fury of impatience by this irritating creature, who had come amongst them with his awkward ways and inconsiderate kicks, she threw all caution to the winds and dashed between his legs.

The victim's knees flew apart as if a bomb had burst between them; the hog's nose struck the pail in its descent; the milk spouted high in the air and came down in a sticky torrent. A wild yell escaped the fallen, as he came down on a broad, flat back. He gasped and sputtered through the storm of milk. and grabbed frantically at something, which proved to be a slippery ear. The hog squealed her horror and dashed through her startled family. He gripped his knees well into the bulging sides, drew up two yards of legs, crouched low in his living saddle, and clung to the pail and ear in desperation.

The wind screamed and whistled, as he shot around the little field with the speed of an express train; the earth, the fence, the barn, vibrated like a stretched elastic; and each of the short, lightning-like jumps seemed to drive his backbone down to half its natural length.

"You duffer! Oh, you stupid duffer!" he grunted through teeth that snapped together

with every jolt. "I'll drub the blooming life out of you!"

He swung the pail on high and brought it with a thump against the shining side and the last of the milk shot up his sleeve, in pure perversity.

"Uh, uh, uh!" the beast protested, and shot forward with increased speed.

As he flew past the point where the girl stood, he caught a choking little sound, which stirred the wells of his rage to the very bottom. He swung the pail aloft repeatedly, and at each swing the grunts of terror mingled with his jolting imprecations.

"I-I shall finish you—I shall jolly soon finish you!" was shaken from between his teeth as the grain is shaken from the hopper. "Take that, you bally idiot!—and that!—and that!"

"Uh! uh! uh!" the hog responded, and darted, swift as an arrow toward a corner where the rest of the herd were crowded—wondering spectators of the scene.

The pail still rose and fell; the milk still dripped. The victim's toes still plowed the grass. "You duffer—you—stupid duffer!" was still jolted out unevenly.

And then, ere one could blink, it was all over! The unwilling and abused bearer of the burden dashed amongst her offspring; a storm of squealing rent the air; a pair of long legs cut fantastic figures above the shining backs for a moment; the band scrambled over them, buried them, and dispersed—and, lo! only a pail and a muddy, though white-washed form remained.

"I never knew a 'remittance man' yet that was worth his salt. The confounded idiot has run the sow almost to death." It was the farmer that spoke.

Mr. Perry looked around dazedly, and discovered that he was lying on the grass just outside the fatal enclosure.

"My eye!" he muttered, scrambling to his feet.

"Nothing the matter with your eye, it's all in your dod-gasted head," said the farmer.—By Knox Magee, in the National Monthly.

INTO THE JAWS OF DEATH.

ANT a yarn, eh?" said my friend, Erhardt, as he tipped his chair back and deposited his number sixes upon my telegraph table. "Well, I am afraid you have applied at the wrong window, young man. There never was a much worse hand at telling stories. I have had in my life but one experience which was at all remarkable, and I think I have told you of that."

"Your adventure with the highwaymen in the depot here? No, you have never told me about it. I have heard the station agent speak of the affair once, but that was all, Tell me the whole story." Erhardt was an ex-operator and cashier of the H-- bank, a solid, substantial institution; the repository of the savings of the farmers for miles around, and which, in its way, transacted more business than many of its more pretentious city prototypes. He was waiting at the depot to meet a friend expected on the milk train, which, as usual, was a trifle over four hours late. He had expressed a proper amount of disgust on the receipt of this information, and finally took a chair in my office to wait. It was a cold, blustering night; the wind howled without, and my fire (of old railroad ties) roared and leaped in its castiron prison. "If I must wait here for that confounded slow coach, I might as well tell the story," and he settled himself in his chair and lighted a

"It was some seven or eight years ago, 1867. I think, that I was sent to open the office here. I remember a little interview I had with the superintendent just before I started. I was a little wild in those days. and had just returned from a week's fun. 'Erhardt,' he said. 'I will give you just one more chance. I am going to send you down to H--. If you behave yourself there, and show that you have any of the true stuff in you, I will give you a better position in time. If not, I shall wash my hands of you, and you will receive no more this company.' employment from looked after me somewhat regretfully, I imagined, as I went out: I think he was inclined to like me, but my conduct made it impossible for him to show me much favor.

"Well, I came down here and opened this office. Telegraphing was more of a curiosity than it is now, and I found myself regarded as a sort of a lion by the people here. I was then a first-classer, and could take my forty words a minute as easily as anyone. Had it not been for my frisky habits I would probably have graced some large office. I now tried hard to be steady and sober, and really succeeded very well. I struck up an acquaintance with the station agent here, who was a steady, thorough-going young fellow, and an excellent companion. He was greatly taken with the mysteries of telegraphy. Very much to his delight, I offered to teach him, and had soon transformed him into a very tolerable plug. He read very well-much better than he could write. I very quickly saw that Mason had in him the material for an excellent operator. He had a keen sense of humor, and we were eternally playing jokes on each other, which were always taken in good part.

"About fifty miles further down the road was a small office in charge of a Miss Annie L.—. I introduced Mason to her over the wire, and they practiced together a great deal. Mason was a little the best receiver, and somehow managed to spend very much of his time relating to her that ineffable nonsense which is so interesting to the participants, and such idiotic bosh to outsiders.

"I looked upon this with considerable amusement, not, perhaps, unmixed with a spice of envy. They took so much pleasure in conversing with each other that I felt called upon to interfere. But how?

"One day I fell into a brown study—determined to do something. The result of my cogitations was that I rummaged in my 'local' closet and produced an old antiquated Morse key which I had brought to H—with me, thinking, perhaps, it might be of use. This I proceeded to fix up in a corner under my table, connecting it to the main line precisely as my other key was connected. My table stood against the wall directly under a window, and it was so

dark underneath that there was absolutely no danger of discovery. Then, at odd times when Mason was not around I practiced sending with my foot. I found the process of writing in that manner not half so difficult as one would suppose. I had bent the circuit closer so that I could move it easily, and the rest was merely a matter of practice. I persevered until I grew quite proficient in this novel method of transmis-My foot writing, so to speak. remarkably like Miss sounded Annie L---'s style.

"It was not more than a day or two after I had decided that my foot was sufficiently versed in the new art to commence business that an opportunity presented itself. It was after supper. The last train but one had passed. There were in those days very few passengers by the milk train, and H—was not a milk station, so Mason did not wait for it. He slammed his ticket window down, shut up his safe, and then came over to my desk, leaned over, saw that the wire was quiet, opened the key and commenced calling: 'Ax, Ax, Ax—M.' her private call. Now was my chance:

"'I, I, Ax,' answered my pedal extremity.
"'G. E. Isn't it a beautiful evening?'—M.

"'Good eve. Yes, delightful. I am going to take a walk after I have closed up the office, Ax,' I answered.

"'What are you going to do this evening?'—M.

"'I have just finished my book, and have nothing to do until I close.'—Ax.

"It must be remembered that my mischievous foot took the part of 'Ax' in this conversation.

"'Good.' (Draws up a chair). 'Then we will have a little chat. What have you been reading today?'—M.

"'The Moonstone. Do you know, I believe I have the gift of second sight. I fancy I see you. Yes, I can see you. You are leaning upon the table; now you have arisen. You have on a blue suit, with a black necktie, and gold watchchain. You had a straw hat on your head, but have just taken it off.'

"At these details, which were, of course, exactly correct, Mason's face assumed 2

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look of extreme astonishment, mouth and eyes wide open, resembling nothing so much as an exaggerated exclamation-point.

"'Now you have taken out your handkerchief and wiped your forehead. Your personal appearance would be much improved by closing your mouth.'

"Mason shut it up with a snap, then tried to say something and failed.

"Yes, that is better. If you only would not stare so."

"Mason seized his hat and dashed out of the office as if the evil one were after him, not even bidding me good night.

"I laid back in my chair and laughed until I was weak. My attention was attracted to the sounder by hearing 'R' (the largest city on the line, thirty miles above H—), calling furiously. I answered, and was rewarded by:

"I wish to heaven you would stop that nonsense and attend to business.' Ahr, 21.—R. Ck. 25 paid, 95.

"To J. R. C., Pres. H-Bank:

"The bullion has arrived. Do you wish it sent by milk train tonight? I shall send it unless I receive direct orders at once.

"'WM. K., Cashier R- Bank.'

"I copied the message, inclosed it in an envelope directed it, and called the freighthouse porter, who was in the outer room.

"Be sure and get an answer, William,"

"'Faith, I will,' he replied.

"I followed him to the door. The moon had gone down, and it had grown very dark. The station was about half a mile from the village, and I could just see the lights of the nearest house nearly that distance away. It was not built up then as it is now. The situation was certainly a very lonesome one, but I did not feel at all afraid, though now alone in the station.

"In about half an hour William returned.
"Rather a lonely walk, William,' I said.

"'Yes, sir,' he answered. 'I came back across the fields, and so shortened it.'

"Which, in all probability saved his life.

"I tore the envelope containing the answer open and read it.

"'You can go home now, William,' I said.

"The message read: 'To Wm. K-, cashier R- Bank:'

"'No; do not send the bullion tonight. I will give you further orders tomorrow as to its disposition.' J. R. C., Pres.

"I had checked the message, and, standing by the table, had stretched out my hand to the key to call 'R,' when an arm was roughly thrown around me, pinning my hands to my sides, and I felt the pressure of cold steel on my temple. 'Move. shout, or speak but a single word and I will blow your brains out,' said a harsh, determined voice in a low tone.

"I am as brave, perhaps, as most men. yet I confess I was thoroughly frightened—scared almost to death.

"I could hear the muffled tramp of men in the room. One of them blew out my kerosene lamp, and turned a dark-lantern so that it shone in my eyes, and almost blinded me. Another man, low in stature, but heavy and thick-set, with a long beard and a mask over the upper part of his face, placed himself directly in front of me and produced a pair of handcuffs which he secured upon my wrists. My arms were then released by the man who had held them. He with the beard, who seemed to be the leader of the gang, then, by the light of the lantern, hunted over the table until he found the message, which he read and carefully placed in his breast pocket.

"'You are sure this message has not been sent?"

"'I know it has not,' was the answer. 'He was just getting ready to send it when we entered.'

"'Very good. Now.' he said, turning to me, 'I want you to understand that we are going to secure the treasure which was to have been sent down from R—— tonight, and you will help us. If you have any objections this little persuader will silence them. As he spoke he tapped the butt of a revolver which projected from his pocket.'

"He took up a pencil and proceeded to write a message on a soft sheet. While he was thus employed I took occasion to glance around. There were eight men in the room, all of whom wore masks similar to that worn by their leader. I could just

make out their forms in the dim light. A hand dropped upon my shoulder showed me that even the turning of my head had been observed.

"'There,' the leader said, 'you will send that instead of the other message.' He he'd the sheet up before me. It read:

"'To Wm. K---, Cashier R--- Bank:'

"'Yes, send the bullion by the milk train tonight, without fail. My cashier with a guard will be at the station to receive it.
"'J. R. C., Pres.'

"I looked down at my manacled wrists. The irons were heavy, and the chain connecting the two rings not more than three inches long.

"'I can't send it with these on.' I muttered.

"'You must,' said the chief, grimly.

"I meekly resolved to try. Taking up a pencil I managed to count the words and scrawl the check on the message with some difficulty. I was going to remark, from force of habit, that it should be written on a message blank under the conditions, but bethought myself in time.

"'Stop! What is that?' said the chief, pointing to the check.

"'The number of words and the amount paid,' I answered.

"'Is this necessary?' he asked of the man to whom he had spoken before.

"'Yes, sir; it is all right. They call it the check, and put it on every message.'

"'Very well, then; go ahead. This man is an operator. He will watch you closely, and at the first sign of treachery I will put a bullet through your head. Smith, stand out of range, or you may get a taste of it, too.'"

"I sat down at the table. He pushed the chair closer. Opening the key I commenced calling 'R.' I again felt the cold barrel of the revolver on my forehead, and it made me so nervous that I could hardly manipulate the key. 'R' answered.

"'That is good,' said the man addressed as Smith, who was the operator. 'Send slow, I can't read fast writing,' he added.

"I proceeded very slowly, and Smith pronounced each word as I made it. The leader glanced alternately at Smith and myself uneasily. It was evident that this was the crisis of their bold conspiracy. 'R' broke me in the middle of the message, wanting to know why the deuce I sent so slowly. I closed the key and took my hand away nervously.

"'What did he say,' demanded the leader.

"'He wanted to know why I did not send faster.' I said

"'Tell him you have a sore finger,' said Smith.

"I spelt this lie out slowly, Smith reading it aloud, then went on and finished the message. 'R' gave a sharp and distinct 'O. K.,' which the renegade operator read aloud. The leader gave a sigh of relief, which promptly echoed, as he removed the pistol barrel from my head. He then unlocked one of the handcuffs, removed it, placed my hands behind my back and reclasped the ring around my wrist, thus rendering me perfectly helpless.

"There was nothing to be done now except to wait. The men disposed themselves on the chairs around the room, the leader still guarding me, revolver in hand.

"As I thought over the events of the last half-hour I was filled with rage at the dastardly deed I had been compelled to commit. This money, which would now fall into the hands of these miscreants, was the property of honest farmers, widows and orphans; and I had assisted to rob them. Better far to have sacrificed my life. If unharmed, how could I ever hold up my head again? Oh, that I had refused to be their tool. Was there no way to undo what I had done?

"Stop! The key under the table! Why had I not thought of it before? I opened it with my foot, and made a few dots.

"'What is that?' said the leader.

"'Only some one practicing,' I answered, readily.

"He looked at Smith, who nodded.

"I called 'R' rapidly.

"'What did he say then?'

"'Practicing the letter "C," sir,' I answered, glibly. 'Do you wish me to read aloud all that passes over the wire?'

"'No, it is not necessary,' said the chief.

"'I can read most of it,' said Smith, giving me a penetrative glance.

"I had my own reasons for doubting this statement. 'R' answered. I said, writing as rapidly as I could under the circumstances:

"'Has that message been delivered yet?'

"'Yes, long ago.'

"'Then go after it and stop it. That bullion must not be sent tonight.'

"His key opened and remained so for nearly five minutes; then it closed, and he said:

"'All right, the bullion will not go. What is the matter?'

"The matter is that this office is full of armed highwaymen. I was forced to send that message with a loaded revolver at my forehead."

"'Good heavens! Wait a minute."

"I turned and met the eye of the robber chief. I could not help smiling sarcastically.

"He was on his feet in an instant.

"'By G—,' he said, 'if you have played us any trick, young fellow, you will pay for it with your life.'

"'He has not said a word,' remarked Smith.

"'It is well for him,' said the leader. If that bullion arrives all right, you will be released uninjured. If it fails to come, or if there is a sign of treachery, your corpse will be found on the floor tomorrow morning, with your brains spattered on that wall.'

"I shuddered at this picture, which was beginning to loom up as a black reality before me.

"The chief of police is here,' ticked out the sounder, 'and wants to know how you are situated.'

"'My hands are handcuffed behind me, and a man sits at my side with a loaded and cocked revolver,' I answered.

" 'Thunder! Then how can you send?'

"I am sending with my foot on a concealed key under the table, which was rigged up to play a joke on Mason."

" 'What can be done to save you?'

"'Nothing. But capture these robbers, if possible. When does the train leave?'

" In ten minutes."

"Then hold it. There are eight heavilyarmed burglars here. Better have twentyfive or thirty well-armed men on the train. Let it stop just above, on the curve, and have them walk down and surround the station."

"'R's' key opened a moment, then he said.

"'It will be done. What will they do to you?'

"'I am doomed; will probably be shot the very first thing. But some one will swing for it.'

"'Good God,' said 'R.' 'Is there no help?'

"'I will—I will. Is there nothing else?"

"'No; I had better stop now or I may arouse suspicion. Good-by.'

"'What is all this about?' demanded the leader of the highwaymen.

"'A couple of students practicing,' I answered wearily.

"A deep silence followed, broken at last by the sounder ticking out:

"'The train has just left with twenty-eight policemen and citizens aboard.'

"'O. K.,' I answered.

"It would make the run in forty or forty-five minutes.

"A distant chuch-bell chimed out eleven o'clock. Where would I be at twelve?

"The time wore heavily away. I reviewed my past life. So far as I knew I had never harmed any one. Surely the manner of my death would atone for some at least of my sins. Whatever was before me I was prepared for. I had not a relative living. No one, excepting, perhaps, Mason, would mourn for me. Well, perhaps it was best so.

"'The train is due in ten minutes,' said Smith.

"Just at that moment I caught a sound which escaped the less practiced ears of my companions. The train had arrived and stopped at the curve. My blood coursed like wildfire through my veins; my heart thumped against my side as though it would



force its way out. Every nerve was alive with anticipation.

"It came at last. Both doors of the station were burst in with a tremendous crash; a wild rush was made for the inside office. A loud voice exclaimed:

"'Surrender, in the name of the law!"
"'Betrayed,' shouted the leader. He
placed the barrel of the revolver to my ear,
the hammer fell with a dull thud. It had

missed fire. With a curse he raised it in the air and brought it down upon my head. A bright flash passed before my eyes; the room sank away from me, and all was oblivion."

"'I think he looks a little better, Dr. Thorne,' said a sweet voice.

"I opened my eyes. 'Where am I?' I said. My voice was feeble and weak.

"'You must not talk, You are in the hands of friends, and all is well.'

"I soon found that I was in the house of the president of the bank, and that the young lady was his daughter, Miss Marion C---. Nursed by such hands, my recovery was rapid. When able to get around I was provided with a clerkship in the bank. whence I have risen to my present position.

"The eight highwaymen were all captured, tried, and sentenced to various terms in the State prison. The ringleader received a life sentence, and is still there. We never found how they obtained intelligence of the proposed shipment of the bullion.

"I do not consider that I did anything extraordinary, and I think almost any other operator would have done the same.

"Miss C-? Oh, she is Mrs. Erhardt now.

"Well, there comes the train, and I must bid you good-night.

"I clasped his hand with a firm grip. He was the first hero I had ever met.

"'That was a noble deed of Erhardt's,' I observed to Mason, now a railroad superintendent, as I met him the next morning.

"'Yes; did you get him to tell you about it? He does not usually like to speak of it. I consider him the bravest man I ever heard of.' "Which were my own sentiments exactly."—Copied from an old book called Lightning Flashes and Electric Dashes.

WITH EYES THAT SEE NOT.

HE man crouched over the little cooking-stove, covetous of every wave of warmth that escaped him and spent itself on the cold, damp air of the cabin.

The hand that held the letter he was reading shook under the grip of the inexorable malaria; with the other hand he constantly brushed his lank, black hair from his forehead, wearily. He was only a young man—scarcely more than thirty, but hard living and hard working, and, perhaps, hard thinking, had left their marks upon his handsome face.

"My Own Precious Boy-I hope you are quite well. Call me selfish if you will, darling, but it is my hope as I dictate this that you are not prospering, but are so wearied by your long exile as to be willing to return home. My own precious boy. darkness has fallen upon me; the old eyes that have done so much weeping-for husband, for children, for friends-have almost suddenly shut me from the visible world. I am blind, Jimmy, and my loneliness has become more intolerable than ever. I shall neyer see you again, Jimmy. You can not conceive what that means to me. For the last four years—ever since you left home. indeed-I have been longing to see my dear big boy again; and now I may hear you, feel your strong arms about me, kiss you in my old age, receive strength from your youth-but I shall never see you. * * *

"* * You are all that is left, and I ask you to come home to me, Jimmy boy. I lay no great stress on the request, dear, because I know you will come if it is a reasonable request; you have always been a true son, and I know you would never have left me if it had not been for that cruel girl. But she and her husband no longer live in this country to make it distasteful to you, and I have moved to this little town to be nearer the sea, across whose bosom you must come if you are ever to return to me. So that you could come back and settle

down with me, and lead me in my blindness, without anything to remind you of the old sorrow that drove you from under your mother's wing. There is no one here who knows you or your sorrow, any darling, and since I inherited your dear Aunt Jane's fortune I have been in most satisfactory circumstanes, as I think I told you when I sent you a remittance last.

"I won't say more lest I should induce you to return against your own inclinations; I will simply close my eyes to the dim suggestion of light which alone is visible to me, and fancy I can see you here, Jimmy. I am dictating this to Miss Weston, my lady companion, just as I should write it if I had eyes to see. And I enclose you a remittance. Your fondly loving mother,

"RACHEL MARGIN."

His strong face twitching, the man lowered the letter and stared into the open trap of the little stove with swimming eyes.

"Poor old soul!" he murmured, softly.

Then he hid his face in his hands and tried to think coherently. The irony of the affair stimulated his imagination, and the pathos of it stirred the sympathy of his nature so that he felt a sense of personal sorrow, as he might have done if she had been his own mother.

He pictured her sitting by her fireside with her blind eyes turned to the glare, and her knitting or books, or whatever she had used to while away her empty hours, pushed aside forever. He fancied she was wondering what her Jimmy's answer to her letter would be; he guessed she would speculate whether he or a letter from him would arrive first—by the earliest mail boat.

And the man raised his head suddenly and glanced at the form of the dead man in the corner. And he groaned.

"I won't write and tell her!" he cried, fiercely. "That I will not do!" He sprang up and began walking about the cabin with feeble steps. "But she must have a letter by the next mail, poor soul. Oh, if I——" He stopped suddenly, and, leaning against the jamb of the door, tried to conquer the tears that his emotion, playing on his physical weakness, forced into his eyes.

He sat down again at the stove and reperused the letter. Presently he rose and got paper, pen and ink from a locker, and began to write.

"My own darling mother," he wrote; then paused, reflectively. "I am dictating this to my pal, John Wilson, as I'm"—again he paused—"just now suffering from a touch of malaria. Don't be alarmed. dear mother; it isn't serious, but it makes one's hand shake so that I can't write myself. I shall be all right again in a few days, and then—"

"And then—what?" he muttered. "If there's nothing serious the matter, what should prevent him writing or keep him away from her? I could keep it up for a few weeks, then her common sense would tell her he'd be well enough to write or dangerously bad; and the poor soul—I don't know!" he said, wearily, tossing the scarcely begun letter into the stove, and glancing over Mrs. Margin's again.

"* * * I may hear you, feel your strong arms about me, kiss you, in my old age receive strength from your youth—but I shall never see you * * * There is no one here who knows you or your sorrow, my darling, and since I inherited your Aunt Jane's fortune I have been in most satisfactory circumstances * * * I will simply close my eyes * * * and fancy I can see you here, Jimmy. * *

He dropped the letter, and laid his hot face in his hands.

"John, John," he muttered, sternly, presently, "it's only your vile selfishness that has put the idea into your head. think it! Don't imagine you're disposed to attempt such a risky thing to brighter the last few years of a loving old woman's lonely life; you are thinking of yourself. If you were rich, with dear family ties and all you wanted, it might be generous and noble, although ridiculously improbable; but circumstanced as you are, without a soul to call you by name, at the end of your tether, it ought to be obvious to you that you are thinking of yourself and trying to imagine it would be in the old lady's interests."

He was silent for a long time and almost motionless. When he did move his mind was settled; and, picking up a spade, he went out of the cabin to dig a grave.

"Jimmy, Jimmy-you have come?"

The old lady rose weakly, but quickly, and, turning towards the door, groped for him. He looked at her and hesitated, an expression of fear entering his face as he realized suddenly that the die was cast; that he had bartered his identity with the dead, and must in future live by subterfuge. Then he stepped up to her and took her outstretched hands.

"Yes, I have come," he whispered, brokenly. "Have I taken you too much by surprise?"

"No—oh, no." she answered, turning her face up to his as if she were struggling against her blindness to see him. "No; I felt you would come, my darling: I felt in my heart you would come."

"And you are happy—you will not feel lonely now?" he asked, gently, as he led her to a sofa in the wide window of the handsome room. "You are not blind now, for I am your eyes."

She gave a little gasp of happiness, and leant sideways upon his shoulder, fondling one of his hands excitedly. And he looked down at her silvery head, and, bending, kissed her. It was an honest kiss; it was the token of his dedication of his life to her so long as she should live; the waster of a lonely life had found a service he could render to another by fraud.

And the fraud proved less difficult to maintain than he had expected. He and James Margin, although not bound by any ties of real frendship, had been such inseparable companions in misfortune that their adventures and experiences had been almost identical: so few lies were told.

Once or twice he detected an inclination on his "mother's" part to broach the subject of the girl whose cruel conduct had driven her son from her into exile, but he had forestalled her by hinting that the subject was distasteful to him; a hint that she readily accepted. And because she felt that memory must not be revived by any reference whatever to the past she allowed it to bury its dead, with her own hopes for his future secreted in her heart.

Nor were there technical difficulties. There was no one who had known Jimmy Margin to confront him but the mother herself, and by the tender devotion which seemed to come quite natural to him he stifled any instinctive suspicion that may have arisen imperceptibly in her mind. In a word, the swindle was entirely lacking of dramatic episodes; only his own heart rose against him, only his own conscience condemned him as an imposter.

It was, perhaps, in conceding a point to his conscience that he arrived most approximately to discovery. He had often turned over in his mind the matter of Jimmy's inheritance. There was no doubt that Mrs. Margin would bequeath the whole of her fortune, except for a grateful bequest to Miss Weston, to him, and he did not wish it so; he had, indeed, determined that it would be absolutely impossible to accept it. especially as there would be no excuse whatever for continuing to pose as James Margin after the old lady's death. But the difficulty was that, if the fortune were left to him by will, by refusing it he would throw it, if not into chancery, then certainly to some distant and unknown relative of Mrs. Margin's, whom she could not desire should have it.

It was necessary, therefore, that the fortune should be willed away from him; and there was no question in his mind that Miss Weston should receive it, for there was no one in the world, apart from himself, whom the old lady loved, but Margaret Weston.

Mrs. Margin and John Wilson were sitting on the sands one glorious summer day—she in a deck-chair and he on a rug beside her. He had been reading to her somewhat spasmodically, because he broke off occasionally to "see for her," as he called it—to tell her of things passing under her blind eyes.

Just now his eyes were turned from his book towards the tall, graceful figure of Margaret Weston, who had strolled down to the edge of the receding sea, and was standing watching a little launch making round an out-jutting cliff, where the curtents were notoriously strong and dangerous.

"Mother." he said, softly. "I want to speak to you about—about a delicate matter—about money. I suppose you have made a will in which the name of James Margin stands somewhat conspicuously?"

"Yes," she answered, smiling. "But why will you persist in referring to yourself in that way—as if you were a third person?"

"Do I?" he said, as if conscious of it for the first time. "Well, I won't. But what I want to say is you must make a new will, or add a codicil, so that Margaret gcts the money. I don't want it. I don't need it; but she, being alone as far as financial resources are concerned, will need it; and site deserves well of you. A man can do without money and always fall on his feet." He dropped his words one by one, aware how empty his arguments sounded.

"Dear, noble Jimmy," she murmured, holding a hand out to him and smiling tenderly. "But there is enough for both; I have amply provided for her. And—and—"

She checked herself, pursing her lips thoughtfully.

"But I won't accept anything," he answered, a note of rebellion in his voice. "I absolutely refuse it. And I shall do so, even if my act should divert the money to the Crown."

"Jimmy!" she exclaimed, in surprise.

"Dear mother," he returned, more gently, "do it to please me. I won't argue the matter with you, and I won't disclose my reasons; but——"

"But, my dear boy---"

"Do it to please me," he repeated, dog-gedly.

"Give me some reason," she said, turning anxiously towards him.

"No; I don't want to convert you to my views—I want you to do it because I ask you."

She leant back in her chair and remained silent for some moments. Gradually a smile stole into her face.

"Very well," she answered, faintly; "it shall be as you wish."

He sighed with relief. He had never been so near to betraying himself, even which he was prepared to do to carry his point; and he was grateful that it had not been necessary. He wanted to carry the fraud to the end, that she might never know that her boy had died in a Canadian cabin, and that he, John, had tricked her into loving him.

Mrs. Margin was far from interpreting the episode correctly, and from that time forth she gave John and Margaret Weston greater opportunities for being alone together than she had done before, for hitherto she had doubted whether he was sufficiently cured of the old wound to have remarked how sweet and pretty a woman Margaret was. But it seemed to her that her son was slow to seize the opportunities she created, and that Margaret was wont to treat him as if she were not certain of him. And thus, one day, after a foreboding attack of weakness, she touched upon her dearest wish to both of them severally. Perhaps never before had she so keenly missed the sense of sight which would have enabled her to read their hearts by their faces. as she could not by the words and pauses.

John divined her meaning very promptly. "You are suggesting her as a wife for me, mother?" he said, in a hollow tone.

"Have you not seen enough of her to understand her sweet disposition?" Mrs. Margin answered, interrogatively. "She would make you an ideal wife, Jimmy. I love her, and I should be happy indeed to know you love each other."

He was silent for a time, and she wondered at the pause; she could not see the strained look in his eyes, or the pressure of his lips; and so she failed to guess what desperate hope and hopeless despair she had aroused within him.

"It is impossible," he said, at length, speaking abruptly.

"Your tone alarms me, darling! You don't mean you have contracted——"

"A marriage?" he laughed, harshly. "No -no. But it is not less impossible than if I had. Don't talk of it, mother."

"The old, old sore," she thought. Still she was not without hope, and later she



tactfully approached the subject with Margaret. She told her the story of Jimmy's broken faith in women.

"What are you thinking?" she inquired, when Margaret remained silent after the recital.

"I scarcely know," replied the girl, vaguely.

"My child," said Mrs. Margin, taking her hand, "I can be frank with you because you love me, and you know I would not urge you against your own inclinations; it is my dearest wish that you should marry my boy. I believe you could, if any woman could, make him happy; and he would be worthy of you."

"Such a son as he is—so devoted, so thoughtful—could only be a good husband." Margaret murmured.

"My dearest girl!" exclaimed the old woman "How happy you make me! Do you mean you would marry him if he asked you?"

"Oh, don't—don't jump at conclusions like that, dear," cried the girl, frightened. "I didn't mean that—I didn't mean even to imply it; I respect him more than any man I have ever known—more. I honor him. And—yes." she added, dropping her voice to a whisper, "I love him, dear Mrs. Margin; but you must never tell him so, or hint of it to him. You won't, will you; oh, promise me you won't?"

"Of course not! Do you think I should so abuse your confidence, even to gain my own ends? It is a secret between us, darling. But I hope he will lead you to tell him yourself before I leave you both."

"Don't speak of leaving us, dear; we are both so fond of you, and you are as a link binding us together for a time."

But there was something prophetic in Mrs. Margin's words, for only a fortnight later she fell ill, and it quickly became apparent that she would never be well again.

It was a great blow to John and Margaret. John had never before quite realized how happy he had been, in spite of his conscience, or how deeply in his heart she had planted the love he had never been able to bestow upon his own motner. And it was not only that he would lose her, but

there was Margaret. There could be no excuse for continuing the imposture after Mrs. Margin's death.

The end came somewhat suddenly, but not so much so that the dear old lady was unprepared. Margaret was with her, when she felt her heart give a sudden wrench, and a restful sense of weakness stole over her.

She sent for John—"my Jimmy," she whispered. He hurried into the room, looking whiter than she, with his jaw set firmly.

Margaret knelt at the other side of the bed, and it was a little dry sob from her that broke the silence.

"Oh, don't you cry for me," murmured the old woman, with a smile that had something of the serenity of the future in it; "I am happy, and I have been happy, thanks to you, my dear ones. Only one wish have I to be fulfilled. Take her hand, Jimmy—take it, and let me hear you tell her that you love her."

John started and turned a haggard face to the girl. She kept her eyes averted until she detected by a furtive glance something behind the look of fear in his; then she looked fully at his, expectantly, yet doubtfully.

"Tell her, Jimmy. I know it—I have felt sure of it," murmured the dying woman; "but let me hear you tell her."

"Margaret," he whispered, breathlessly. "I love you!" Then the passion swept over him; he had told her what he would never have let her know. So let her truly know. "I love you better than—there are no words to tell you how I love you!" he panted, his dark eyes gleaming.

"And I love you, Jimmy," answered the girl.

He watched anxiously the dying woman's lips. Would she speak? Had she heard? He raised himself, and bending over her he kissed her. As he drew back her lips parted in an exquisite smile, while a breath like a deep sigh escaped her.

Margaret rose quickly, as if she guessed the meaning of the sigh, and leant over the bed, her tears dimming her sight. Then she straightened herself, and drawing her breath painfully, whispered:

"She died happy, John, in the knowledge that we love each other."

He stared at her blankly, and swept his forehead with his hand.

"John?" he repeated, dully. "Yes my name's John—John Wilson. I'm glad you've found it out; I meant—but I don't understand!"

"I found, some months ago, your photo in a letter written by James Margin, and he had written acrorss it, 'My pal, John Wilson.' I knew then who you were; till then I had only guessed who you were not—by your writing."

"You guessed—you knew! And yet at her deathbed you could tell her that you loved—a man you knew to be a thief?" he said, hoarsely.

"A most honorable thief," she murmured, her eyes gleaming proudly at him through her tears. I often wished that she could know you as I did. and love you as John Wilson, as I do. But it was best——"

She stole round to his side, while he watched her in boundless amazement at her words.

"You made the little last of her life supremely happy," she whispered, looking up at him. "You are not a thief, for you gave more than you received. Look—at her smile! She must know now; she must have met him. Do you think she loves you less because she knows?"

She laid her hands upon his arm and drew closer to him.

"I love you, John," she murmured.

He threw a doubtful questioning look at the sweet, smiling face of Mrs. Margin; then, turning quickly to Margaret, he took her in his arms.—The Winnipeg Voice.

THE DERELICT.

JIM BANNISTER jumped out of the train, black bag in his hand, and his eyes went ranging up and down the platform in search of his wife and children. They generally were there to meet him when he came down from town on Friday evening. Finding that they were not visible, he left the station and took the road that led

away from the town and the harbor toward the new suburb which has of late years set up in business as a watering place. It was cheap and healthy, and the boys liked to go down to the harbor and see the ships and talk to the sailors.

Bannister soon got out of town, for he was walking fast, but as the road began to rise his pace became slower till, as he neared the bend where the road turned toward the cluster of red brick villas, he was going quite leisurely.

A man was sitting on the stile at the corner—a tramp, he seemed to be. Bannister frowned. He was a hard-working man himself, and he did not like tramps—perhaps envied them a little. His face assumed a stern look as he went along.

As he approached the man got up and came toward him. Yes, he was a tramp; there could be no doubt of it. His rough pilot cloth trousers were worn and stained. He wore no shirt, for the old tweed jacket was buttoned up to the neck. On his head was a battered soft felt hat; on his feet a pair of coarse seaman's shoes.

He stopped as he drew near the respectable man with the black bag, but he did not say a word. Bannister looked at him. Their eyes met, and the unspoken appeal was more eloquent than any words could have been. Plainly, the man was a derelict.

So clear was the expression in the man's face that Bannister answered him as if he had spoken.

"Sorry I have nothing for you."

The man's swarthy cheeks flushed.

"Did I ask you for anything?" he said. Then, the next instant: "I beg your pardon. I am wrong. I did, though not in so many words."

"You look as if you needed help," Jim said awkwardly.

"Then my looks only tell the truth," said the derelict, and as he spoke he smiled. The smile startled Bannister. This was the face of a cultivated man, of what one calls a gentleman, dirty and unshaven as it was. He felt that he could not offer this tramp a copper.

"I am sorry," he said hastily, "but I can't stop to hear your story tonight—"

"Did I offer to tell it?" said the man calmly.

"No. Yet I should like to hear it."

"I don't see the object of my te!ling it. It is a very common one. I quarreled with my best friend, an uncle. He treated me unjustly, or I thought he did. Se I ran away to Australia to seek my fortune, and I found—this."

He ended with a rueful downward glance at his tattered raiment.

"So you made your way back to the old country?" Bannister said, absently fingering the coins in his trousers pocket.

"Yes—and to the old town. And now that I have got here I can't find the courage to speak to a soul. You see, I worked my passage home, and I scarcely think any of my old friends would now be pleased to see me."

He gave a short, bitter laugh.

"But you must have some relatives?"

"Only the uncle I told you of. He is dead. I have seen his grave in the church-yard. And the old house is in the hands of strangers."

By this time they were moving on side by side, for Bannister was anxious to get home.

"I should like to ask your opinion about one thing," said the derelict, abruptly.

"Well, what is it?"

"In books, when a man goes off as I did, there is generally some one that cares for him. Now how long do you think a girl would be likely to wait for a fellow, never getting word or sign from him all the time? Would she be likely to wait five years, do you think?"

Jim Bannister could have laughed aloud. He could have laughed at the idea of any girl waiting five years for an absent lover, without a word to show that he yet cared for her. He could have laughed at the idea of any woman waiting for the human wreck at his side. He could have laughed at the eager look on the man's half-savage face as he put his absurd question.

But there was a pathetic look in the brown eyes, and Bannister did not laugh. As he kept on looking the inclination to laugh died away altogether. Instead, he gave the answer that seemed to him at the moment the only possible one to give.

"A girl would wait ten years—twenty years—for the man she loved. That is, if she were a true woman. I am certain of it. I know it by my—I mean I am sure of it from women I have known. Time makes no difference in their love. And absence only makes them love more strongly."

"You really think so?" asked the trampin a choking voice.

"I do."

The tramp stood still.

"I am glad to hear you say that." he said, huskily. "I am glad I asked you the question. You have put new life into me. Goodnight, sir." And he was turning away.

"This will get you a bed and some supper," said Bannister, handing him a silver coin.

The tramp looked from the money to the giver.

"I should like to send this back to you when I can," he said. "Will you tell me your name?"

"You needn't mind, but my name is Bannister. We are staying here for the rest of the month. Good-night." He waved his hand and was gone.

The tramp leaned over a gate, thinking. He could see the chimneys of the house that had been his uncle's, the house he had hoped would one day be his own. It belonged to Charley Hudson now. So he had been told in the town.

But Margaret had preferred him, though some called him a ne'er-do-well. Was it possible that she had been waiting for him all these years?

The very thought made his heart burn. It seemed impossible. It was too much to expect from any girl. Yet that man—what was his name? Bannister—he had seemed to think it quite likely. He must find out. He must get some decent clothes so that he might make inquiries. Some one in the town must know what had become of her.

Another thing—he must send back that money to Bannister as soon as possible. But how was he to find him? He knew the man's name, but not his address; and he was only a summer visitor. He might not

be able to repay the money for weeks. He turned and began running after Bannister as well as his clumsy shoes would let him. A little ahead there was a bend in the road, and he felt sure that once around that corner, he would catch sight of him.

He turned the corner, and saw Bannister, but he was not alone. A girl in a light gray costume was coming rapidly to meet him. Two children darted from her side, and outrunning her, threw themselves into their father's arms.

The two, the man and the woman, came close together. She held up her face, and he stooped and kissed it.

It was not till then that he saw her face. Margaret!

His heart stood still. He would not believe it. Had not the man said——? But, of course, he could not know.

Was it Margaret? He did not feel quite sure, now that her back was turned to him. But he felt that he must know at once.

At one side of the road there was a thick hedge, and a field on the other side of it. The tramp ran back to the gate, climbed over it, and then ran, under cover of the hedge, so as to pass beyond the little group. There was no difficulty about it. The hedge screened him completely. He could see them coming slowly along. The woman had her hand on her companion's arm, and she smiled into his face as they talked. It was Margaret herself.

He could hear the man's voice now, and he crouched lower, lest he might be seen.

"The poor fellow actually asked me if I thought a girl would wait five years for an absent lover, and I hadn't the heart to say what I thought. I said: 'Yes—twenty years!' Poor chap. I suppose he fancies comebody is waiting for him."

The voice ceased; and the tramp, peering out from his hiding place, saw that Margaret had withdrawn her hand from the man's arm, and was walking a little apart from him.

"So she hasn't told him anything about me. Naturally!" said the tramp to himself.

He got back to the road, and thrusting his hand into his pocket, his fingers closed on the piece of money. In another instant he

had dashed it down on the road, and was hastening back to the harbor.

That night he spent in an outhouse. The next day, driven by hunger, he went to a farmhouse, asking for work, but hoping to get some food. The farmer, by way of a joke, offered him a job, and seemed surprised when he jumped at the offer.

By degrees the tramp began to assume the appearance of a decent working man. He wore moleskin instead of his old rags: on week days he worked hard; but on Sundays he went and lay on the sand and listened to the surf breaking on the beach, and dreamed.

One Sunday afternoon a little mite, three or four years old, got surrounded by the tide as she was building a castle on the sand. There was not a shadow of danger, but it was impossible to reach her dryshod. The tramp waded through the water, picked up the child, and looked around for her mother.

It was Margaret who dropped her book and came flying over the sands—Margaret! He put the little one down gently and

He put the little one down gently and turned away.

In a moment there was a pattering of soft footsteps behind him.

"Won't you let me thank you—? Oh. Alan, it is you! Don't you know me?"

"Yes, Margaret, I know you, but I thought I had better keep away from you. I've treated you badly, precious badly. But I can't stand by and see you another man's wife."

"Aunt Margaret! Auntie! Me want 'oo!" piped a childish voice. Alan Dean gave a great start. His heart beat wildly.

"What?" he cried. "You are not the child's mother? You are not Mr. Bannister's wife?"

"No, no, Alan. Jim Bannister married my sister. I—I knew you would come back, and I waited!"

"Your uncle found out after you had gone." Margaret said, as they made their way slowly homeward a good hour afterward, "that he was quite wrong. He had made a mistake in the accounts, and you were perfectly honest. He bitterly repented his words to you, and would have written

if he had known where to address you. He told me so himself. And to show that he was convinced that he had misjudged you, he left you a half share of everything he had. The house is yours, and the farm with it.

"Why, I thought Charley Hudson was to have that. He was the favorite, you know."

"Yes, but your uncle thought he owed you some reparation for thinking you had cheated him, and so driving you away from home. He died almost four years ago. My sister had been married some time before that."

"And you, my dearest? What have you been doing?"

"Oh, I live in London now. I have pupils. And, I have been—waiting."

He turned suddenly and caught her to his breast. "Please God, my little girl," he whispered, as he strained her yet closer to him, "our waiting days are nearly over!"—
The Salesman.

FATE OF A STRIKE-BREAKER WHO PUT GOLD ABOVE MANHOOD.

N a recent issue of the Iron Molders Journal is an account of the suicide of Joseph La Fleur, known as "Gunpowder Joe," whose body was found in the canal at Dayton, O., a short time ago. La Fleur had a national reputation as a strike breaker in the iron molding industry and in times of industrial disturbances drew \$8 and \$10 a day and was the first man called upon by anti-union employers.

Commenting on La Fleur's terrible ending, the Journal says: "For many years he was to be found where molders were on strike, plying his profession and selling his manhood for the few extra dollars offered. Shunned by his former friends, his only associates became those who, like himself, sought to secure an easier livelihood by

following the Hessians' calling. The larger wages secured under these conditions were squandered in living the life of the mercenary, and the excitement of the strike, the life behind the stockade, replaced the home with its comforts and the respect of his neighbors.

"When old age began to make its inroads and the life he had led commenced to tell upon his vitality, no friends except those of the cup stood by to assist him. He gave up friends, gave up family and gave up manhood for a few paltry dollars to be buried at last in the potter's field.

"There is another side of the picture well worth looking at. This unfortunate was known to the foundrymen wherever there had been a prominent strike during the past decade. He was one of those whose services were considered of great value when the foundrymen had entered into a struggle with the union molders. Time and again they have paid his fare from one part of the country to the other and given him higher wages than the molders had struck for. He became a most valuable man to them, and his services were in frequent demand, and yet when the end came so little did they respect him that his body was allowed to go to a pauper's grave.

"At the time of his death he was plying his profession as a strike breaker, yet his very associates paid no attention to his remains. No one came to see that the body was properly laid at rest, no token of respect or friendship was laid upon the rough pine coffin, no shop collection was taken up for the widow; evidently no one cared. He had shaped his life by disregarding the interests of his fellow men, he had sold his principles to the highest bidder, and, while his services may have been valuable to the foundrymen, for the man his employers had no respect.

"What did he gain?"





A Silhouette.

In a quaint old-fashioned bureau, With a lot of other things, Loving letters, bits of ribbons, Valentines with golden wings, In a box of faded roses, With their perfume ling'ring yet; Folded in a yellowed leaflet, Lo, I found a silhouette.

Twas my angel mother's picture,
And it filled my eyes with tears,
For it took me back to childhood,
To the lost and lovely years.
O, the mem'ries it awakened!
O, the sorrow and regret,
Gazing on the dainty profile
Of my mother's silhouette!

-Adelbert Clark.

Labor Song.

Ah! little they know of true happiness, they whom satiety fills;

Who, flung on the rich breast of luxury, eat the rankness that kills.

Ah! little they know of the blessedness toil-purchased slumber enjoys,

Who, stretched on the hard rock of indolence, taste of the sleep that destroys;

Nothing to hope for, or labor for; nothing to sigh for or gain;

Nothing to light in its vividness, lightning-like, bosom and brain;

Nothing to break life's monotony, rippling it o'er with its breath;

Nothing but dullness and lethargy, weariness, sorrow and death!

But blessed that child of humanity, happiest man among men,

Who, with hammer or chisel or pencil, with rudder or ploughshare or pen,

Laboreth ever and ever with hope through the morning of life,

Winning home and its darling divinities, loveworshiped children and wife.

Round swings the hammer of industry, quickly the sharp chisel rings,

And the heart of the toiler of kings-

He the true ruler and conqueror, he the true king of his race,

Who nerveth his arm for life's combat, and who looks the strong world in the face.

-Denis Florence MacCarthy.

Keep on Going.

There is a lot of joy in living,
If you strike the proper gait;
If you always come up smiling
In the face of every fate.
If you're keeping step and whistling
Some lively little tune,
You'll be living gay and happy
As a sunny day in June.

Keep a level head, don't worry,
Help your brothers on the way;
Let the sunshine of good humor
Shine upon you every day;
Speak a cheerful word at all times.
Never "knock" your fellow man,
And you'll surely be rewarded—
Just keep doing all you can.

There is lots of joy in living
If you live life aright;
Lots of sunshine and of roses,
Keep your eyes turned to the light;
Look behind the clouds of trouble,
There's a silver lining there;
And you'll find it if you're only
Living life upon the square.

Scatter good cheer like the thistle
Scatters seed before the wind,
And the petty woes and troubles
Soon will be left far behind.
Be a "booster" every minute,
Help along your fellow man,
And you'll surely be rewarded—
Just keep doing all you can.

-Selected.

Make Your Mark.

In the quarries should you toil,
Make your mark;
Do you delve upon the soil,
Make your mark;
In whatever path you go,
In whatever place you stand,
Moving swift or moving slew,
With a firm and honest hand
Make your mark.

Should opponents hedge your way
Make your mark;
Work by night or work by day,
Make your mark;
Struggle manfully and well,

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Let no obstacles oppose; None, right-shielded ever fell By the weapons of his foes; Make your mark.

What though born a peasant's son;
Make your mark;
Good by poor men can be done;
Make your mark;
Peasants' garb may warm the cold,
Peasants' words may calm a fear;
Better far than hoarding gold
Is the drying of a tear;
Make your mark.

Life is fleeting as a shade;
Make your mark;
Marks of some kind must be made;
Make your mark;
Make it while the arm is strong,
In the golden hours of youth;
Never, never make it wrong;
Make it with the stamp of truth;
Make your mark.

-David Barker.

Give the Best You Have.

"There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave.

There are souls that are pure and true;

Then give to the world the best you have,

And the best will come back to you.

"Give love, and love to your life will flow, A strength in your utmost need; Have faith and a score of hearts will show Their faith in your word and deed.

"Give truth, and your gift will be paid in kind, And honor will honor meet; A smile that is sweet will surely find A smile that is just as sweet.

"For life is the mirror of king and slave;
'Tis just what we are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you."

Do It Now.

If you've found a task worth doing,
Do it now.

In delay there's danger brewing,
Do it now.

Don't you be a by-and-byer
And a sluggish patience-tryer;
If there's aught you would acquire,
Do it now.

If you'd earn a prize worth owning,
Do it now.
Drop all waiting and postponing,
Do it now.
Say, "I will!" and then stick to it,
Choose your purpose and pursue it,
There's but one right way to do it,
Do it now.

Do it now.

Find your duty and begin it,

Do it now.

Surely you're not always going

To be "a going-to-be," and knowing

You must sometime make a showing,

Do it now.

—Nixon Waterman.

All we have is just this minute,

L'Envoi.

When earth's last picture is painted,
And the tubes are twisted and dried;
When the oldest colors have faded,
And the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest—and, faith, we shall need it—
Lie down for an æon or two,
Till the Master of All Good Workmen
Shall set us to work anew.

And those that were good shall be happy;
They shall sit in a golden chair;
They shall splash at a ten-league canvas
With brushes of comets' hair;
They shall find real saints to draw from—
Magdalene, Peter and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a sitting,
And never get tired at all.

And only the Master shall praise us,
And only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money
And no one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of working,
And each in his separate star
Shall draw the Thing as he sees it
For the God of Things as they are.

—Rudyard Kipling: "The Seven Seas."

A Heart for Every One.

Ah, there's a heart for every one, If every one could find it;
Then up and seek, 'ere youth is gone, Whate'er the toil, ne'er mind it;
For if you chance to meet at last With that one heart, intended
To be a blessing, unsurpassed,
Till life itself is ended.
How would you prize the labor done,
How grieve if you resigned it;
For there's a heart for every one,
If every one could find it!

Two hearts are made, the angels say,
To suit each other dearly;
But each one takes a different way—
A way not found so clearly!
Yet though we seek, and seek for years,
The pains are worth the taking.
For what the life of home endears
Like hearts of Angel's making?
Then haste, and guard the treasure now.
When fondly you've enshrined it,
For there's a heart for every one.
If every one could find it!

-Charles Swain.





Time to Part.

First Young Lady (at railroad station)—What time is it now, dear?

Second Young Lady (looking at her watch)—Mercy! We must begin saying good-by, dear. The train will be here in half an hour.—New York Weekly.

Comfortable Clothing.

Ethel—I don't feel comfortable in this waist at all.

Myrtle-Why not?

Ethel—It makes me feel uncomfortable because it feels too comfortable to be a good fit.—Utica Observer.

Probably He Was.

Doctor—Can't you put your tongue out a little further, Mrs. Mugg?

Mrs. Mugg—Are you one of those people, Doctor, who believe that there is no end to a woman's tongue?—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Discovery.

A young Iowa doctor has made the discovery that the ankle is placed between the foot and the knee in order to keep the calf away from the corn. Looks reasonable, don't it?

Strong Cheese.

During one of his campaigns "Private" John Allen stopped at a cross-road store. While he was exchanging news with the proprietor an old darky from one of the plantations came in. When his purchase of "middlin' an' meal" had been wrapped up he started out. At the door he paused. "Got enny cheese, boss?" he asked.

"Why, yes." said the clerk, pointing to a freshly-opened can of axle-grease on the counter: "box just opened."

The darky looked at it hungrily. "How much?" he asked.

"Give it to him for ten cents, and threw in the crackers," said Mr. Allen.

"All right," said the clerk, filling a hag with crackers. "Here you are."

The darky laid a greasy dime on the counter, picked up the box and the bag, and going out, seated himself in the shade of a cotton-bale. When he had finished the crackers he ran his finger around the box and gave it a good long lick. In a few moments he put on his hat and started for his mule. As he passed the store Mr. Allen hailed him.

"Well, Jerry, what did you think of that lunch?"

The old darky scratched his head, then he said, "I tell you de truf, Mars John, dem crackers wuz all right, but dat wuz de ransomest cheese I uver et!"—Harper's Weekly.

The Heaper of Coals.

Mrs. Fanny Crosby, the famous author of "Rescue the Perishing." "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and hundreds of other hymns, is still, though 87 years of age, in first rate health.

"Not long ago," said a New York clergyman, "I visited Mrs. Crosby in Bridgeport, and found her exceedingly entertaining. I shall not soon forget some of the youthful memories that she recounted.

"Our talk turned to the subject of children's quaint misunderstandings of Biblical metaphors and parables, and Mrs. Crosby told an amusing story on this head.

"She said that a little boy came home one day from school in a very bad humor. Another boy, Jack Jones, had given him- a thrashing, and he wanted revenge.

"'Oh,' said his mother, 'don't think of revenge, Willie. Be kind to Jack. Heap coals of fire on his head. Then he will become your friend.'

"Willie thought he would try this method. He did not see Jack Jones till the next day at recess. Just as he was buying a lemon pie for lunch Jack appeared and said:

"'Look here, I licked you yesterday, but I didn't give you enough. Now I'm going to lick you again.'

"And he planted a hard blow on Willie's little stomach.

"Willie gasped and grunted, but instead of striking back he extended his pie to Jones.

"'Here,' he said, in a kindly voice, 'I'll give you this. I make you a present of it.'

"Jack Jones, in glad amazement, fell upon the pie greedily, and it had soon disappeared.

"'Gosh, it was good,' he said. 'What did you give it to me for?'

"'Because you struck me,' said the heaper of coals.

"Instantly Jones hauled off and struck him again.

"'Now go and get another pie,' he said."

A Leading Question.

A well-known artist was walking with a friend one day, when his companion suddenly discovered he had a tooth in bad condition. As the pair were passing a drug store the man with the throbbing molar asked the other:

"What would you advise for the toothache?"

"Why," innocently replied the artist, "the last time I had a toothache I went home and my wife kissed it away."

The friend paused a moment and then asked, "Is your wife at home now?"—Exchange.

Foilowed Instructions.

The proprietor of the Waldorf-Astoria has the following story attributed to him: "A hotel man in New Hampshire was surprised to see one of his women guests come downstairs several nights hand running, fill her pitcher from the water-cooler in the hall, and return quietly to her room again.

"At first he thought she had some special reason for this queer performance. Then he thought he had better speak to her. Accordingly, on the fourth or fifth night, he approached her politely, took the pitcher from her hand, and filled it himself.

"'If you would ring, madam,' he said, 'this would always be done for you. There is no reason for you ever to come down yourself for water. A ring—___'

"'But I have no bell,' said the woman.

"'Oh, madam, of course you have a bell. I'll show it to you.'

"And he carried the pitcher up to her room for her, and pointed to the bell beside her bed.

"'That is the bell,' he said.

"The woman started in surprise.

"'That the bell?' she exclaimed. 'Why, the bellboy told me that was the fire alarm, and I wasn't to touch it on any account, except in case of fire."—Hotel World.

Difficulty in Doing It.

"Mother," asked little Johnny, peering in between two uncut leaves of the magazine, "how did they ever get the printing in there?"—Pathfinder.

Afraid to Tell.

He had courted a young lady for something like eighteen months. During that time the fair maid had not received very much information as to his regular wages or the extent of his savings.

When he proposed she thought it time to become practical.

"Oh, but, Willie," she said with some hesitancy, "we can't get married unless you can earn enough to keep us with plenty of everything."

"Oh, that's all right, Jenny," he replied, airily; "you know .I'm a blacksmith's striker."

"I should like to see you at work," she pursued.

"Very well, dear, come along tomorrow," was his reply.

On the following day she stood and watched him swinging the heavy sledge-hammer.

"And how much a week do you get, Willie?" she asked.

"Well, Jenny," he answered, and he winked knowingly, "my mate there gets \$8 a week for using that little hammer, so you can guess what I get for swinging a whopper like this!"

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Our Correspondents

LACK OF SOUND CONSENSUS.

N a volume written by S. Barring Gould, M. A., published in 1897, where that English writer indirectly dwells on the evils of England over one hundred years ago, he says: "A common worker can be good and straight as a whistle, but a man with some education and parts, if reduced in circumstances, is tempted almost beyond the power of resistance to deflect from the straight course. If the parson we have mentioned had been in good circumstances, he would have been respectable and deserved respect. Being poor, he had to be the humble servant of the squire or lose all chances of promotion. His distress blunted his moral perception, despite his kindness and self-denial"

So there you have it, not even in the old good times could our well-educated people keep straight, could be honest, if they did not have ease and wealth. Only the common people managed to keep honest through poverty and hard work. We find the same story wherever we go, with few exceptions. Is it possible that education, the kind we have always managed to absorb, distorts the mental faculties in the realm of fair dealing? Could education do anything of the kind if it took cognizance of what we all owe to each other in the ramifications of our combined life? Of course it could not. But, then, why to assume that we have to have "common people" and people that are not common? And why should even many of those who are far from common ladies and men, why should even they be forced into pinching living processes, and so into the mental and moral deterioration they bring?

As a matter of fact, if what we call God exists anywhere, He could never plan any form of human existence bringing, evolving mental and moral deterioration. Take the

natural fact that man is created to be a wealth producer. That alone proves that there is not in nature a single law or force depriving men of what they may need for their healthy life. Sickness, pain, immorality—there is nothing of the kind in the order of nature. All immorality, pain and sickness comes from deviations of the natural order, from human fancies, individualized or collective, refusing to take cognizance of natural laws.

When we have time and taste to study our own life and that of those around us. we can then notice that most of the petty traits or mean tendencies, most of our conflicts, disagreements, absence of consideration towards each other, most of them, and perhaps all of them, come from that perpetual struggle of always and forever having to look after that miserable dollar or cent, in connection with our whole existence, for absolute needs, comforts, enjoyments. Because we all are created to enjoy life. Neither God nor nature would have given us our zest for enjoyment if it was not meant that we all should have a joyful life. Then, why should the joys of some almost invariably imply hardships to other people? There can be but a logical answer to that, and the answer is-artificial, unnatural life conditions presided over by mean, selfish human laws.

When we reach that self-evident conclusion, we are told, by the wisdom of the ages: "Social wrongs can only be suppressed through individual efforts, and so by the improvement of individuals." There we have it; we remain yet cursed by an education which refuses to improve the individual, an education which declines to teach us how to legislate, how to organize our life in accord with the fixed, eternal principles of the plain honesty we owe to each other.

We are also told by the wisdom of the ages: "Man is born a free agent, with power to properly use his freedom. Each one is then responsible for his own moral character, habits and life." The wisdom of God, and even that of natural law, tells us: "As soon as a group of human individuals wish to live together, then they are all responsible for each other's moral character, habits and life." There we have the ideal that progress and civilization have never tried to actualize, to incorporate in social adjustments.

Edward Everett Hale, in one of his little productions in 1897, said: "Man is man because he can control matter through spirit. That shows he is a child of God. The child of God should work with God. Therefore, men should not be simply laborers, but co-workers with God. All our industrial processes should then be consecrated temples to God's truth."

All our industrial processes are yet temples consecrated to the god of human selfishness, to the conception of wealth for some at any cost to the whole human race on the face of the earth. We all, rich, poor, or between the two conditions—we all are forced into distorted forms of development; we all go through life terrestrial without even realizing what life could be if we wanted to be sensible towards each other, if we wanted to complete each other's life, instead of making that life as incomplete and senseless as possible.

"Take no thought for the morrow," we have been told. We have never seen fit to grasp the actual, simple meaning of that command or any other in connection with the important elements of our own daily development. To begin with, that command implies that we should take care of every present day, we, all of us, in relation to our combined life. There can be no healthy individualized life apart from the development of everybody else in each social group. As the man before the deluge, we remain yet under the foolish illusion that each one of us can build up some form of happiness within the petty cage of the ego, or the mere domestic group. Important as the latter is, within a very small compass, how little it can do, in the long run, as long as we see fit to abandon our social and national life to all the perverse forces of a barbarous industrialism, of a pharisaical political and civil compact.

And so we need to be tortured by the morrow and many morrows, because the present day is left to take care of itself. All remains at the mercy of the gamblinghouse progress on which we lean, because it may now and then give to some of us, for a while, a fragment of perishable wealth in excess of what it may give to others. Such a mean ideal is necessarily fatal to happiness of the positive kind. All we may catch is happiness of a negative order, what we call fun, a mere animal happiness, vapid and evanescent, because it lacks that mental peace and that solidity which can only come from happiness permanent and universal. Our life can only be sound and satisfactory in proportion as we see joy diffused through our own efforts over all the ramifications of every other human being in the orbit of civilization. That can only be accomplished through healthy social conditions. through laws of brotherhood and peace universal. That requires a sound, honest consensus among the important men in each national group. That is what the earth has never yet seen. The lack of that consensus has been the perpetual curse of humanity.

JOSE GROS.

BE MEN.

"If I don't do business let them put it up to me." This remark was made to the author after he had just listened to the brother who was speaking "cuss out" the man on the other end of the string.

Brothers, this is not the proper feeling to have one towards the other. How many of you who will read this, I wonder, have at times, in an angry mood, made the same remark, and proceeded as the brother in this case to "cuss out" the man at the other end of the wire? In at least two-thirds of the offices on the division where the writer is employed there is about three times as much hard feeling, discontent, grumbling and discord among the men as there is "brotherly love."

Brothers, "cut it out." Get down to business: treat the man at the other end with

something like the respect with which you would expect him to treat you. If you have to "green" a man on a preceding train which is already clear, because some one did not answer their call as promptly as they might have done, remember the obligation that you took and don't let your anger get the upper hand and cause you to write some one up, causing quite a bit of trouble all around, and perhaps get the brother a mark against his record.

"Keep your record clear." Yes, every brother owes it to himself, his family and the world at large to make as good a record as possible. However, it isn't necessary to write up every brother that is so unfortunate as to violate some minor rule or regulation in order to do this.

Wait for your chief or superior official to call on you, then it will be time enough to tell him what you know.

Go to the meetings every chance you have to attend; meet your brothers, learn to know them better; in so doing you will better yourself socially.

When you see a stranger wearing a button, make it a point to get acquainted. Don't act as though you were afraid that he would ask you for the price of a meal. Remember your obligation, treat him as a brother and make him feel at home.

Above all things, "be men."

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THE INVESTOR AND THE BOOMER.

I want every brother to read the article on page 741 of the May Telegrapher, entitled, "Why the Small Investor Loses." This article contains more good advice than many books of several hundred pages. If I had had the opportunity to read this article six years ago I would be about \$800 better off at the present time. It cost me just that amount to learn what is told in this little piece, and that is why I want all you fellows to read it and get wise before you lose any of your savings.

When I began earning money I wanted my savings to bring returns, and invested them in stock companies headed by men who were highly recommended, but whom I did not know personally, and the result was that one company after the other went bankrupt.

My advice would be, don't invest your hard-earned savings unless you know just what returns it will bring; small returns where your money is safe is better than large promised returns, where you run the risk of losing your capital.

I also wish to commend Bro. Emery B. Hunt for his article on "The Floating Brother," and congratulate him on having hit upon a plan whereby this undesirable element may be eliminated from the fraternity. I think the method proposed by Bro. Hunt is a good one, and would suggest that it be adopted.

There are entirely too many brothers floating over the country using their card for the purpose of working brothers who are benevolently inclined. They have a big, long hard-luck story, and wind up by asking for aid, and as soon as your back is turned they smile to themselves and congratulate themselves upon the ease with which they worked you. This money is then spent for drinks or some other kind of dissipation.

They generally tell you they have not had a bite to eat for several days, but I notice that when you take them to a restaurant with your meal ticket they seldom are able to eat more than a piece of pie and a cup of coffee, from which you are able to draw your own conclusions.

Please bear in mind that I am not averse to assisting a worthy brother; I am always willing and glad to do this, but I would like for him to show at least a small degree of appreciation when I do so. I would divide my last dollar with a brother who needed it, but I do object to being imposed on by the boomer who is always broke.

I have traveled over these United States enough to know that it is unnecessary to be broke. I have never found it necessary to impose upon any one by asking for financial aid. But I have found it necessary several times to go to work at hard labor in order to avoid going broke, and that is a method which I recommend to all the brothers who are about to use their card for the purpose of making a raise.

There is always something to do for those who wish to work and make themselves useful. I have not done any telegraphing since last January on account of the alleged financial depression, but I am not floating over the country asking for aid. I turn my hand to the first thing that turns up, and work at it until something better is turned up.

The floating brother is the one element that tends to degenerate our noble Order. Let us elevate and uplift our grand Order by eliminating this undesirable element from our ranks so that when a brother seeing a stranger wearing a button or presenting a card need not tremble with fear and apprehension, thinking that he is about to be asked to share his wages with one who is unworthy of the favor.

Let us do all we can to raise the standard of the fraternity so that when we meet a brother we will know that he is a man with a good character whom we will be glad to meet and welcome to our homes and extend to him the hand of fellowship.

PAUL THOMAS,

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MORE ABOUT THE "BOOMER."

I was much interested in Bro. Hunt's article in the May Telegrapher, entitled "The Floating Brother." I am heartily in favor of some such plan to help out worthy brothers in need. The B. R. T. has a plan somewhat similar to Bro. Hunt's. A B. R. T. member can obtain what is called a "piecard" at certain terminal stations.

On the other hand, I take exception to some of Bro. Hunt's remarks.

How many of these advocates of "homeguardism" are the men usually "px'd" by the boomer? You can find the boomer at every terminal and relay office. They are the ones most directly concerned by the brother in need, for a boomer will seek his own kind for aid in preference to a homeguard, who usually cross-examines him like a Jerome, and then grouchingly liquidates to the extent of two bits, and gives a song and dance about a wife and several children or of a sick relative.

Ask E. A. Chenery, superintendent of telegraph for the Missouri Pacific at St.

Louis, or Mr. Jackson, his chief clerk. Ask L. H. Corty, U. P., at Omaha; A. E. Roome, superintendent of the Southern Pacific at San Francisco; Superintendent J. M. Walker, D. & R. G.. Denver; Superintendent Frobes, of the O. S. L., at Salt Lake; I. T. Dyer, superintendent of the San Pedro at Los Angeles, if they are prejudiced against the boomer, or Jas. Kent, of the Canadian Pacific, and you will, in all probability. receive a negative answer.

Mr. C. W. Hammond, formerly superintendent of telegraph for the Missouri Pacific at St. Louis, once remarked that he would employ a boomer any time in preference to a one-division man.

Ask Bro. Etheridge at El Paso, Bro. W. B. Kirkland at Tucson, or Joe Stewart. one of the youngest, best and most popular chief dispatchers on the continent, or Bro. Charlie Crane, that prince of good fellows at Yuma, or Bro. Gay Meadows at Macleod, Alberta; Bro. Bye at Calgary, or Bro. J. C. Armstrong at Huntington, Oregon. and ask them if they begrudge what holes have been punched out of their pie cards? it is the one best bet they will say "no."

A chief dispatcher will usually say he can depend on a boomer to "hit the ball," even though his figuring on how long it will be before the boomer bunches his job and calls for his time.

Again, look at your scab lists and see what proportion of boomers scab, as compared to homeguards.

I have eaten Boston baked beans in Maine, and oranges in Sunny California; have roasted in a 130° F. in the shade weather in Arizona, and frozen in Northwestern Canada, but I have never been ashamed to show clearances from different roads to a chief dispatcher, even though I am a "parasite." And I have held just three "Os" jobs on twelve roads in my five years of booming.

Furthermore, I have been hard hit by worthy brother boomers, and never hesitated to produce my meal ticket, for I knew that if I were ever "up against it," I should do the "parasite" act of "touching" a worthy brother for a meal or to get squared out of town.



A boomer's motto is "Do unto others as they have done unto you," not "Do others of they'll do you," as some homeguards believe.

Now, Bro. Hunt, if the censorship isn't put into effect on this spiel, don't take offense, for I would only have passed over your article lightly, were it not for the second and third paragraphs. But I would like to know if the greater number of these articles on "Parasites" emanate from terminal offices or from "Os" stations. Also I hope the matter of relief for stranded brothers will be taken up. As far as I am personally concerned I am next in line for a trick dispatching, and cut out booming last September, but I would like to see some other boomer answer your article.

Buenos noches mi amigo.

A FLOATING PARASITE.

MAN'S INHUMANITY.

It is as old as time: the old story of man's inhumanity to man, but in this era of advanced civilization the conservatives point out a sympathizer with sorrow and suffering as an anarchist. If the meek and lowly Nazarene, the man from Galilee, were to come to earth and offer mercy, and preach charity and show benevolence, he would be looked upon as a dangerous factor and a demagogue, and those who feed the poor on libraries would be in favor of his transportation to some other point on the compass as a dangerous demagogue, and one teaching heresy to the dumb workingmen.

Like the redoubtable Bounderby, they can not see the difference between Stephen Backpool's desire for living emolument for services rendered and the idler who wanted something for nothing.

It seems ethical for the wretch to starve who is unable to find work, and in the same way for some characterless promoter to wreck the savings of numberless poor.

A man steals a loaf to appease his or his family's hunger, and suffers a penitentiary sentence. It is wrong to steal, but something is radically wrong when a man wants to work and has to steal to satisfy his or his loved one's hunger.

The old land-marks of honesty are disappearing; the poor must obey the commandment: "Thou shalt not steal," but the smooth rascal evades any penalty by a technical construction.

The employer hires the cheapest man or slave. He does not pay him according to his necessities, but on the basis of the cheapest capable labor he can secure.

Manhood is a barrier to the slave's promotion; conscious spirit is an insuperable objection to a work slave's promotion.

An official with a cold and unfeeling heart, in a corporation's employment, is an invaluable asset, and he secures preferred places; if he grinds and tyrannizes less capable fellows he makes a masterly stroke in the favor of his millionaire employer.

A man who has feeling suffers, and if he is an employer of labor, if he should avow these sentiments he has, like Cæsar, crossed the Rubicon. We boast proudly of our advanced civilization. In the Roman period of oppression the Christians were killed by gladiators and fed to the lions. The twentieth century witnesses a more refined method; if they are objectionable, they let them starve.

Rome never witnessed greater barbarism than is a part of the civilization today. The weak suffer the law's penalties and the rich persecuter of the poor escapes even a shadow of the law's displeasure. The rich snob is arrogant and contemptuous, and the blindfolded goddess, Justiana, weeps in shame.

The conscious spirit of fairness is strangled by an unscrupulous commercialism. Success is measured largely by your ability to plunder the ignorant and the poor. If you preach the doctrine of humanity, you are an anarchist, but if you are a magnate and have handled the matters in hand in an adroit and capable manner, higher financial opportunities await you at the hands of no less scrupulous rascals higher up the ladder of success.

America is a nation of plunderers. Rome had her Orsini and her Colono robber bands of mounted thieves. America has her counting houses where men plunder the poor as unscrupulously as those robber bands plundered the unarmed citizens of

Rome, but has no intrepid spirit like the courageous Rienzi to offer them punishment.

Some weeks ago I read an account of a son of a millionaire who had in some peculiarly dishonorable method robbed some enterprise in which he was the ruling spirit, but who was saved from any punishment by the intercession of wealthy friends. The situation was aggravated by some poorer wretch who was stealing on a smaller scale, getting a full penalty.

The law's punishment is for the poor devil. The rich malefactor scorns the law and creates a hatred for that safety-valve of the nation, the law's uncompromising majesty.

It is a slow process. The volcano smolders for centuries, but when the fire bursts forth beware the ruins.

The Statue of Liberty, that huge figure in bronze, stands out prominently in the East River at New York holding aloft the torch of liberty, but to many of the inhabitants the sentiment is misconstrued into one of bitter irony.

It is well that the millionaire capitalist shall, in the face of princely dividends on his watered stock in his corporation, shall say to his slaves: you shall receive such and such compensation; if it is enough to feed and clothe you and your family, all right: if it is not starve!

He is a capitalist. He dictates his terms, and the conservative press laud him like the sycophants of Nero when he donates a door to Trinity Church.

Liberty and patriotism are crouching behind closed doors, and commercial piracy and inhumanity rear their repulsive heads and arrogantly demand the spoils.

The world was made for them, and the right to live lies with them. The captains of industry are those spirits who would consign the lisping infant and the tottering old man to arduous and unceasing toil for a bare pittance.

I am not an anarchist. I am a humanitarian. I would right the wrong had I the ability and the power necessary to do so, and the starving wretch and the shivering pauper I would succor.

When the dawn of a stormy day is ushered in, and those factors who have increased the sorrow and added to the world's distress, I would not be a Robespierre, the monster of the guillotine, but I would be constrained to feel: As you have sown so also are you reaping.

It would have been far better had their "lot forbade nor circumscribed alone their growing virtues, but their crimes confined forbade to wade through slaughter to a throne and shut the gates of mercy on mankind."

WALTER BOOTH.

THE NAVAL TELEGRAPHER; HIS RE-LATION TO WIRE TELEGRAPHY.

Since the advent of wireless telegraphy into commercial affairs, no small amount of interest is taken in it by all, from the layman to the scientist. It is especially adapted for use at sea, where wire telegraphy can not be used, therefore the modern vessel is fully equipped with the apparatus. The United States navy is not an exception to this progressive trend, and all ships operated by the navy are equipped with the latest apparatus.

This invention has caused apprehension on the part of a great many wire operators, in view of the fact that the code used is the same as that used in wire telegraphy. I have met many operators in the cities along both coasts of the country, and have been asked by the majority of them what effect the teaching of these operators by the navy school of the telegraphy would have on wire telegraphy. They seemed to think that the men working wireless in the navy would, on their discharge from the service, take positions with land companies of wire telegraphy. Through THE RAILROAD TELEG-RAPHER I wish to assure the operators who have this idea that it is far from correct.

Men for wireless detail, as a general rule, do not enlist in the service as operators—there are very few wire operators in the navy—but are enlisted as electricians, and sent to the school of electricity at the New York Navý Yard for instruction. They are kept there for twenty-one weeks, of which time six weeks are applied to wireless. In this time they are expected to absorb sufficient knowledge in the art of practical teleg-

raphy to become efficient operators. Having had experience in the telegraph line, both in railroad and commercial work, I, as well as you, know that what a man learns of telegraphing in six weeks will not turn his hair gray.

These men leave the school and are assigned to the stations, either on land or aboard the ships, where they are expected to give their best service. This "best service" consists of receiving messages at the rate of five or six words a minute, provided they have been extremely apt while attending school. In all my nearly four years of wireless service in the navy, I have yet to see the operator, taught the business in the school at New York, who was able to even carry messages for the wire telegrapher of only the smallest degree of ability.

The wire telegrapher has no cause to fear that the naval operator will step into his job for another reason besides their inability to copy "fast stuff." The sounder is not used in wireless as in wire telegraphy, but, a spark which makes a buzzing noise not unlike the sound of the buzzer used in dooralarm service. The knowledge of wireless helps the naval operator in no way in wire telegraphy, except that the study of it allows him the opportunity of learning the code; here, the danger line is drawn sharp. Of fifty naval operators with whom I am acquainted, not one, that has had no previous experience with the sounder, can receive more than ten words a minute.

Let this satisfy you railroad and commercial operators of wire telegraphy, that you have absolutely nothing to fear from the naval operator, and that the naval school of telegraphy can not be likened to those "ham factories" of which we hear so much.—By G. A. Wells, U. S. S. Kearsarge.

WILL OPPOSE HEPBURN'S RE-ELECTION.

I am glad that the brethren are waking up to the fact that when we secure a desirable schedule our work is not complete. We have reached the time when it becomes necessary for us to go into politics. Too long the "interests" have held the political held while we have been satisfied to organize.

Organization is all right, but we must also vote right, and by voting right, I mean to vote for my own interests.

I note that the journal of May shows up Congressman Hepburn's (Iowa) record on the nine-hour law.

Now, I, with many others, have the honor to be a constituent of the gifted representative from Iowa, and when he cast his vote against organized labor and with the railroad interests, I do not think any one acquainted with the Colonel was surprised, as that is the place he has always been found.

Why any member of organized labor, and especially O. R. T., will assist in returning Hepburn to Congress to make laws for us (?) is beyond my comprehension.

It is not a question of politics with me. but a question of right and justice, and the interests of myself and family and the traveling public, and I want it distinctly understood that I am opposed to the return of W. P. Hepburn to Congress, and I would like to see the boys line-up likewise. When a man betrays our interests, and the interests of right and safety at the same time, I am in favor of turning him down.

CERT. 2231, DIV. 130.

ABOLISH SUNDAY WORK.

I heartily agree with "Dixie," in May number of The Telegrapher, that, for our spiritual and temporal welfare, Sunday labor should be abolished. Telegraphers, and all other railroad employes, are as deserving of, and will appreciate as highly as any other class of working men, a day to themselves and with their people.

Already measures are being taken by the C. T. U. of A. to suppress this great evil—Sunday labor. The W. C. T. U. and Y. M. C. A., as well as several papers and periodicals, are lifting their voices in our behalf, and if we will only awake and see for ourselves, the way is open before us.

If our actions are prompt, noble, sublime, godlike actions, we will soon arouse public interest; the public, together with the world's leaders, will come to our rescue, and it will only be a matter of time until we will be seen trailing our way to church and Sunday school with our mothers and sisters. If we are sincere, our efforts shall

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not be in vain; if we are determined, we shall know no defeat. "In unity there is strength," and if all local labor unions will combine and make a united stand, the rail-road companies can not help coming across and granting our request for a decent working period.

CERT. 2333. DIV. 53.

ANSWERS TO INQUIRIES.

The correspondent, who, in May number of THE TELEGRAPHER, asks for a propounding of the subject regarding the right of special engine 170 to proceed on No. 14's schedule, will find an answer in Rule 71, in the book of Rules and Regulations.

Rule 71 states explicitly that right is conferred by train-order; class and direction by time-table, and that right is superior to class or direction. Special engine 170, therefore, having rights conferred by train-order, was superior to No. 14, whose class was conferred by time-table, and had right to proceed on No. 14's schedule to Punxsutawney.

CERT. 2333, DIV. 53.

In reply to the question in May TELEGRA-PHER, Special 170 being made the superior train by right, would proceed to Punxsutawney for No. 14, regardless of Special 170 being forty minutes late on their schedule time of arrival at Punxsutawney they would still retain their rights over No. 14. H. W. S., Cert. 597, Div. 138.

TO THE NON-MEMBERS.

In union there is strength. This picture was painted on my mind when a boy wearing knee pants. It was almost the first lesson I learned at school. No doubt some of you older ones learned the same lesson, and have drawn this very same picture, and still have it imprinted on your vision. But some of you younger ones did not have this opportunity, as the school books of today are in the hands of the book trust, and the trust don't want you wage workers to learn the lesson that in union there is strength. They want you to be individuals. want you to apply individually for work. They want you to compete with your coworker for a job, while they combine their forces, also their dollars, and work in harmony with each other. They don't cut freight and passenger rates. They get together and raise them. Your bosses work co-operatively in perfect unionism. O that I could imprint this picture on your minds! It is one of the most beautiful pictures I have studied. It was in our school books but yesterday, and today it has vanished.

Do any of you remember that grand old man demonstrating to his seven sons that in union there was strength? Do you remember how he presented to them seven sticks tied in one bundle for the boys to break? And do you remember how each one tried in vain to break them? Do you not remember how forcibly they declared to the old man that the bundle could not be broken after the last and strongest had failed? Do you not remember how this grand old man took the bundle and broke each stick separately? Is this one lesson not enough to convince you of the weakness of your individuality? Do you think you can stand individually alone against all combined forces of organized wealth? Where do you think you would be today if it were not for organized labor? Do you not think you owe a helping hand to organized labor? After debating this question with yourself thoroughly can you not see that organized labor has helped your condition wonderfully? Young man, when your boss pats you on the back and tells you to keep out of labor unions, that you are a bright and intelligent young man, and that you should act individually, be loyal to the company, with a proper pull you will reach the top. Beware, young man; beware of that sanctimonious face your boss wears; he is only working for his own individual selfishness; he is only working to increase the profits of the company he represents that this same greedy company may show him some favor.

The philosopher has well said there is no disinterested act. Some of you may be inclined to question this, but if we will look closely we shall see the personal motives in all things we do; it could not very well be otherwise. The trouble with most of us is in the definition of the word, to the word selfishness that calls up the greed of the brute, the cry of the ape, the scream of the tiger. Men not all being wise, have often mistaken their best interest. They can see

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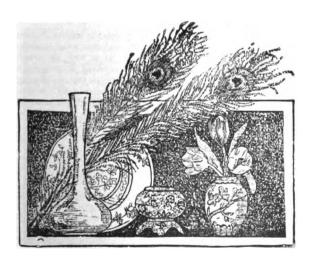
some immediate personal benefit, and overlook the day of payment in the future.

Chattel slavery has existed for a time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, and our hands are hardly clear at the present time.

Slavery is a very pleasant institution to the master in permitting him to have leisure, but the generation after him pays the price. What kind of self-interest keeps the workers of the United States in wageslavery? While the workers today do not have a ball and chain fastened to their ankle, and no overseer plies the lash on his shoulder, yet he is bound by the chain of competition, and competition wields a lash that is able to hit his back and also the backs of his wife and children. time he is thinking that competition is a good thing for him, so he goes on fighting his brother-worker for a job, and the corporations slip in and take the result of his labor, leaving him barely enough to exist on. There is an old saying self-evident in its truthfulness: "It is cruel to beat a cripple with his own crutch;" the cripple is handicapped by some physical defect, and if it happens to be a leg that is defective the crutch will supplement it, or even supply its place; but take away the crutch, and the man becomes utterly unable to help himself. He must starve and die miserably unless some one shall render him assistance. We may say of the wage-worker: He is a cripple, and his job is a crutch upon which he is wholly dependent. Take it away from him, and how pitiably helpless he becomes. What will he do without it? God knows!

How long, O working brother, will you stand by and see your individualism beaten down? How long will you grovel helplessly under the power of oneness that has crushed thousands of you? How long will you let another own the crutch upon which you depend, and use it to beat you with? Not in a fair fight, because you are helpless—a mental cripple—get in line, and see how long it will take us to reach the goal.

CERT. 436.





St. Louis Div., No. 2.

Fourth Vice-President Bro. J. J. Dermody was a visitor at headquarters recently.

Bro. E. B. Thornton, of Division No. 2, was a recent caller at headquarters. Bro. Thornton has been working in Panama for several years for the Panama Railroad. He says the sanitary conditions on the Isthmus are much improved, but the work is hard, and operators quite plentiful.

Bro. P. P. Molloy is again doing a clerical "stunt" at headquarters.

We are glad to note the improved condition on the railroads in this vicinity. A number of them are calling for operators, and while there is not a shortage of telegraphers we are pleased to be able to report that the surplus which was in evidence for several months has been greatly diminished.

St. Louis Division, No. 2, holds stated meetings: 8 p. m., first and third Mondays of each month, in the small hall, third floor, Masonic Temple, Grand and Finney avenues, and we extend to all brothers in this vicinity an invitation to come up and spend a pleasant hour with us.

DIV. COR.

Lancaster Div., No. 9.

The rush the secretary is encountering on account of such a large percentage of the members paying their dues is encouraging, indeed. Almost 75 per cent have already been heard from, which is the best evidence obtainable from the membership for their loyalty to the division and the Order.

Considering that the heaviest thunder storm of the season occurred meeting night, we had a fair attendance at the July meeting; many encouraging communications were read, and advice from all parts of the division showed that not a few nons will have joined our ranks in a very short time.

A number of important questions were considered under "new business," among which was the advisability of revising our by-laws, which was thought necessary on account of the steady increase of membership which we are experiencing. Our hustling chief, who is ever on the alert, appointed a committee of seven to meet this issue, and they were instructed to report at later meetings what progress is being made.

Relief Committee reported Bro. Reynolds still on the sick list, with not much improvement in his condition. Bro. Frank Spink, of "GI," Harrisburg yard, last trick, fills Bro. Reynold's vacancy on last trick at "XN," Harrisburg yard, temporarily.

Bro. H. M. Shields, middle trick at "RQ," has traded off with Bro. E. N. Stoner, who has last trick there, for several months during the base ball season, so he can give more attention to his winning team of ball-tossers. "Kernel."

Baltimore Div., No. 17.

Quite a goodly number of the brothers are taking advantage of the vacation season to see the world. Bro. H. C. Krout and wife are taking in the Thousand Islands, Niagara Falls, etc.

Bro. F. B. Stonesifer, of Calvert Station, has resigned and moved to Houston, Tex., where he expects to live.

During the recent retrenchments quite a few of the brothers have been compelled to take a step or two backward. Bro. H. E. Jacoby has again moved to York, where he will continue to hustle and make the branch and the main line solid north of York. A meeting at York is now under consideration, and no doubt will be arranged. It is the intention to have a grand officer present at this meeting. Send any suggestions you have to make for this meeting or our next rally to the Entertainment Committee or to the secretary.

It has recently come to our notice that a certain operator now working on the Western Maryland Railroad, whom we aided a few years ago, keeping him out of dire want, now stoops so low as to become a student teacher. My friend, have you forgotten your obligation and lost all manhood? It is with the keenest of regret that we notice so many telegraphers teaching students who are obstacles that we have tried so hard to hold to a minimum. Mr. Student Teacher, can't you see the folly of your actions? If you desire more pay and better hours, you must aid in advancing the demands of your craft. Why not help maintain the organization that has been fighting your battles?

In the shake-up in the dispatcher's office at Union Station Bro. Q. A. Geise has been placed on the first trick Union Railroad train wire. "AD" has the distinction of being the most prominent telegrapher on the Baltimore Division, and no doubt he and the boys will, ere long, become most intimately acquainted.

Bros. Hutchinson and Wiers, each owls on the main line, have been sidetracked to the message office, and U. R. R. train wires, respectively.

Bros. Bond and Hampsher have been changed, but are both located in the dispatcher's office.

Bro. T. L. Dugan and Bro. W. H. Newbar have each been moved back one place. We hope that ere long they will again be filling their old places.

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Our chief telegrapher, Bro. Wm. M. Skinner, is keeping apace with the times, and has moved to the country for the summer.

It is reported that Mr. H. W. Kapp, general agent and superintendent, will resume duty October 1st. We trust that he may have fully regained his health.

We were rather surprised to learn that Bro. James B. Finnain, the oldest member of Division No. 17, has become a part of the commercial telegraphers. We wish Bro. Finnain great success, and trust that he will ever remember Division No. 17 as one of the green garden spots of the world.

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Williamsport Div., No. 24.

Although we have very materially assisted in building up several neighboring divisions, we still have a membership of which we may well feel proud, and applications coming in every meeting. The desirable "nons" in our territory are becoming as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth, as our membership includes a very large percentage of all the operators employed.

Most of the members have paid the dues for the current period, and those who have not yet done so should do so at once, as the membership will, in a short time, again receive a roster similar to that distributed in March, showing "who's who, and why." Remember, that to wear an O. R. T. button and carry an up-to-date card means more today than ever before. We are here to stay, and the future of Division 24 never glowed brighter than it does today.

We all miss Bro. Dieffenderfer's smiling face at the meetings since he is working the second trick at "BY." While he was working the first trick nothing short of floods or fires could keep him or Bro. Forney from the meetings.

The operators of the Eastern and Susquehanna Evisions have organized a base ball team, and under the able leadership of Bro. H. V. McGee, Milton, manager, and Bro. H. T. Cope, Northumberland, captain, they have succeeded in winning all the games so far played.

Either of these brothers would like to hear from Renova, Elmira, Harrisburg, Sunbury or Alteena Divisions, if they care to meet our team.

Bro. C. R. Miller, from the Sunbury Division, has accepted a position on our division.

Bro. Joe Deegan, base ball artist, dancing master, etc., has gone to Towanda to spend a week under the roof of his forefathers.

Bro. Bob Grugan, first trick man at "FN," has been chosen manager of the Hippodrome Theater at Glen Union. We all feel confident Bob will succeed in this, his latest enterprise.

Sister H. I. Williams has been transferred from the third trick at "ZA" to the second trick at "D," and Bro. A. R. Fenstermacher from the second trick at "D" to the third trick at "ZA." This will no doubt be a great deal more convenient for "HW," as it will do away with that long walk to "ZA" around the midnight hour.

"13" Bro. Weaver's arm has gone back on him. It's no wonder, the way he had to pound "cuts" all day.

That's a great bunch we have at Sunbury. Ali the offices in that city are solid with the exception of one operator. Should think that non would be awful lonesome.

Six operators at "DY," three levermen. Operators solid; levermen are not (operators please note).

Bro. Shaffer has landed Milton, and he will be

Bro. Shaffer has landed Milton, and he will be one of us next meeting.

Bros. McGee and Deegan have convinced their second trick man that there's only one way.

Bro. Fetterhoff, at "MO," should receive the prize for regular attendance at meetings. Think some of the boys would do well if they would follow in his footsteps. Ed says no use in being in a thing half.

Our genial secretary and treasurer, Bro. Sponsler, has been spending his vacation down East, as well as at his old home.

Bro. Sam Price returned to duty recently after quite an extended vacation, as well as the other Sam who returned from an auto trip through the eastern section of the State.

Bro. Tom Purvis holding down the second trick at "RO."

Bros. Rubendall and Cope have been doing extra work in "GO" office while some of the regular men were off on vacations.

Bro. Klingenberger was called to Fort Wayne. Indiana, some time ago, owing to the death of his sister.

Bro. Beiver's father at Halifax died during the third week in July, and Bro. Bickel was away a few days, owing to the death of his father-in-law. These brothers have the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of all the brothers of Division 24.

By the time this reaches the membership we shall have held a smoker at our Williamsport meeting the second week in August. Understand these affairs are to occur at more frequent intervals than has been the custom in the past, and the brothers are hereby extended an invitation to be present at all of them. Don't forget, please, that the second meeting in August (the fourth Friday), will be held at Sunbury at 10 o'clock in the morning, instead of at Lock Haven at 8 p. m. This will give all the second and third trick men an opportunity to attend meeting without loss of time.

Any of the brothers located on the division centering at Sunbury who can possibly attend this meeting should do so, as we shall be very glad to greet them there.

Veritas.

New Haven Div., No. 29.

Bro. Hart, from "KA" office, Hopewell, has bid in second trick at Poughkeepsie Junction, also moved his family to Poughkeepsie. Operator Baker now at "KA" office.

A number of offices on this line benefited by the eight and nine-hour law.

R. Yager has third trick at Modena, which brings him right at home.



Operator Nesbit, first trick at Maybrook, "XC" office, now resides in Walden.

Bro. Kellogg, formerly on N. H. road, now at Briggs Siding.

Several changes noticed recently in "WJ" office, Hopewell. Do not know the names of the new men.

There are three operators on the extra list at present.

"QA" office, Poughkeepsie, still closed nights.

Operator Beatty, from Hartford, "DI" office, attended the boat races at Poughkeepsie June 27th. Bro. M. J. LaMere, agent at Verbank, has been

attending old home week at Rockville, Conn.
Division 8, N. Y. C., hold their meetings the third Tuesday in each month at 27 Garden street, Poughkeepsie. Have cordially invited the C. N. E. boys, but am afraid the C. N. E. is never very largely represented.

The N. Y. C. boys have a fine ball team, and expect to make things lively this summer. S. L. Rugman manager.

Understand dispatcher's office force, Hartford, have started on their summer vacations. Dispatcher Burns relieving.

Hope next month we will see some one else send in a few notes, be they ever so short.

CERT. 312.

Providence Div., No. 35.

July meeting of Division 35 was one of the short and sweet kind, the attendance was good, considering the warm weather, and business was rushed. General Chairman Bro. Manion was on hand and gave us a very interesting address upon things as he finds them in his journeys up and down the land.

Bro. and Mrs. G. W. Beatty, of Apponang, were called to Vermont by the death of Mrs. Beaty's mother.

The wording of the nine-hour law regarding three trick positions is very plain, and puts it up to the company and employes alike as to the proper compliance of same; also a notice from the C. T. D. as to changing hours without permission places a towerman in a peculiar position in the event of his relief sleeping over, as was the case of a second trick brother recently whose relief failed to show up until 5 a. m. on account of his alarm clock failing to work. The brother reported, as was proper, at the end of nine-hours, and was ordered to work through, as at that time there was no way possible of getting relief to him. The brother was afterwards taken to task by a bunch of members and "nons" on train for doing as he did. He need feel no compunction over his act, as what he did was proper, and the only thing he could do, and his relief holds the same views. The hot-air of the bunch was only the natural results of sunstroke preventive with which they had charged their systems while in the city.

The many friends of Bro. D. W. Dean will no doubt be pleased to know that he is still upon the rolls of Division 35, although sojourning in that part of the country made tamous by Horace

Greeley in his advice to young men. His appointment of chief train dispatcher of the McCloud River Railroad in California is the most gratifying report of all, and we look to see him ascend still higher in railroad life.

The changing of a to o, making former out of farmer, did an injustice to Bro. Seavy in my June letter. That word former can never rightfully be applied to Charlie, as he is one of our strongest and staunchest brothers, and always up-to-date.

Bro. Brown, our S. and T., has moved his family to Riverside for the summer. The brothers will take notice of his changed address in remitting dues.

Bro. Masterton from second trick at Slocums to third trick at East Greenwich.

Bro. Wray from agency at Valley Falls to second trick Olive street, Attleboro.

If certain brothers were as willing to write up their news upon events connected with the union world in general and the telegraph world in particular, and send them to me as they are to air them to the public upon all possible occasions, the monthly letters from our division would be much more interesting than they now are.

DIV. Con.

New Rochelle Div., No. 37.

Train 48 (known as the White Mountain Express) was completely wrecked at Greenwich, Conn., on July 16th. It is supposed that spreading of rails was the cause. The train was made up of one baggage, two coaches and six Pullmans. One lady passenger was killed outright and about a dozen others injured, several seriously. That there was not greater loss of life is a wonder, as the entire train left the rails; cars turning over on their sides, ripping up the track for several hundred feet, and blocking three main tracks, leaving but one westbound track open for traffic. It took two wrecking trains almost twentyfour hours to clear the tracks. While this work was going on the volume of traffic was considerably delayed, it being necessary to move eastbound trains against current of traffic between Eastport, Chester and Riverside.

Boys don't forfget our seventh annual clambake to be held at Rye Beach Sunday, August 30th. Get in training for the feed, also those eligible for a place on the base ball team will please ginger up. And don't forget returns for tickets should be made not later than August 22d, this in order to figure how many to provide for. Let us hope for nice weather that day.

A few deadheads (nons) along the pipe too poor to contribute their little mite to a cause that has brought better things to their doors, look as poor as church mice; always pleading poverty when the O. R. T. is mentioned. Poor fellows! pass the hat; five-dollar lawn mowers are cheap.

Bro. Reif, of Harrison, first trick, off on a month's vacation at his home in Norwich, Conn. and will visit Niagara Falls and Thousand Islands.



Bro. Swenck claims membership in Grand Division, filling the bill until Bro. Reif returns.

Bro. Donovan, of Mt. Vernon, has made his escape to some point in the Keystone State on his annual vacation.

Bro. Gould (one of the staunch ones) at "SK" office, South Norwalk, has a novel "ad." in one of his windows announcing our seventh annual clambake. "GO" is certainly not one of the dead mes.

The monkey at Cos Cob tower 61 has disappeared, but the Hall Room Boys still doing business there. Conaty gone to Harrison on second trick.

The new six-track drawbridge over Pelham Bay vas put in operation last month. This is the only bridge of that size in the world. It is moved by electricity.

It is expected we will have a number of our grand officers in attendance at our annual clambake, August 30th, also some of our railroad officials. We shall endeavor to make the day one of enjoyment for all our guests. Come early and stay late.

Al Sheehan, formerly of Ding Dong town, near Johnsonville, has once more come amongst us. We sincerely hope he will soon avail himself of the opportunity to procure the necessary pasteboard through Division 37.

Our worthy brothers employed in the Port Chester, Greenwich, Cos Cob and Riverside towers desprve great credit for their able and efficient manner of handling the large volume of business in running trains against traffic during the long tieup caused by the wreck of the White Mountain Express.

Bros. Lyons, Corrigan and Mahrbach are daily getting in shape for our ball game. It is said these three men, who hail from the land of the Pennsylvania Dutch, are indeed wonders in the outer field; high balls being their specialty.

"SCRIBE."

Boston Div., No. 41.

It is to be hoped that the Excursion Committee may be able to bring a favorable report at the August meeting. A Sunday excursion would be just the thing for the members, many of whom are unable to attend the meetings, and have no opportunity of meeting other members of the Order. A Sunday excursion to Lake Winnepesaukee would just about hit it off in good shape. The train service is such that everyone who will be allowed to be absent can connect, and should the committee report favorably, a pleasant time is anticipated. The matter was thoroughly discussed at the last meeting, and left to the committee to decide as to date and place.

Bro. Caron, of Lowell, is doing the honors at North Somerville during the absence of Agent Hoyle. Bro. Marr filling at Lowell for Caron.

Bro. T. J. Woods, of Roberts, Fitch Division, has some to New Brunswick on a hunting and fishing trip, to be away for two months.

Bro. Nims, of Concord Junction, Fitch Division, is spending his vacation in Maine.

By the death of Bro. Knowlton, of Littleton, the division has lost an earnest worker for the Order and a loyal member. A committee consisting of Bros. Clifton, of Roberts; G. W. Hunt, of Concord, Mass., and C. W. Hunt, of Littleton, were appointed to draw up resolutions to be presented at the August meeting.

One of our local agents, with his usual enterprise and thrift, has substituted tomatoes for the regulation dahlias furnished by the company to improve the appearance of his station grounds. In spite of the extended drought they are doing finely, and he is looking for a good harvest in the fall.

A word about dues: Get them in at once. Let's try to emulate the example of Division 139, where every member was square with the board within sixty days from January 1st. A record to be proud of.

Get after the nons. There are a number holding good jobs who can not see their way clear to take out a card, although they want everything that is going. Remember, brothers, friendship don't count with a non. It is "No card, no favors."

Get around to the meeting, boys, so we can have a good look at you. It is so long since I saw some of you that it would be like finding a longlost brother to neet you again. Find some of those new members that have not attended any meetings yet; probably they don't know where the hall is located.

Lots of important business coming up now; things that you will all be interested in. Don't miss.

Bro. J. R. Seery has been transferred to North field, N. H., on White Mountain Division.

Div. Cor.

Notes of Div. No. 44.

Bro. H. G. Penny has bid in the second trick at Woodhaven Junction. Bro. Cammna has bid in the first trick at Metropolitan avenue again. Hope no one knocks him out this time.

Bro. F. J. Torry has just returned from a pleasant vacation up the State.

Bro. M. S. Scotton has just returned from an extended trip through the West.

Bro. E. C. D. Combs, of Valley Stream, is keeping bachelor's hall while Mrs. Combs is sojourning in Pennsylvania.

Bro. A. P. Sinderhauf, our genial friend of Springfield Junction, first trick, went to the beach recently to inspect the sheath bathing suit in working order. Perhaps with the view of purchasing one.

Bro. Irving Cornell off on a couple of days' vacation taking in the sights at the beach.

Bro. Buckee doing the stunts from 3 p. m. to 11 p. m. at air tower "JT."

Bro. Breen, first trick at Nincola, and his troupe of pumpkin players, received an awful drubbing by the Jamaica Woodhulls.

The biggest roast on Long Island is the agency at Long Beach—fourteen hours' work handling train orders, station, and other work. Some chance for our committee to look things over and give Bro. Geutz some assistance. Our eight-hour law applies to this, I think.

Bros. Cornell, "FW," first trick; Lewis, "HJ," first trick; Cruderhauf, "SP," first trick, and Combes, "VA," first trick, went to North Beach a few times lately. You brothers might take some of this time and attend our meetings; only one night a month, and find out how things are being conducted.

Mr. Frank Reeves, third trick at "SP," goes fishing often lately. This is what the eight hours has done for him, and he still refuses to affiliate with us. It is small thanks we receive from some for our labor in their behalf. He is a hard one to crack.

Some brothers are getting very careless and not watching for green on the head-end, and some second sections are held up. Brothers, this practice must stop. Keep your eyes open, and don't let it be said one of our number was the guilty party.

Bro. Cornell, "FW," first trick, was relieved by Bro. J. P. Hopkins, regular relief. Bro. Camman, of "MX," relieved Bro. Hopkins, who went to "X" to help out a few days.

Mr. Stanley Brower, agent at Rosedale, off a couple of days on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. Hunt, of New Jersey. Mr. Hunt takes Lynbrook agency, relieving Mr. Fred Carman—all nons—once brothers. Get busy and introduce them to our goat.

Mr. Fred Carman takes Edgemere agency for the summer season, as he has heretofore for several seasons. It seems peculiar that a man enjoying the increased benefits this man has is still unable to see the light. Something wrong somewhere, but there is still hope.

Bro. James O'Rourke bid in Queens, second trick.

Jas. F. Hendrickson, of Springfield, an old-timer, takes Laurelton, second trick, relieving Bro. O'Rourke. Mr. Hendrickson has not done any railroading for several years, but he is the right kind, having asked for the papers. Another case where the effects of good O. R. T. schedules has shown them the light.

Mr. Gray, first trick at Holban yard, still unable to raise the price.

Bro. O'Rourke, of Queens, second trick, off for the Fourth of July. Spent it seeing the great national game of base ball and the Merry Widow play in New York.

Bro. W. E. Lewis, of Brentwood, recently met with a most unfortunate accident, breaking his knee-cap, and at this writing is in the hospital. He has the sympathy of the entire membership. His position is filled by Relief Agent Bro. A. J. Petroske.

The summer office at Hammels (agency No. 2). is held down by Arthur McNalley, and L. W. Long is doing the work at Broad Channel.

Bro. Van Nostrand at Huntington at last accounts.

Just a word in regard to the so-called hard times over which many of us get quite excited and demand action, etc.

You have been told that there are five men (telegraphers) looking for every vacant position. If you will stop for a moment and think the matter over you will observe that this is not so; that there never was a time when there was a greater opportunity for first-class agents and telegraphers than there is at the present time. It don't make any difference how many applications there are, if the applicants are incompetent. Now, to prove this statement and make the point clear, let's say five men (that is not many), from the busy stations, get their heads together and ask for a week's vacation, and note the answers to your application. You will be told that you can not be relieved. But suppose, by chance, you do get relieved. When you return to work you will want three or four expert accountants to get your books in shape. Try it.

The Manufacturers' Association, through its president, has said that all railroads throughout the United States should reduce wages 10 per cent or more.

I wonder if he stopped to think that a general reduction of 10 per cent would come right out of the business of the manufacturer and would force him to do business on a closer margin.

Don't be afraid of any 10 per cent reduction or any reduction. An attempt to reduce wages would be resented and would cost any company that tried it more than 30 per cent, besides having an unreliable and demoralized force.

Election won't cut any ice in this matter, either.

Mrs. Jennie M. Powell, wife of the late Conductor Powell, has accepted the position as ticket agent at Steeplechase Park for the summer.

Alice Davis installed as ticket agent at Aqueduct.

Mrs. E. E. Brokaw has resigned as ticket agent at Woodhaven Jct. Mrs. Ida Schuyler has accepted the position.

Miss Jessie Sieger is ticket agent at Ramblersville for the summer.

Sixter Terry, of Morris Park, is confined to the house account of illness; at this writing it can not be said that she is improving as fast as her many friends would wish.

Bro. R. J. Edwards, for many years one of Long Island's best agents, has resigned the agency at Ozone Park. He has accepted an official position with the Crystal Laundry Company of Brooklyn. His many friends wish him success in his new position.

Mr. J. W. Cumming, for the past nine years way-bill clerk in the Long Island City freight house, has been appointed freight agent at Ozone

The changes in the force at Rockaway Park come so fast we are unable to keep track of them. Sister Murray has been obliged to do a 20-hour trick on several different occasions.

One Mr. Broadrock was relieved by request of Mr. Chichester for his curiosity in connection with certain pieces and parcels of baggage. At last accounts Mr. Broadrock was stopping at a public boarding house in Long Island City.

Along come a Mr. Stiern, who done very well during the first hour after the auditor had checked him in; shortly after he was on his way. Sea breeze too much for him, 'tis said.

Mr. J. M. Stoddard is holding down second trick at the park for the present.

Bro. Addison E. Tibbals, who for the past few years has been conducting a large mail order business in New York, and who was obliged to give it up on account of ill-health, has accepted the position as agent at Rocky Point for the summer. Bro. Tibbals will probably resume business in the fall.

Mr. W. D. Wild, of Huntington, and formerly a professor of telegraphy and a very consistent knocker of our beloved organization, has been discharged for conduct unbecoming.

There's a moral to this: It's better to be a good, honest O. R. T. man and a faithful employe than it is to be a sucker. A man will wear longer and feel better.

Bro. Webster has accepted the position as agent at Water Mill. Since his return from Panama he has been taking things very easy, spending a great deal of his time greeting his many friends. Mr. H. Cooper left Bellmen on very short notice; his place was filled temporarily by Bro. Rodney Vallentine, of Rockville Center, who has since been relieved by permanent agent J. S. Smith

Some new positions have been created at Flatbush Ave. since the opening of the Subway. Bro. M. F. O'Loughlin, first trick in the depot; Bro. F. J. Horsch, from second trick in depot to first trick in the Subway; Bro. F. A. Keenan, second trick in depot; Mr. G. W. Waley, third trick in depot; Mr. C. P. Carll, formerly of Manhattan Beach, working second trick in Subway; Mr. J. J. Horsch, formerly with the L. & S. Mfg. Co., of Woodhaven, working third trick in Subway. Looks as though a few applications can be used there.

Woodsville Div., No. 45.

Bro. L. J. Berry, who recently bid in third trick at Ashland, has been assigned second trick at Meredith for the summer season.

Bro. Archie Macomber is holding down first trick at Meredith. This makes Meredith "solid." Bro. Chas. Ring, for some time in the freight train service on the Fitchburg Division, has left that department and is now working second trick at Ashland.

A Mr. Gray from the N. Y., N. H. & H. is holding down the afternoon trick at Weirs. Can not say whether he is a brother or not, but Bro. Evans will not be long in finding out.

Mr. Madigan is working the afternoon trick at Tilton from 3:00 p. m. to 1:00 a. m. Mr. Madigan is an old-time Western Union man, having served that company over fifteen years. He was at one time manager of the Portland, Me., office, and later wire chief at 109 State Street, Boston. He is a

"red-hot" member of the Commercial Telegraphers'
Union, and we hope to have him in our ranks in
the near future.

We notice that some of the boys are not taking their hour off for meals. This is wrong. We are entitled to it and should demand it by all means. Stand up for your rights.

Some of our second trick boys are compelled to work in freight office and do baggage work. This is creating more or less dissatisfaction among the boys, and we hope to see the matter brought before the management and a satisfactory adjustment brought about.

JASPER.

Wilmington Div., No. 58,

Division No. 58 met in regular session Wednesday evening, July 15th, Chief Kennedy in the chair. The weather was very hot but we had a good turn-out, which shows that the boys have the right spirit.

Bro. Melvin, secretary and treasurer, had to retire early account his mother meeting with a painful accident; Bro. Hill relieving him in that nosition.

We are glad to see the brothers paying their dues so promptly. If there are any who have not, no time like the present. We also want to get after the nons and give them to understand, "no card, no favors."

It is also important that members changing their address should notify the secretary and treasurer.

Maryland Division-

The boys are very busy on the Maryland Division; the perishable freight is running heavy from the South and the Delaware Division, and it is expected that we will have the heaviest run of peaches for years.

Bro. Rudolph, assistant Manager "WD," has been spending a few days at Atlantic City, N. J.; he is an entifusiastic yachtsman.

Mr. Stewart, manager "WD," on his vacation; Bro. Rudolph relieving him. Bro. MacDonald working first trick, Bro. Livermore, second, and Bro. Warren as third trick assistant manager.

Bro. Livermore has returned from Atlantic City much improved in health.

Mr. Uffleman, of "WD," has been absent account the death of his wife. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to him in his misfortune.

Mr. Harry Adams, extra operator "WD," is in a Philadelphia hospital. He has been in poor health for some time.

Your correspondent was unable to attend the last meeting, and is unable to give you much news this time.

Delaware Division-

A few of the brothers spent their relief dates as follows:

Bro. Jenkins with his parents at Wyoming. Bro. Hobbs at Atlantic City, enjoying the ocean breeze. Bro. Eason, of "DA," as the guest of his brother at Norfolk, Va. Bro. Stevens, of

"WS," at Chestertown, Md. Bro. Truitt at his home at Clayton, says too hot to travel now. Bro. Roe and wife in the city. Bro. Quillen, of "B," with his parents at Goldsboro. Bro. Butler, of "DR," in Dover.

Bro. Feeney has got the automobile fever; is thinking of purchasing a fine touring car to carry his friends around in when off duty.

Mr. Millman has bid in the vacancy at "A." This man was formerly an O. R. T. man and now that he has secured a \$60.50 position probably he can see his way clear to invest a little money with the O. R. T.

Quite a number of applications were received last month. We hope to make the non a scarce article on this division by 1909.

Bro. Bartlett has been off sick a day or two; had the toothache very bad.

Bro. Easom has bid in "DA," which leaves a vacancy at "GD." Am quite sure the boys will tumble over one another to get this, as there are only twenty levers to handle and it pays just the same as a two-lever block.

CERT. 113.

Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

Few changes on line during past month and business very slack.

Bro. H. A. Boughtin, of Rockwell, has resigned as agent at that place, and by this time next month he will be no more on this division. Understand he will head for the "Iowa Cent. Colony" in Montana. Can't say who will be the lucky man for Rockwell station yet.

Bro. C. T. Hardin resigned at Ackley nights. Relieved by a Mr. Doyle. Doyle was at one time a member of the Order, and now would be a good time to pay up his back dues.

Bro. T. J. Stanley, of Liscomb, on an extended leave of absence. Relieved by Mr. Tapp, formerly ticket clerk at Albia.

Bro. N. M. Gray, who has been working at Pickering nights, has gone to the C., M. & St. P. Bro. Bruse back at Pickering nights.

Bro. A. R. Brush, of Albion, off on a two weeks' vacation. Relieved by Bro. C. F. Norton, of Division 93. Bro. Norton was agent at Albion several years ago.

Understand Bro. M. B. Quire goes from Grinnell nights to Mason City nights. Do not know who goes to Grinnell.

Bro. F. Lamansky has been transferred from Marsh to Grandview on the M., N. & S. Ry. He says he will still retain membership in Division 71, however.

Bro. C. R. Hunter has been working at different places for several months relieving agents while they were on vacations.

At last meeting Bro. H. A. Boughtin's resignation as local chairman for main line and branches north of Marshalltown was accepted, and Bro. E. Scott, of Ackley, elected to fill vacancy.

Understand Bro. E. G. Flatley, of Farmington, has resigned that position. We are all sorry to see so many of the boys leaving.

Organizers for the Trackmen's Union have been working the east end lately, and understand they met with success, with the exception of a few foreigners. "Let the good work go on."

"13" Bro. F. R. Lentz has resigned the job of Albia nights.

Many of the boys paid their dues even before the secretary and treasurer had time to mail the notice of dues slips. That shows their hearts are in the right place. Now, if the few backsliders would dig down it would please everybody. Better late than never.

There was something doing out of the ordinary at July meeting of Division 71 July 11th. First of the kind, members and wives, or sweethearts of same, to the number of forty-three, were present and enjoyed a nice, social evening. A short business meeting was held after which the social part began. All present enjoyed themselves, and no doubt are looking forward to the next banquet. Such meetings should be held at least once or twice a year for the good of the Order, and it is hoped this will not be our last one. Other divisions on other lines are up and doing, why not on the "Hook and I?"

DIV. Cos.

Scranton Div., No. 87.

At our regular meeting held at Archbald City, July 6th, we had one of the most enjoyable events that the division has ever held, each and every member interested in the welfare of the Order, and Scranton Division especially tried their best to make the meeting a success, and "the proof of the pudding is in the eating." Ask those who were there and did the eating.

Bro. Pierson was with us, and he was well pleased with the enthusiastic crowd that greeted him. There were dispatchers and ex-dispatchers, copiers and ex-copiers, agents and ex-agents, and last, but not least by any means, the telegraphers and ex-telegraphers, all vieing with each other to assist everyone in having a royal old Fourth of Ju-New-Year combination good time.

Bro. Pierson delivered a speech full of good advice for all present.

Mr. Rounds, our chief dispatcher, sent a letter of regret, saying he would be pleased to be with us, but could not come on account of other engagements. We all regretted the fact that he was not there to enjoy all the good things that came our way.

The committee was composed of Bros. Moon, Davis, Taylor, Spellman, Burlingame and Burke, and it would have been pretty hard for our chief to have selected a committee more fitted for the job than those six; they worked and the perspiration poured, but they were just as happy as schoolboys, and well they might be, for they saw their efforts crowned with success.

Nineveh Branch has a few lines in the write-up, and we were all sorry that some of them could not get down and have an enjoyable time.

Bro. Moot bid in third trick at Wilkesbarre yard, and soon getting tired of that dropped back in the agency business again, bidding in Moosic.

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Mr. Anthony, formerly agent at Moosic, accepted the position as agent at Wilkesbarre.

Bro. Clancey, of the Grand, is the second trick man at Wilkesbarre.

Bro. Danks, Division 42, bid in the agency at Miners Mill.

Mr. Quinn, assistant at Peckville, bid in agency at Lafin.

Bro. W. F. York, Division 42, bid in second trick at Moosic.

Bros. Berry, York and Davis at Moosic are the three prominent men of the division with the ladies. Berry seems very quiet since the girl left town; York, they say, is going to take a two weeks' vacation and go to Smithville, while Davis is making frequent trips over to Honesdale.

Bro. "Squire" Altenberg, Minooka Jct. tower, is on a thirty days' leave of absence, visiting friends in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Ex-Bro. D. P. Pace now with the trainmen, is again back in the service, working second trick at Carbon Street Jct., Scranton.

Bro. C. C. Tennant, Div. 42, bid in second trick at Green Ridge.

Bro. Burlingame, of Lookout Jct., is on his annual vacation, and Bro. Oliver is relieving him.

Bro. L. F. Brooks, of Lookout Jct., has just returned from his vacation, and he reports crops looking fine and a big hay crop which he helped harvest.

Mr. Betts, of the Hoosier State, is copying in the dispatcher's office, while Taylor is holding down Peckville.

Bro. Broad, of Peckville, is taking a three months' leave of absence during the huckleberry

Hope the few nons will get wise after Bro. Pierson's talk, and come with us soon.

REG. COR.

Nineveh Branch, Division 87-

Having waited in vain for a write-up from this division, will try my hand at it, and let the rest of the brothers of this division know that we are right on the job.

Business is rather dull at present, with a majority of the trains pulling Wilkesbarre freight. Hope to see it pick up soon.

We are nearly solid on the branch; Lanesboro solid, with Bros. F. H. Ferry, E. S. Taylor and E. F. Gates doing first, second and third tricks, and Bro. C. L. Depew as agent.

Tuscarora, I am sorry to say, has one non, C. H. Armstrong, the first trick; Bros. R. A. Unangst and F. E. Wright the second and third tricks.

North End, with Bro. M. H. MacMasters first, C. I. Frost second, and an Erie man by the name of Laughlin on third during the absence of Bro. I. E. Dibble.

Mr. Frost expects to carry an "up-to-date" soon.

Am unable to state at this writing whether Mr.

Laughlin is a brother or not.

East Windsor, with Bro. B. F. Edson doing a 13-hour stunt as agent and telegrapher, East Windsor having been closed since the advent of the nine-hour law.

South Nineveh, with Bro. M. F. Marsh first, Mr. R. F. McKune second and Bro. E. D. Maynard third.

Mr. Nelson Gunn as relief man, who has filled out application papers but not came across with the necessary yet.

A pretty good showing, considering that before the arrival of Bro. Nelligan, of Division 67, a little over a year ago, there was not a member on the branch, but let us each keep after the non nearest us, and do our best to make the branch solid.

One word more. I recently received authentic information that one of the brothers on our branch was running a "ham factory." Brother, cut it out or your name will be published next month.

Remember your obligation. If any of the brothers on the branch hear of any news, please send them to me at "RA," and will see we have a write-up each month, if possible.

CERT. 40.

Boston Div., No. 89.

Regular July "evening" meeting held July 11th, one week late account of first Saturday falling on the 4th. All officers present, except Past Chief Bro. Fenwick. About forty-five brothers present. We will have to look out, boys, or the "night owls" will trim us in point of attendance.

Five applications for membership received and voted favorably upon and three candidates initiated.

There was not much business to come before the meeting, as the "daylight" helps us a great deal in that way; it will give the evening bunch a little more time to "chew the rag."

Annual report of the general chairman and general secretary and treasurer of the General Committee was read, and it was interesting to know that we have a good, substantial balance in New Haven in Bro. Handy's care.

Won't some of the boys on the Norwich and Worcester branch please send in some news items to the division correspondent for The Telegrapher?

Old Colony Division, Second District-

Chief telegrapher L. J. Ross, third trick, "FY," South Framingham, spent ten days in Milford, Delaware, visiting his parents and many old school friends. Bro. N. Petrie, extra towerman, relieving.

Bro. J. C. Donovan, third trick, "FI," Medfield Jct., is again at his post, after a thirty days' leave of absence, traveling through the wilds of Maine.

P. J. Bouchard, second trick, "FI," Medfield Jct., can now be called brother. Bro. Bouchard is a chip of the old block, for we "13" his father not long since was general chairman of Intercolonial Railway, but owing to poor health resigned as general chairman and at present is serving as local chairman on one of their important districts.

J. B. Riley, telegrapher, Assonet, now wears the wreath and sounder.

Bro. F. W. Bickerton, first trick "FY," South Framingham, is summering with his family at Lake Cochitate.

Bro. W. E. Fay, telegrapher and ticket agent "SY," Southboro, covering agent's work while agent away on leave of absence. Bro. Fay relieved by extra telegrapher H. O. Mannes.

Bro. P. W. Pierce, agent Fayville, on leave of absence, visiting his old home in Delaware. Relieved by Bro. C. A. Ahern, of "FN," Framingham.

"A," South Framingham, recently put on ninehour basis, sending third trick telegrapher H. O. Mannes onto extra list. Bros. Geo. Clark and E. B. Beaton working first and second tricks.

"PR," Pratts Jct., also drew an unlucky card, losing second trick man and putting Bro. C. F. Adams on thirteen hours.

Bro. W. R. Howe, second trick "A," South Framingham, resigned to accept position with the "Postal" in Washington, D. C. Bro. Beaton, of Somerset Jct., was the successful bidder.

General chairman Manion was the guest of local chairman L. J. Ross July 16th. The members were notified of his coming and a large gathering was in waiting to greet our worthy brother.

Our second "daylight" meeting July 18th was well attended, more than thirty being present, but more of the brothers should have turned out to see what's doing. Brothers, try and make this the banner division of the East. Put on a little steam, offer no excuses and come to the next and see what is going on. It's up to you.

General chairman Manion has given us his word that he will be a regular attendant at our "day-light." Have you met him? We had as visitors Bros. Manion, Division 29, Mullen and Sullivan, Division 104.

JACOBS.

Elmira Div., No. 100.

Although there are only a few "nons" left on this division don't be a knocker to them, but appoint yourself an organizer and never give up until you land them. Show them where they are in the dark and don't let them put you off by saving wait until next month, because there is no better time than now, and once he comes across with the goods and gets acquainted with us and understands the good move he has made, he would not give it up. He would not go back in the old rut and run the risk of working on the railroad without the protection of the O. R. T. When you stop and think you can see what the Order has done for you and others, and on the other hand see what it is doing for you each day. When the members get conditions the "non" gets the same. How can you allow them to stay out of the fold when perhaps only a word of en-· lightenment would secure their applications and the small sum that is asked for initiation fees. Even the one day per month which we don't have to work but get paid for would more than pay

the year's fees. If you keep posted you will have all the ammunition you need when a "non" puts up an argument.

Those that are with us are certainly not against us, but those that are not with us must certainly be against us, and more than that, they are against themselves also.

Business is light and practically nothing to do, only block trains. How many will have forgotten the alphabet when things get rushing again?

Lately there has been some very improper language used on the wires, and according to the letter sent out March 2d I am of an opinion some will be looking for new positions. Whoever this might be are showing their appreciation for the eight hours just granted in a very poor way. It's a good plan not to use the wires unnecessarily.

At last things are working our way and we are getting a square deal for those who work in line with the obligation.

Bro. Wm. Weeks, first trick at "BX," Newark, has been promoted to chief clerk in place of Wm. Conklin, who has been promoted to agent at Himrods Jct.

Bro. Bryant and Bro. H. O. Reynolds worked at Newark until the office was awarded to Bro. C. A. Blake, in place of Bro. Weeks.

Bro. Hill, third trick at "G," Himrods Jct., has been ill for a few days; Bro. H. O. Reynolds relieving.

Bro. A. P. Furman, now working first trick at "RG" tower, is spending a few days at Gillette and Canandaigus.

Bro. Bryant bid in third at "RG," and reports the job O. K. for him.

Bro. Peterman working second at "RG."

Bro. Marquardt, second at "V," back from a vacation in Pine Creek.

Bro. Snover got third at Cogan Valley on bid. Bro. Evans, agent at Trout Run, in company with Bro. Miller, took a trip to the high mountains near town for huckleberries. A hard shower, no hucks., one rattlesnake, two soaked "ops." beating it for home in the twilight.

Bro. Gray, at Bodine Siding, now thinking of taking his vacation at the seashore.

Bro. Eaden pounding brass third at Bodine Siding.

Mr. Taylor transferred second at "M" to first at "Q" tower.

Bro. Hoag doing third stunt at Ralston.

Bros. Skelly and Fish at "M" tower, north end Ralston. Don't know who the other one is.

Seven O. R. T. men were seen in a ball game at Roaring Branch, with Trout Run? How's that? Bro. Gillette still holding the fort at Roaring Branch with Bros. Brewer and Evans.

Bros. Andrews, McLaughlin and Evans are the whole cheese at Canton.

Minnequa tower closed on account of slack business. Block is extended from Canton to Alba. The Minnequa girls are now in Elmira Telegraph School practicing up on telegraphy.

McKinney and Gray towers also closed, throwing six 'phone operators out of their work and making long block to contend with by 'phone.

Bro. Fake landed the first trick at that tower and Bro. Fuller connected with the third on bid.
Bro. Fake took a week's vacation recently; relieved by Sister Kisor.

"D" tower has been repaired and revarnished inside, and a few other improvements made. Other brothers take notice.

Bro. Phil. Riley, first at "CG," off for a week; relieved by Bro. Havens.

"CG" is still on the nine-hour plan.

Bro. Percy Hovey off for eighteen days; relieved by Sister Kisor.

Bro. H. D. Hadley working relief now on south end. This brother goes to Cornell during school time, and pounds brass during vacation. He carries the goods.

Div. Con.

Shamokin Div., No. 117.

On account of not receiving any notes this division has not been represented for the last couple of months. So please do not be disappointed when you see very little, as it is utterly impossible to keep track of you all unless you drop me a note of changes, etc.

I am afraid there are one or two brothers that are not abiding by the obligation they took when they left the ranks of the nons. Do you think you are acting right, brothers? Am afraid you are setting a bad example for the nons. So please take notice and cease acting professors, or you may be like the inexperienced engineman, who, while going along, kept trying his air every little while, and when he got to the grade where he wanted his air found that he had bled it pretty near all away and then it was all up with him. That is the way it will go with the brothers that still persist in teaching. So cut it out and instead put a batch of applications in your pocket and go gunning for nons.

We still have a few of those nons among us, some of which are good men, and by going about it in the right way am sure they would see the light and come and be with us.

There are quite a few of them have applications but are slow in sending them in.

There are quite a number of changes on the division, but as I have not the necessary names am unable to give them.

Bro. Hummel has gone to Rupert as agent, vice Mr. Murphy resigned.

Bro. Donot installed as agent in Bro. Hummel's place at Quakake

Mr. Runyan, third trick at Catawissa, "CY," has resigned to take a position with the oil company above Williamsport. What will the poor hams do now since the Professor has gone?

Bro. Dougherty, third trick at Rupert, "RU," in place of Mr. Runyan at Catawissa, "CY."

Bro. Barrick, second trick at Beaver Valley, "BY," went to Rupert, "RU," as third trick man in Bro. Dougherty's place.

Mr. Andrus, of Ferndale, "FJ," took third trick and Mr. R. E. Hostler, formerly third trick at Beaver Valley, "BY," took second trick at same place.

Will cut out now, brothers; scarcity of notes. Now, if you expect a good write-up for our next, don't fail each of you to send the secretary all you can; you can not send too many.

DIX.

Olean Div., No. 135.

Chaut. Division, P. R. R .--

Relief operator Meisinger relieved Bro. P. J. Nevils, first trick at "EY," Corry Jct., for a few days the first of this month.

Operator Corbett, first trick at "F," Twenty-Mile, has resigned and "13" that he has accepted a position as assistant signal repairer with L. S.

Operator Lincoln is working first trick at Twenty-Mile.

Extra operator Brown is working second trick at Farnham.

Bro. Thompson, relief agent, relieved Bro. H. B. Drought, agent at Panama, while the later was enjoying his ten-day vacation in Cleveland.

The nons are getting pretty scarce on this division. I trust that each member will keep in close touch with his side-partner, and if he does not carry an "up-to-date" card try and get him into

There has been considerable wire trouble caused by some unknown party opening the wire and putting on a ground. This trouble has been located south of Corry Jct.

If Mr. Foultz would watch that "ham factory" at Centerville more closely, he would be able to say that a few of his "messengers" along the line are the cause of lots of trouble. I think life would be more agreeable for Mr. Foultz and his operators if he would not allow his clerk, Mr. Dean, to get so officious.

Buffalo Division, P. R. R-

Bro. F. Green, of Springbrook, has returned from Colorado. "13" he did not like the country.

Bro. F. Plack, third trick Protection, visited his parents at Oil City last month for ten days; relieved by operator Parker.

Bros. Cashman and Wilson, at Chaffee, taking their vacations; relieved by operators Parker and Davis.

I am unable to inform you of what took place at our last meeting for several good reasons. Could not attend, but understand there were to be some changes in office holders. Will make every endeavor to give you a write-up about it next month.

North Adams Div., No. 139.

Our next meeting is September 12. Please remember the date and bring a fellow member with you.

The meeting held July 11th was well attended and very interesting. Our membership is nearly one hundred, an increase of thirty-five members in two years. With a membership of over eight hundred on the B. & M. System. While we feel encouraged and quite solid, there are a few nons with us. It is a difficult problem what to do with these fellows who enjoy our hard-earned privileges. I would suggest the cold shoulder, especially to such fellows as Turner, of Hoosick Junction, who not only refuses to join, but never fails to ridicule our Order to the younger members. This fellow goes to extremes. Having failed in the beef business and not competent to hold a Western Union job, he bids in one of the easy positions, receiving a salary under our schedule which supports his family, and then rubs it into our Order. Boys, the key note should be, "No cards, no favors," and we should begin to carry out this principle, and in so doing remember "Beefsteak John," the

Bro. Brownell, of Crescent tower, reported in person at our July meeting, returning on train No. 3.

It is never too late to learn, nor a person too old.

A dance held at Buskirks, a few nights ago. About two hundred from Hoosick Falls attended. In the crowd were Bro. Dooley and Mr. Callahan, of "HF," Hoosick Falls, and Bro. Pitney, of "BR," Eagle Bridge. Train 20, scheduled to discnarge passengers only at the above station, was allowed to pass on a supposition they would stop. The result was Bro. Dooley and party wasked eight miles home. We would suggest the use of the switch light as a flag next time. Suppositions don't go in railroading. At any rate, the shoemaker profited by the experience, putting on tops worn off in the midnight journey.

Bro. A. N. Nesbitt, third trick at "HJ," Hoosick Junction, and Bro. Clarence Aken, first trick "JV," Johnsonville, are away on vacation.

Vacancies bulletined: Third at "CH," Charlemont; third at "J," North Adams.

Bro. Hunt promoted to second at "CH;" Mr. Mann resigning third at "J." Mr. White is filling vacancies until bid in.

A detailed report of the Sand Springs basket picnic will appear in our September write-up.

The work on the 72-lever tower at Johnsonville is being rushed. It is expected to be in operation by October 1st.

Bro. Oliver, of Rotterdam, relieved Bro. Nesbitt, of Hoosick Junction, while Bro. Nesbitt worked first trick at the crossover.

Bro. E. J. Girvan made a short visit among relatives in Albany recently.

C. J. Coughlin, third at Petersburgh Junction, was absent for a week, visiting relatives in Maine; relieved by Joseph Matte.

It is up to the members of this division to say whether we will have a write-up in our monthly journal. I have acted voluntarily for the past eight months as correspondent, furnished my own paper and paid the postage and manufactured the news. Our worthy chief failed to appoint a regular correspondent, and, after hearing the wife of one of our members remark, "Why don't Division No. 130 have a write-up in your O. R. T. journal," I took the liberty to supply the few items which have been published for the past eight months. Of course I have been criticised, expected it. The division extends from Keene, N. H., to Rotterdam Junction, N. Y., and without the co-operation of our members it is impossible to get the news. I have threshed over my own territory until the limit has been reached. It is up to the bunch from now on. Mentioning the same names month after month would indicate a friendly feeling toward a few. It is not so, however, I have tried to be fair. A few items from the members would make an interesting write-up.

To be outside the ranks of the O. R. T., with the present conditions of affairs, with no chance as individuals for justice would simply be folly and injustice to ourselves and families. What show have you as an individual with a grievance? None at all.

Now, fellow members, possibly Bro. Potter feels as I do, when the boys fail to give him the support they should. It is only the beginning to hold an up-to-date card. We should make it our business to attend the monthly meetings regularly, and to take part in the deliberations of our affairs. Half the members forget the password. They expect a few faithful to do the work. A word to the wise: If you wish to make our Order a success, and to encourage our chairman. live, breathe, talk O. R. T. Attend our meetings. Look after the non who works with you. If an operator, in the present age, refuses to become a member of our Order and will persist in enjoying the benefits of our schedule, he is not worthy of our friendship.

As I have stated, it is our only hope. If I were to give up the telegraph business I still would feel it my duty to carry an up-to-date card. I realize what it has done for our profession. Now, boys, let us boost.

The greatest encouragement to our officials is to see the members at our regular monthly meetings, and to hear their voices in the deliberation of our affairs. Try it. It's catching.

CERT. 117.



Wabash Ry.

St. Louis Division-

Bro. Shipley, Division No. 2's organizer, has recently returned from a trip over the Western Division, where he has been doing some organizing. He reports finding but very little to do, as the line, with the execution of an occasional "old moss back," is practically solid. As these people bore evidence of having been hammered hard before, and, considering their make-up and general appearances, Bro. Shipley's talk with them was very brief, he sharing in our belief that the few who are out now are not the kind of people we are desirous of mixing with, especially at this stage of the game, when there are enough of us to do business quite nicely without them. Our efforts in the future, then, should be directed to the newcomers and new men who are entering the profession. As a rule, they are apt scholars, and when the objects of the organization are made known to them they readily see its need and become active members. It does not require any great amount of intelligence in a person these days to see the way the wind is blowing, and the direction things are drifting, and the day when we could say "Every fellow for himself" is past. All classes of capital and industries have long since organized and banded themselves together to advance and protect their interests, and we may well profit by their example, if we expect to receive just returns for what we have to invest, which is our labor.

The order of the day, then, is to unite and work together collectively and not individually or separately. As an example of what uniting in our efforts will do you need only refer to the conditions here now to what they were a few years ago, when you worked under the old method of "every tellow for himself," or as individuals. Your efforts as individuals amounted to nothing; they were not noticed, but when you began to double up and unite there was something doing, and people who refused to listen to you before now "sat up and took notice," and the greatest wonder of it all is that you had not thought of this plan sooner.

Chairman Knox, of the Moberly Division, drops us a hurried note, saying he is off to the convention at Denver. He mentioned something about "injunctions," "anti-trust acts," and the "yellow peril." While it is possible that these things exist, they are something new and quite foreign to us, and we expect to hear of them being entirely wiped out on his return.

Bro. S. A. Lusby, for several years agent at O'Fallon, and also at one time our local chairman, is now a full-fledged dentist, having graduated this spring. He is located at St. Joseph, Mo. We do not know his street address, but as he was a leader here, he will probably be found in the front row there, and should any of you boys happen in that vicinity with a bad-aching molar, he treats them without pain.

A. R. Griffith, an old-timer who worked here in the dark ages, before we became civilized, is with us again, after putting in several years in the U. S. railway main service. He wrote us for blanks and offered his application voluntarily, and he is now contributing his share toward keeping things going. He says the Order made some wonderful improvements here, and that a fellow to fully appreciate it should have worked here some three or four years ago. He is located at Montgomery, and has eight hours and \$55.00. It was at this place he resigned several years ago to enter the U. S. mail service, and the place them was a roast for twelve hours and \$45.00 salary.

I have in mind two nons who have planted themselves down to good eight-hour jobs, and at an increased salary, and in good, desirable locations. These people had previously been stationed at jumping off places along the line all their lives, and they would have remained there but for the seniority clause in our schedule, which gave them a chance to bid on vacancies at other places when they occurred, thus enabling them to get out of the jungles. It is to be hoped that every member near them will do everything possible to make things pleasant and agreeable for them, so as to prolong their stay with us while we continue to foot the bills.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Springfield Division-

Your local chairman was unexpectedly called to Reno, Nev., June 20th, on account of the death of a brother-in-law, which accounts for no write-up in July number.

Business on this division of the Banner Route is picking up some, grain beginning to move to Eastern markets and coal mines doing pretty fair.

Please notice that all the boys, for some cause or another, if they have none, get a card before they get the girl. Seems that they get wiser when contemplating marriage.

Now, you nons that are married just explain to your wife, or let some of us explain to her, the advantages and disadvantages of having a card, and then let her decide for you whether or not to invest that measly little sum for a card. Why, suppose you get canned for something for which you ought not to have been, you have her to take care of. You can not see her go hungry or ragged, can you? Still, you surely can not have the nerve to ask for a trial that is given you by the efforts and earnings of other men, who want to hold up for their rights and rights of others.

Bro. Anderson, "CT," shops, on his vacation, touring the wild and woolly West. Bro. Green relieving him.

Operator Anthony quit at "BN," Berlin. Can't say where he will go.

Bro. "Punch" Glaze back from a vacation, copying for dispatcher at St. Joe, Mo. Bro. Glaze was formerly a Wabash man. "13" you can not work out there without an up-to-date; not many years until you will see it that way everywhere.

Wire Chief Hatfield, Car Distributer Little and Trainmaster Helm, of Decatur Division, were fishing at Meredosia, Sunday, 19th.

A brother of this division was in Jacksonville the other day. A lazy-looking fellow walks up to

him, saying: "Say, mister, do you favor the laboring man?"

Operator: "Yes, if he carries a card."

Other, sticking out his paw: "Well, sir, I have beat it all the way from Kansas City without a bite to eat, can you give me a little money?"

Operator: "Have you a card?"

Other: "No."

Operator: "Well, sir, if you had a card you would not have to live like a camel, and, as I said before, no card, no favors."

That's nerve to the limit. Reminds me of some nons kicking for a better job because they are older than the man that holds it.

Bro. Tomlinson back at "JN" office, Springfield passenger station, relieving Mr. Potter, who is working a trick as dispatcher while Mr. Gilmore is absent.

Bro. Conrey, extra list, relieving Agent Pennington, Maysville, a few days while Pennington takes in the fair at Griggsville, and runs a stand there also.

Bro. Smith, Barry, still stays with his office work, but that merry-go-round which he owns at the Griggsville fair is a money-maker just the same.

Chatton was recently closed as a station, but not for long, as the salary was made satisfactory, and a blacksmith, whose name I am unable to learn, looks after the interests of the Banner route at that place.

Bro. Fitzpatrick, first trick operator at Kinder-hook, took in the Griggsville fair Thursday, the big day.

President Delano, of the Wabash, passed over the division Thursday, July 23, in his private car, No. 1, accompanied by division officials on rear of No. 3.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. W. L. Simpson, Wabash freight agent at Jacksonville, who has been quite sick, is on the road to recovery, and able to resume his duties.

Understand transfer at Baylis is to be made soon, and Bro. Edom will again be agent there, while Mr. Blair goes back to his home at Versailles.

Am very much indebted to Bros. Foutche and Savage for items this month.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Peru Division-

The meeting at Peru, July 25th, was not very well attended, however, we had some interesting talks, and those who were there were glad they came. Bros. Rectenwal and Devitt arrived too late for the meeting, but had a good visit with some of the boys, anyway.

Mrs. Bandy, of Andrews yard, resumed work July 22d, after several days' vacation; relieved by Mr. Underwood, of Andrews.

Bro. Lipsett, of West Peru, and Bro. Delamarter, of New Haven, each enjoyed a short vacation in July; relieved by Bro. Van Gundy.

Understand Bro. Chase bid in second trick at Newell, bumping Operator Kilgore; Kilgore now relieving Bro. Spencer, third trick at West Point. Robert Garrett worked at Huntington a couple of weeks, relieving Bro. Cox during the illness of his daughter.

Drv. Cor.

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

Everything moving on in the same old way. Still have six or seven nons; looks like it is almost impossible to reach them; they just can't see any good in O. R. T., still they turn in overtime. Ain't that funny?

Bro. W. N. Nolan, agent Red Bud, off on vacation; relieved by our ex-local chairman, Bro. C. Stearns. Glad to see Bro. C. back with us again.

Bro: L. H. Roberson has returned to work at Oakton after a lingering illness, Mr. J. M. Overall, Jr., gone back to Dyer on extra list.

Mr. J. U. Overall, agent Dyer, has returned from fishing trip to Reelfoot Lake. "JO" can't see any good in the O. R. T.

Wish you fellows north of Cairo and south of Jackson would give me tips what's going on with you. I will try to give brief line-up each month if can possibly get hold of anything to write about.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Union Pacific Ry.

Eastern District, Kansas Division-

Owing to the fact that a large part of the Kansas Division was under water for something like three weeks, and that the "Big Drink" took out poles and tied up passenger trains promiscuous-like, we were a whole lot shy on notes in the last journal, for the first time in something like two years.

Supt. Brinkerhoff was located in General Passenger and Freight Agent Kaill's office, Mr. Brownson and the dispatchers taking a boat for Armstrong. Division Engineer Austin and Trainmaster Crawford at Manhattan, all of which made business exceedingly good.

Extra operators were put on at Bonner Springs, Linwood, Lawrence, Topeka, Manhattan and Junction City as follows:

Ronner Springs, Mr. Bowers (from Bowersville, to use his own words) and a non; Bro. Coddington, from Abilene, relieving him.

Linwood, Bro. Stoddard, from Frisco.

Lawrence, Mr. J. H. Nelson, from Western Union.

Topeka, Bro. Hooven.

Manhattan, Bro. Jim Cadwell, coming over from Ogdensburg, he being relieved by W. E. Holt, a non from the Santa Fe, who was too light to get started and was relieved by F. B. Carroll, an old-timer.

Junction City, H. P. Dabney, from "Q."

Bro. F. G. Raines is back at Williamstown after a trip through the West, Mr. Wray going from Williamstown to Perry as third operator for one night, the position then closed.

Bro. Wray relieving Bro. L. O. Price, St. George; understand that Bro. Price is taking unto himself a life partner.

Bro. Newman, Junction City, resigned to accept position with express company, a Mr. Kelley relieving him. Understand Bro. High, from Topeka, has bid the position in.

Sister M. L. Doering taking a vacation, Bro. High crawling under the burden of the title of manager at Topeka.

Understand too much "hay" caused Bro. Foster to get hit with a time check at R. I. Jct. There are one or two others scheduled for the same mate

Col. Booze claimed another victim recently. Who will be the next foolish boy to mix with him?

Bro. C. B. Wade, who was relieved at Garrison Crossing several months ago account of an alleged shortage, has been reinstated, and, I understand, has been advised that instead of a shortage he has a balance to his credit at Omaha. It's very seldom a man with a card goes wrong.

Ogdensburg has again been reopened with Mr. Bowers in charge.

Quite a number are delinquent for the special assessment of September 1, 1907, and some for semiannual dues. If you are one of these, please attend to this at once so Bro. Hughey can correct his books for the present term.

It will pay you to watch the Nebraska Division notes. We take off our hats to Bro. Smith, acting ocal chairman, who is guilty.

Do not believe yourself too secure in the nine-hour law. Efforts are being made and will continue to be made to make void or amend this law or to have it declared unconstitutional. It's up to us to block this. One way to do it is to show an improvement in the service under the working of this law, and always remember it was passed mainly for the protection of the traveling public as well as to give you a few hours much-needed rest. It's up to us to respect and not abuse this law.

Are you going to vote the same old ticket this iall for the reason that your father and grand-father before you did the same thing? Before you do this take a look behind the party and then vote for the man. Your father and grand-father were probably right; they cast their ballots as they thought and believed at that time, followed their honest convictions. Suppose you do a little thinking for yourself this year. Remember, conditions have changed. Use your ballot intelligently. Boost the friends of labor.

Will some one tell us what has become of G. W. Seiver, Educational Inspector and Instructor, Union Pacific Railroad Company, and that fine, large army of unsuspecting and innocent embryo general managers he had to turn loose on the suffering public? We hope that nothing has happened to him; we presume he is still chasing his grip, which walked away from him in the Union Depot at Denver. Strange how some people are allowed to run loose.

Bro. Hughey is in receipt of a letter from a recent graduate of a Topeka School of Telegraphy, who wants to go West and understands he must join the O. R. T. Can some one fix him up? "HO."

Eastern District, Utah Division-

Bro. C. E. Carlson, Rawlins relay office, spending a thirty days' vacation in the mountains with rod and gun. We certainly envy such an outing, but, of course, can't all go.

Old Solon depot moved to Rawlins for carpenter shop.

Bro. Sturdevant, late of Riner, relieved by J. J. Meenan, of the C. T. U. A., promises to come in as soon as he gets the necessary.

Operator Barnes, of Riner, accompanied his wife as far east as Omaha on her trip to Kentucky, being relieved by Bro. Brown, of Division 32; by time this comes out Bro. Brown will be a member of Division 6.

Bro. Leahy, big chief at Riner, expresses the wish that both above boys will remain at Riner, and says they are of the right "stripe."

How about the signal maintainers; we need them in our business; can't some of the brothers land a few? They appear to be of the right sort, but as we heard an operator remark the other day, "Some men have no more business with a union card than a cow has with a pocket." Don't work up something we don't want.

J. C. Yokel created a little excitement and a great deal of inconvenience at Wamsutter recently by walking out of the office and going on a "jamboree" to Green River without saying "l, yes or no" to any one. Understand he was accompanied by operator Jones, who was sent to Wamsutter to report to the agent for duty, but after traveling as far on his transportation as possible failed to report. Just such little petty, underhanded games as this is what makes the railway officials suspicious of a man whose intentions are right.

Operator Carr, at Blairtown, also got tired of the dull monotony at high noon recently, and after filling up on some kind of "bug juice" proceeded to vent his spite on the trick dispatcher, office furniture, etc., until taken in hand by the marshal. Have not learned whether he got thirty days or thirty dollars.

Bro. Robinson and wife, of Black Buttes, together with Mr. Large and wife, of Tipton signal department, are spending their summer vacation in an overland trip to the National Park, expecting to drive across from Green River. Don't you wish you were going, too?

Bro. J. O. Shaw, late of Wamsutter, checked in as permanent agent at Point of Rocks, vice R. Dooley transferred to Bitter Creek as relief during Bro. Burches' sojourn in Colorado.

Bro. Tipton still in Missouri; understand he is trying to convert some of the natives to Socialism.

Bro. and Sister Cummings bid in Castle Rock first and second trick.

If non, Jimmy Logan, who bid in Wilkins then went east to get himself a housekeeper, don't show up pretty soon he will find the new nest occupied when he returns with the new bride, as we understand the limit has about expired.

Don't be getting uneasy about that new schedule, it will have to be deferred for the present.



Would suggest that when a non or a brother from a foreign division shows up that the man he is working with report him promptly to Bro. A. W. Cue, local chairman, Green River, so that we can either get his application or have him transferred to No. 6.

If the brothers and sisters will kindly send any items of interest to operator Thayer Jct., they will be duly appreciated, and at the same time will help to make the write-up more complete, as all the news does not go over the wire and we would hardly be able to hear it if it did.

All but one of the old members have paid the special assessment, and the tardy one's remittance is now on the way to Mr. Hughey. Pretty good showing, eh?

I. W. Huston, new arrival at Wamsutter, unable to learn how he stands at present.

We understand J. C. Yokel is a has-been, but from his recent actions it is to be hoped he never will be again.

N. C. Fulkerson, late of Bitter Creek, got mixed up with Rule "G," and was relieved by Miss Isaacs; unable to learn at present whether a member or not.

Glad to announce Johnson at Red Desert has his new card and proud of it.

Bro. Oscar Thigpen has returned from his vacation and has accepted the night report job in "D" office, while Mr. Marriott is working as extra dispatcher.

Bro. T. H. Ankrom leaves the 20th for vacation in Missouri, E. A. Kelly relieving.

Bro. G. H. Haynes says this mountain air is cool enough for him, and prefers remaining here until it gets a little cooler on the lawlands before taking vacation.

CERT. 410.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

"H. B. Spencer's Section," District Four -

Bro. J. F. Cole, dispatcher M. & O. section, off on holidays; relieved by Bro. W. S. Carley. We must extend to Bro. Cole our heartiest congratulations on his son Harold's success in winning the Canadian Pacific Scholarship to "McGill" recently. "Good boy, Harold."

Bro. W. M. Dean, dispatcher Chalk River section, off on holidays; relieved by Bro. A. E. McAmmond.

Bro. G. E. Steacy, dispatcher M. & O. section, off for few days; relieved by Bro. J. B. Garton.

Bro. I. L. Bond, dispatcher Chalk River section, off on holidays; relieved by Bro. J. B. Garton. Bro. Bond gone to old Quebec with the rest of the royal family. Very much pleased to see some of the "O. R. T." men there.

Bro. J. A. Dumas, agent Maniwaki, off on holidays, also taking in the Quebec Centenary Celebration; relieved by Bro. J. Douglas.

Bro. J. W. Swan, agent Ottawa Depot, off on holidays; relieved by Bro. E. G. Mayhew. Bro. "S" is taking a look at his real "estate" in Cobalt ("Lake"), thence going west for a trip to Vancouver, B. C.

Bro. T. Johnston, agent Manotick, was off for two weeks' holidays; relieved by Bro. E. G. Mayhew.

Bro D. G. Hamilton, agent Almonte, just back to work after being away for over six weekwest; Bro. G. Etherington relieving him.

Bro. J. E. Kelly, agent Bellamys, just back to work after the usual two weeks' rest; relieved by operator Byers; can not say if up-to-date, but if not soon will be. No room for nons on this section.

Bro. J. Chouinard, agent Waltham, was off for a month prospecting in Cobalt region; relieved by Bro. J. Douglas.

Bro. D. J. Sutherland, Ottawa Union Ticket Office, off now for month's holidays; relieved by Bro. J. Douglas and later by a Mr. Bain.

Bro. T. McPhail, day operator Hull, now sick with typhoid fever; trust he will soon be well again; relieved at present by Bro. T. P. Eagen, night man, who in turn is relieved by Bro. O'Leary, lately from G. T. Ry.

Bro. Smith, of Prescott days, who has been off for over two months sick with typhoid fever. expected back to work in a few days now, be being relieved by Mr. W. Gillerlain; it will be Bro. Gillerlain by next issue.

Bro. J. B. Leary, of N. Y. & O. Jet., was drowned in Rideau River on July 5th. Day being very hot Bro. Leary asked permission off and went for a swim. He swam across river, which is narrow at this point, and on his way back over he evidently had tired himself and sank His body was recovered shortly afterwards by Engineer Dudley. Bro. Leary was buried in Notre Dame Cemetery, Ottawa, by the Knights of Columbus, of which society he was a member. The heartfelt sympathy of men of this district is hereby extended the bereaved family in this sudden taking away. The wreath sent by members of District Four was certainly a splendid one.

Bro. T. P. Eagen has accepted N. Y. & O. Jct. days. This leaves Hull nights vacant, which position is now open for bids.

We were very much pleased to meet Bro. J. Revell, an old-timer of this district, the other day. He is east on holidays just now; says everything points to splendid harvest west this fall. We trust so. Hope time for retrenchment is over.

The question is often asked, "What is the matter with 'Bill Duggan?'" We anxiously scan the columns of every issue of THE TELEGRAPHER for a word from our correspondent, but lately all in vain. Get busy and give us a good, breezy news item in next issue.

Have all members received circular issued by Bro. Robertson, general chairman, appointing Bro. J. C. Rooney assistant general chairman for Eastern Division. We extend to Bro. Rooney our best wishes and congratulate the membership on having such a man to look after their affairs. This appointment caused a change in local chairman for District Four. Bro. J. B. Garton was appointed local chairman, vice Bro. Rooney. Send him any necessary correspondence or outstanding gricvances, etc.

There is one more item which I want the membership to carefuly consider. Am informed on good authority that only in one particular instance have men relieved for holidays returned on date they were due back; some two, some four days late, and one man stayed away over a month over his leave of absence. Now, brothere, when you are relieved, come back on time. Ch ef advises other men to get ready figuring on your return; our wives gets the children's clothing all clean, makes a lot of other little necessary arrangements, only to be disappointed. The man not let off raises "Cain" with chief dispatcher, who is not at all to blame. your local committee gets after chief about not trying to relieve men on time asked and promised, only to find it is the men themselves who are to blame for the inconvenience and no end of disappointment caused some other brother's family. Chief has recommended to superintendent the placing of a demerit mark against each man not back on time for every day over-stayed his leave; this to other men is the poorest kind of satisfaction, so brothers, get back on time and let us be able to get away on time. If you want three weeks ask for that time; if chief knows you are going to be away that time he can advise other men accordingly, and avoid a lot of unnecessary work for our wives and no end of disappointment to our children. Apart from unexpected illness the holiday question can be handled right if men do their part. Will you do yours?

If there are any new men employed at your station who are not "O. R. T." men, get after them to get in line; make them pay for concessions they are getting; you did not get the 14 per cent raise without some expense and no end of worry on your General Committee's part. In our union lies our strength. Let us be as one man, pick your officers and give them your undivided support. While our condition at present is far better than it was ten y:ars ago, there is lots of room for improvement; the eight-hour day is a longed-for possibility, relief from Sunday work is an urgent need. These concessions can only be secured by solid organization, good business management and no end of hard work on every man's part until we are working eight hours a day, six days a week for a living wage. It seems too bad that our Sundays have to be spent at work while we and our families ought to be at church. Who is to blame for this? The nons and our own indifference in the past. Let us take Bro. Quick's advice, no card no favors, and go it one better by making it no card, no work; make it so unpleasant for a non that he will either quit or join the organization. There are about three non-members on this section at present. If by time of next write-up they have not seen the error of their ways, will ask Bro. Quick to give them a special space at top of our write-up in double heavy type. We need their assistance, and they on their part, in all justice to other men, should bear their part of the expense. It costs money to get a 14 per cent increase, but the

pleasure of being a man among men is of itself worth infinitely more.

Best wishes to one and all for pleasant summer holidays. CERT. 455.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has removed from our midst our beloved brother, Manse G. Simpson; be it

Resolved, That we deeply regret the untimely demise of this brother, who truly a brother in every sense of the word, and who was ever found ready with a helping hand when duty called;

Resolved, That through the death of Bro. Simpson, Canadian Pacific System, Division No. 7, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, has lost one of its most loyal members, and that we, the fraternity of this division, extend to the bereaved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes, a copy sent to the family of the deceased brother, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. T. GOULDING, D. M. MARTIN, J. W. KIPP, W. C. GOUDIE.

New York Central Ry.

Buffalo Division-

Bro. Dugan, of La Salle, has resigned to accept a position with the C. P. R. R.

Relief and extra men are working, while the regulars are taking their vacations.

W. C. Casey, formerly on the Rochester Division, working extra in the signal department.

Bros. Somers, Waldron and Kingdom are at Tonawanda Junction, First time in history that that office has been solid.

Regular meeting was held at North Tonawanda, July 18th. Vice-President Pierson, General Secretary and Treasurer Blim, Local Chairmen Mack and Egleston were among those present.

The matter of a local chairman for the Buffalo Division was again brought up, and for the second time this year a resolution was adopted requesting the General Committee to take such action as may be necessary to secure this much-needed appointment.

The subject of a paid chairman for the system was under discussion for some time, but no definite action was taken on it. This subject is a very important one, one that should be thoroughly discussed in the next few months, so that every member may be able to vote on it understandingly when called upon to do so.

Vice-President Pierson addressed the meeting upon the "Two Curses of the Railroad Telegrapher, Student Teaching and Lapsed Membership."

With the first of these two evils the Buffalo Division has little cause for complaint, but the member who falls by the wayside is always with us, and Bro. Pierson's language was none too

strong when he referred to him as a "curse on telegraphers." This condition of affairs will continue so long as the members consider their whole duty done when they pay their dues and receive their card, forgetting that it is their duty to know if the men working with them are up-to-date or not. If in doubt, write the general secretary and treasurer.

In the past the Buffalo Division was the banner division of the system, so far as percentage of membership was concerned, and we should one and all try and keep it so. This can be done by all taking an active interest in the organization.

While our non-member list is not, as yet, complete, we would call your attention to the fact that there are a few non-members employed on the Buffalo Division, and when we consider the fact that within a year there has been through the efforts of the organization, a law placed on the statute books of both State and nation, reducing the hours of labor, and that through the efforts of our General Committee, wages have been increased and working conditions improved, there is no reasonable excuse why any telegrapher, agent or signalman is not a member of the O. R. T., and members in good standing should make every effort as soon as a non appears, to get him linedup. If the members would only take a little more interest in this regard, the membership can be kept where it should be, and you will have that satisfied feeling that accompanies a duty well done.

"What is everybody's business is nobody's business;" so make it your business to look after the men who are working with you, make it your business to know if he is a member, and also make it your business to know that he remains so.

CERT. 57.

Rochester Division-

It is again necessary to bring to the attention of the members of the Rochester Division the necessity of more activity on the part of the membership.

I believe the membership on Rochester Division will compare favorably with any division on the N. Y. C. System, but as on other divisions, there are too many who, while holding up-to-date cards, seem to think that in paying their dues that their duty as a member ends. Brothers, this should not be, there is plenty of work for all, and every member should take an active interest in the organization. First, by prompt payment of dues; second, by attending meetings, and, third, by keeping after non-members.

When a man becomes a member of the O. R. T. he should at least take interest enough in it to attend the meetings in their division, so as to keep in touch as to what is being done. You can keep yourself posted only by attendance at these meetings, and we find that too many are careless in this respect. Small attendance at meetings was excusable, to a certain extent, when the men were working long hours, but now that most of you are working shorter hours we had hoped that the meetings would be well attended, but I must say

that our meetings could be improved on considerable, and, boys, it is your duty to see that this is done. Attend your meetings.

Brothers, I must again ask your co-operation in getting the non-members. Do you realize that as a member you are not only paying your share toward the support of the organization, and the expenses of your committee, but you are also paying the non-members' share as well, for he is the one who, though getting the benefits secured by the organization, and through the committees supported by the membership, they are accepting and enjoying these benefits at the expense of their fellow workmen, who are members of the O. R. T. Now, brothers, we can make this load lighter by reducing the number of non-members, and we can do this if each one will only do his duty in this respect. If there is a non-member working with you, or at a station near you, endeavor to get him into the ranks. There is no reasonable excuse why there should be a non-member on the N. Y. C. system, and I believe that every nonmember can be induced to join the O. R. T. 11 the members would only do their duty by keeping in touch with the non-members, and I hope more activity will be shown in this respect. If this is done. I believe that in the near future the N. Y. C. system can boast of a solid membership.

Complaint has been made that students can be found at a couple of stations on the Rochester Division. Brothers, if you had been at the meeting at Tonawanda and listened to the talk by Vice-President Bro. Pierson on the student curse, I do not believe that you would be a party to this work, and I hope that this will be cut out by the members. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Changes on the Rochester Division have been so numerous that it is hard work to keep track of the boys. Some of the recent changes are:

Pittsford placed on nine-hour basis to comply with the interstate law, being filled by Bros. Buckingham and Loughboro.

At Victor several changes. Bro. Searls, assistant local chairman; Bro. Miller and Bro. Spray are covering at present.

Mertensia, a one-man station, now being filled by Bro. Wilson, he being relieved at Paddlefords by Mr. Baker.

Canandaigua (the oyster town) filled by old reliable Bro. Gravillier, and Bros. Roach and Brockelbank.

The following agents and operators at one-man stations have received their vacations: Chapin, Bro. Bowman; Shortsville, Bro. Lefevre; Solvay, Bro. Hall

Vacancy at Clifton Springs has been filled by Bro. French being assigned.

At Oaks Corners Bro. Haines now holds title of agent.

Among the lady telegraphers on the Auburn branch who are members are Miss Yule, at Waterloo, and Mrs. Horner, at Geneva. We should appoint them a committee of two to get the iady at Seneca Falls, and at Clifton Springs into the O. R. T.

We have a hustling lot of members on the Auburn branch, and a non-member will have to lay pretty low or get caught in the O. R. T. drag net. A solid membership is looked for on this branch. Bro. Prendergast is again back to South Greece. The boys at Spencerport are enjoying the short

The boys at Spencerport are enjoying the short hours and other benefits, but so far the best we can get from them is promises, but hope to see this station solid O. R. T. soon.

Bro. Robertson is now working last trick at Brockport.

Bro. E. L. Ryan, of "DY" tower, has bid in third trick at Fancher.

Bros. Watt, Shaw and Woods are handling switches at Lockport Junction, the switchmen having been taken off temporarily.

Relief Agents Bros. Tormey and Neenan are relieving the agents on the Rochester Division.

Agents and operators working twelve hours are entitled to one week vacation, same as in previous years, and those entitled to same who have not yet been relieved should take up with your local chairman.

CERT. 4.

M. and M. Division-

Bro. C. L. Palmer, agent at Poland, our local chairman, made a canvass of the M. & M. about the middle of June. He made the trip in Bro. C. F. Day's auto from Lake Clear Junction to Saranac Lake, with Bro. Day, and intended to return to Lake Clear Junction by the same means of transportation, but the auto became weary and laid down to rest. Consequently, the pair had to constitute themselves a team and tow the vehicle back home. They say the six miles' walk was fine

Bro. C. F. Day, who is the proud possessor of two automobiles, is raffling one.

The freight and passenger business at Saranac Lake, heretofore under one agency, with Bro. McDaniels, has been made into two agencies. Bro. McDaniels continues as passenger agent and Mr. S. D. Waterbury, formerly a West Shore dispatcher at Albany, has been appointed freight agent.

Agent McDaniels is ably assisted by Bro. Dickinson and Bro. F. J. Hapeman, formerly with the Lehigh Valley at Cato, N. Y.

Bro. C. A. Oakes, who was telegrapher at Saranac Lake, has been transferred to Malone Junction, third trick.

Bro. J. S. Reed, of Utica, "UT" office, has been appointed city ticket agent at Lake Placid for the summer.

The M. & M. is well supplied with the products of the company's ham factory at Albany. The most of them are employed at telegraphing, but they can not telegraph so one could notice it. No doubt some of them will be heard from, brought into the limelight by causing some wreck. It will be a miracle if nothing serious happens while the present time-card is in effect. It is an imposition upon the dispatchers, as well as the good Order men along the line, to be compelled to do business with such hams. If first-class

union telegraphers were employed, instead of these sticks in the mud, the company might well be proud of the services on this division.

It is gratifying to note that the brothers appreciate the eight-hour day, and show their appreciation by the good service rendered. The company is entitled to the very best there is in so for the whole eight hours. Brothers, see that they get it. Do your best.

DIV. Con.

Mohawk Division-

Messrs. Abrams, of B. S. 35, Prosser, of B. S. 36, Coon, of B. S. 43, Cornelius, of B. S. 49, Witherstine, of B. S. 31, and Teller, of B. S. 4, together with a few others, still persist in remaining in the non class.

Perhaps it would be better if the Order confined its advantages to its members, for if this were the case the most bitter opponents of union labor would be the strongest members. It is common to hear non-union workmen damn the union, but you never hear them damn the union pay-day or the union short hour day.

Brothers, it is the duty of every member to help increase the membership, and it is a pleasant duty to perform. Every desirable non on this division is either an acquaintance or personal friend of some member, and with very few exceptions, if their applications are solicited by a friend with the simple argument of the advantages of the fraternity and the good work it has been doing everywhere in the country, they can be brought in. It is the duty of every railroad telegrapher to belong to the O. R. T. It is a material debt that each one owes to himself and a moral debt he owes to his fellowmen. Let us all individually go to work and bring our percentage up to the 100 per cent mark. The task is pleasant and will not take long if we all lend a helping hand. Besides you must realize that you are doing just as much good when you persuade a member not to lapse as when you secure a new member. A member saved is as good as a member earned.

It stands us in hand to give the company good service, answer calls promptly and be ready at all times to give the dispatcher any information that will assist him in handling trains. I do not say this because we are overpaid, as this is not the case, but your committee has seen fit to accept our schedule as our present working condition and wage scale, and we are in duty bound to render good service. It pays to do so. How much better it is for your representatives to be in a position to say, when it comes to urging your position, "We have a good, reliable man at that place, who is worthy of more pay; he knows how to take care of the company's business and does it, and you can not afford to lose him." Not only does it pay us as an individual, but it pays as a whole. It is a pleasure for your committee to represent good men. To have a just grievance it is necessary to have good men; poor men have no grievance, and if there are any in the service who expect to get along by trying to do. as little

as they can, they had better take to the woods, as we can not use them in our business.

Bro. C. Mead, regular third trick man at "FB," Feura Bush, is holding down third trick at Voorheesville, while Mr. Bradt is taking three months' leave of absence to till his farm.

Mr. A. A. Swartwood, agent at "FB," Feura Bush, has been assigned third trick at "B. S. NE," South Schenectady, and is posting between times waiting for a relief from agency.

Bro. G. C. Klemme, third at "FR," Fuller's, has resigned and is now working extra for the D. & H.

Bro. M. J. Wood, "B. S. NE," South Schenectady, bid in second trick there, and is now working second instead of third trick. Mr. VanDusen, Rotterdam Jct., relief, is holding down third for the present.

Bro. A. H. Comstock, third trick B. S. "CW," Crawfords Grade, has gone to spend a few weeks with his father and mother at Detroit, Minn., an extra man covering his trick.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove the beloved wife of our esteemed brother, W. C. Folmsbee, of B. S. 99, Rensselaer, N. Y., and while submitting to the divine will of Him who knoweth and doeth all things best, be it

Resolved, That in her death Bro. Folmsbee has suffered the irreparable loss of a devoted wife; and be it further

Resolved, That the N. Y. C. System, Division No. 8, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother its sincere sympathy in his sorrow, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother and a copy to The Telegrapher for publication.

R. BARRETT, G. LINSIG,

P. J. BRODEUR,

H. B. Morey, C. F. Loring,

Committee.

Buffalo Division-

Our local chairman, Mr. Eggeclson, was over the road a few days ago, getting after the nons.

Bro. Kirland is on his vacation at Silver Lake, N. Y. Bro. Grice relieving him, and Bro. Cohn relieving Bro. Grice at Cobine, day trick.

Bro. Kramer is having his hands full now with Grand Trunk and race track trains for Fort Erie, Ont.

Bro. Ratbrian is now working at B. S. 29 for four days; Bro. Cohn relieving him.

Business is picking up on this division for the past three months.

There are a few nons here yet, but hope to land them this pay-day. We are going to get paid now twice each month, 1st and 15th of the month.

CERT. 2009.

Eastern R. W. & O. Division-

The chief topic at present seems to be the terrible wreck at Boonville, which occurred at 5:30 a. m. on the morning of July 4th. I will give a slight account for the benefit of those who are unable to get it elsewhere.

At present the blame is placed on Mrs. McLane, the third trick operator at Lyons Falls. We have not the coroner's verdict as yet, but let us hope that he will place the blame where it should be, and not on the shoulders of the poor, incompetent telegrapher in the form of a young lady, who has been so terribly unfortunate. She keenly realizes her position, and it is safe to say that she did not understand the responsibility of her position when she accepted it on July 1st, working three nights, and thus ending a railroad career of three days with a record of six dead men and several terribly injured, some to be crippled for life.

We are told that she copied a No. 19 order for No. 90, a fast freight west on a piece of clip paper, and repeated it from this copy. She then put it on the form, and in doing so made it read that No. 55 (a fast Clayton flyer) would wait at Smith (a blind siding) until 5:55 a. m. instead of 5:15, as the correct and original order read, thus giving the fast freight forty minutes time on the flyer that was not authorized.

Mrs. McLane is a graduate of our local telegraph institute of Watertown, N. Y., maintained under the very eyes of our division management, who have several of its graduates at work on our division, and for the sake of the traveling public and our transportation department brothers, we sincerely hope that the rest will have better luck than this poor girl, for luck it will be, as all that have come to light so far from the abovementioned school are grossly incompetent.

I will have more details for the next month's edition on this subject, but might add that the dead are engineers A. Rieber and Steven O'Brien. firemen Jos. Michael and F. W. Burnett, brakeman A. W. Hageman and passenger J. O'Brien. of Glenfield.

The office at Lyons Falls is now on the eighthour basis, also Lowville and Boonville.

All offices on the hill are eight hours, sometimes, but we have had pretty steady help this season so far.

E. Jones, at Barneveld, second trick, M. Spring. third; "13" Eli needs a pair of leather goggles to keep track of accidents on the crossing and his train orders, but we all hope it will be all right this time.

Harger at Holland Patent, second; Mr. Zimmarman is the new agent there. The third trick man is doubtful; that is, we can't keep track each day who the new man is.

Stittville's new agent is Mr. McHugh, formerly of the north end; "13" they keep open two tricks and close up the third.

A. Rhor and Miss Ross, second and third at Marcy.

J. A. Crandall, second at Remsen regular, as Miles is again on the sick list. Hope to see him

around again soon; "13" they have two extra nen there to help out with the extra business.

Bro. Coach, at Boonville first; two strangers second and third.

DIV. Com.

West End R. W. & O .-

Bro. W. J. Armstrong still holds fort at Lewiston Heights (on the hill). Billie has just returned from his vacation. He will feel more able to "OS" engine 1527 up and down the hill.

Bro. Bert Patterson being promoted from helper at Wilson to message operator in the dispatcher's office at Oswego.

Bro. A. G. Dakin has returned from his vacation, having spent a portion of the time in New York. Bro. Dakin is one of the boys who wears the smile that won't come off. March 4th brought him the hours that he never dreamed of having the pleasure of enjoying.

Lyndonville three men, making the terminal more easy since March 4th. Mr. Row, first trick, Mr. C. S. Snook, second and Bro. King, third.

Brice, Bro. Hamilton, who has recently been checked in as agent account of Bro. Bridgeman being transferred to Millers.

Morton, Mr. V. A. Spring returned to work, having been off duty nearly a year on account of sickness.

All brothers who have not paid their dues, pease get busy and do so. Do not lose courage and get behind. A full membership means a full dinner pail.

CERT. 609.

W. R. & B. Division-

After three weeks spent in covering the territory n my jurisdiction I am pleased to inform the brothers on the Western, Rochester and Buffalo Divisions that we have the largest membership which we have yet enjoyed, as well as an increased and ever-growing percentage.

The establishment of third tricks brought us new men and the added responsibility of directing some of them into the fold. Our steadfast endeavor should be not only to make new members but to keep the old with us; without an occasional word of encouragement some are wont to backslide. It seems strange, indeed, that it should ever be necessary to plead and argue with a man to encourage him to take steps to advance and protect his own interests in common with his fellowworkers, but this is only what hundreds of committeemen are called upon to do with no greater reward than that which is enjoyed by the entire membership.

A word to your relief on the subject may be all that is needed to influence him to become a member of the Order that will procure the rules he will work under and fix his rate of compensation. Will you bear this in mind?

We regret to report the serious illness of Bro. L. J. Darling, of Camillus. Bro. Darling has been a staunch supporter of the Order since its advent in the East, and though not benefited at much as many under certain provisions of the schedule, has always kept an up-to-date card and a welcome for any brother who came his way.

After many months of illness, a greater portion of which time has been spent in the hospital, "The House of the Good Shepherd," at Syracuse, he has been ordered by his physician to the North Woods, where it is hoped he may in a measure recover. Bro. Darling has been under so much expense that his savings are well nigh exhausted, and having learned of the circumstances the General Committee has taken the matter up with a view to aiding him by asking for a small voluntary contribution. When this reaches you, brothers. I trust that it will meet with a cheerful and ready response. Some of us believe in the motto, "No card, no favors." I beg to state that our brother has the up-to-date card, and has never been without one since he became a member.

In the vicinity of Buffalo I found a peculiar condition, and following up the case discovered that it was due to the rumor that the switchmen's organization could best represent the signalmen in the pneumatic signal plants in and about the yard.

As a matter of fact, the constitution of the switchmen makes it possible for an interlocking switchman to become a member, and in so doing he may enjoy the social privileges of the lodge in return for the money which he thus expends. This, however, is not what the average man wants. What he wants is a means of adjusting his individual grievance and revising his working rules and wage scale.

The agreement between the organized telegraphers and signalmen and the managing officials of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. will accomplish this, and has already done so. This is not a myth or something in the distant future, but an accomplished fact. Should a committee of switchmen approach the managing officials with a view to representing signalmen, they would be informed that they were already legislated for by the O. R. T. General Committee and the agreement signed, and therefore no consideration could be given the matter. On the other hand, had the operators no schedule it is possible that some of the interlocking switchmen could obtain representation through the switchmen, but it is not in their province to handle the problem now.

Every man in this locality should wake up and come out with a wreath and sounder on his lapel, and lend support to the organization which is helping him in spite of his lethargy and indifference.

Bro. James Gilmore, of B. S. 52, is wearing the button and says the plant is now almost solid. We wonder what is the matter with Joe, but feel sure of him a little later.

B. S. 64, which was closed, is opened again. Every "little bit" helps, and three men needed looks good to those on the waiting list.

We are indebted to Bro. Robinson for some good company from Exchange Street to Military Road. An eight-mile sprint gave us an appetite for luncheon. Bro. Robinson has been doing the relief at B. S. 53, one of the places on the husy list.

Bro. Farrell is back at the old stand at B. S. 53, after taking a trip better known as a honeymoon. We "13" that all Bro. Farrell had to do was to show his up-to-date card, which proved him worthy and the rest came easy. There is a little more room at 53 for these credentials, and we hope the matter will be attended to ere long.

Bro. Donovan is back at 58 after a rheumatic twinge, which kept him otherwise occupied for several weeks.

Bro. J. Marzole is rusticating in the West for two months. Bro. Rightenberg, of the C. T. U. of A., is doing the stunt at 55 until Bro. Marzole returns.

No train director now at B. S. 47, and the boys are hustling to make good. Seems that some of the good wages formerly paid for this work should eventually fall to some faithful signalman, as it is being proven that the signalman is really the man behind the gun.

Bro. Donovan and his friend, Thos. Coley, Y. M., leave soon for a southern trip. We look for news that the war is over.

Bro. Lampkins returns to B. S. 47 and brings a bride.

A pleasant surprise awaited the boys who dropped into the meeting at North Tonawanda Saturday night. Bro. T. M. Pierson, second vice-president, regaled us with a splendid discourse, and it is to be regretted that we could not have had a still larger meeting. That's what you miss, boys, by not being on hand, but I did not know in time to give you notice.

Three members of the General Committee were present, namely, J. J. Mack, of Middleport; A. E. Blim, of Chili, and S. J. Egelston, of Churchville.

The boys on the Buffalo Division, especially in the vicinity of Tonawanda, are of the impression that an additional committeeman would make it easier to keep the affairs of the Order in shape. It is altogether probable that action will be taken to consider their wish.

If space would permit there is much else which I would say. Briefly, I am pleased with the many courtesies received at the hands of both nons and members along the line between Dewitt, Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and I am reasonably certain that the nons, who are now greatly in the minority, will reflect upon their loneliness and come along with the boys who support a banner which has never been trailed in the dust.

Spread the enthusiasm and once you get a non thoroughly converted he will more than make good. Majority rules, and all like to be with the majority. If a non, dear reader, you are in the minority and greatly so. Pause a moment and sak yourself if all these men of your acquaintance have made a mistake by casting their lot with the O. R. T.

You will see, after all, whatever may have been your prejudices or past arguments, that you have been mistaken, and will retain your self-respect by filing an application for membership at the first possible moment.

S. J. Egglston,

Local Chairman.

Beech Creek District-

Another month gone by and what have you each contributed towards a solid organization? Remember that individual effort is the keynote to our final goal, and the sooner we get to it the sooner we will be solid.

I wish to thank all of you for the notes sent me this month.

All brothers having a vote this fall should know who his friends are by this time. Our interests are far too precious to throw away in voting for a man who will not stand by us after he is elected. Watch that man Burton from Delaware; he will probably come out with some new scheme to crush the nine-hour law. Don't vote to put men like him into office.

Sister Holt enjoying two days' vacation at her home in Clearfield; Bro. Bright relieving her.

Sister Kennedy, of Viaduct, also taking a few days' vacation; Bro. Walcot relieving.

Telegrapher Swarts has bid in and now working third trick at Monument.

Bro. G. A. Croll has bid in second trick at Monument.

Bro. Hoover has bid in Munson days.

Bro. Fredricks, agent and operator at Monment, off on vacation; Bro. F. D. Roffe relieving. Bro. C. C. Beauseigneur has bid in Mowry first trick.

Mr. O. E. Koehn has bid in Birch first trick; can't say if up-to-date or not.

Bro. J. J. Davis, working Monument extra. has bid in Curry second trick, and is now on the job.

Third dispatcher T. E. Rhen (who was one of our loyal brothers for five years) has been compelled to undergo a treatment at the hospital for his knees. After taking treatment for three weeks there was no improvement. He leaves for the Jefferson Hospital at Philadelphia for an operation of both knees. We all hope for the best results and a speedy recovery.

Bro. Paul McGowan, who has been doing the extra work in dispatcher's office during Mr. Rhen's absence, is getting along well.

Bro. R. D. Pierce is doing the relief work in the dispatcher's office during vacation season. This will be a good, long time.

Bro. G. Williams, who has been made regular third trick dispatcher, has been making a good record for himself. The boys all like him, which shows where there is harmony there is good service.

Bro. L. G. Hendricks, of "YA" tower, had quite an exciting time on night of July 3d when the lamp in the tower exploded and set fire to the interior, and burned things rather had before he succeeded in getting the fire under control.

Bro. Stover doing the extra work in "SR" on F. B. side, until Bro. J. D. Roffe is transferred. Bro. Fisher working Mill Hall extra third trick. Bro. E. B. Johnson has bid in and is now working Panther second trick.

Mr. W. E. Feinour working Gorton first trick, relieving Bro. Bickett, who is on the sick list.
Mr. Craft working Gorton third trick extra.

Mr. E. H. Bierly has gone to his regular position, Hayes, third trick.

Mr. Conser now working his regular trick at Youngdale.

All the boys report a good time over the Fourth. Mr. C. W. Miller, agent at Hayes, the smoothest mollycoddle on the line, was one of the lucky ones to get off on the Fourth, Mr. Salisbury relieving.

Boya, the proper thing to do is to cut out the students on this district; they are entirely too thick for the men to do good work; girl students running around on the passenger trains with a pass over the entire B. C. District, while it keeps one who is employed in the telegraph service busy to get one between points where we live and work.

Bro. Fred Roffe doing relief work for the agents while they take their vacations.

Bro. R. B. Lyman has been awarded Clearfield station second trick.

Bro. G. S. Stover has been awarded "WB" tower third trick.

Mr. Murphey doing the extra work in "SR" B. C. side during time Bro. McGown is in the dispatcher's office.

Mr. Rumfeller doing the extra work in "SR" second trick F. B. side during time Bro. Pierce is working in dispatcher's office, relieving the dispatchers for vacation.

Bro. Z. H. Peters, agent at Avis, is going to Oregon for a month's vacation.

Bro. Long, at Lock Haven, still has his weather eye on the college there; nothing doing, he says.

Bro. Poust, at Browns, still has the student.
One or two more students on the line yet, brothers. What does this mean? Surely it is not to our interest to have the road lined up with students.

CERT. 2133.

River Division-

Brothers, as another month has passed around and a lot has been accomplished during the month, which I am glad to say is all for the benefit of the Order. We have had a pretty stiff proposition to buck against, as you all know, but as only a few have had the extreme pleasure of joining it, it has not materially injured our Order in the least, nor will injure us in any way if you, brothers, think well and give it serious thought before jumping at conclusions, and listening to facts, which I am sorry to say are not well founded.

The O. R. S. A. is trying to induce the members of the O. R. T. to join their forces, and have used some very unfair means on this division in representing their members. But I am glad to learn that to this transaction you, brothers, have given a deaf ear, with the exception of a few who did not belong to our Order.

I am not kicking about this new Order, but I do not believe they should misrepresent things, as has been done, to strengthen their side of the fence, and give the boys a bad idea of our Order that has benefited them in every way, and will do more in the near future.

As our next meeting will be held this month at Newburgh, it will be thoroughly threshed out, and all are requested to be present, so you can learn what you don't know now, but please wait before joining them and hear us.

I wish to impress upon your minds the necessity of paying your dues promptly and making yourself all up-to-date men and brothers.

As we have had quite a few more nons to join us it goes to show that we are still in the swim and ranked among the top-notchers of the East, as having pretty near a full membership and right up-to-date.

So pay up and don't give Vince a chance to call your attention to the fact. Also, don't forget our meetings and bring all you can to them. Tell them about the meetings and the interest that is taken in them, and see if that won't help.

Our baseball team of third trick men is playing nice ball; although given a trouncing by the Hudson team some time ago, it shows that the ginger is still in them.

The O. & W. boys want to come to the mecting and are inquiring when we expect to have another record breaker. Well, I guess we can show a few things all right.

The Ontario & Western baseball team of operators was very quiet when they returned from the game with River Division boys the victors, score being 7 to 3. Money was no object to any of them, and as for the panic, well, there was no panic in regards to the coin from Middletown. The game was well played, and a return game will be had in Middletown.

The following positions were up for bid, and will advise you next issue successful applicants: Weehawken, "WY," third trick; Dumont, third trick; West Point, second trick; Highland, second trick; Kingston, "KC," third trick; Kingston, "KY," second trick; Selkirk, second trick; Ravena, "QA," first trick; Ravena, "QA," second trick; Ulster Park, second trick; Weehawken, "WY," second trick. "XN."

Hudson Division-

Again we must say, organize! organize! keep organizing! This motto is the secret of success of all labor organizations. Wherever you find a mechanic or common laborer receiving \$3.00 a day or more you will find upon investigation that he belongs to a labor union, with an 85 per cent membership, and, as has been truly said, a union with a 60 per cent membership can only have a 60 per cent schedule, and with a 90 per cent membership a 90 per cent schedule, and with this undisputed logical fact before you, why should it be necessary to urge every member to be an organizer, and don't be satisfied until you have attained as near as possible the 100 per cent.

A few more words to all. Why can't we accomplish what the hodcarriers can? We can. It simply means every one get busy, and be determined to land every non within reach of you. Don't forget the slogan, "No card, no favors," and with all of us with this object foremost in

our minds we will accomplish what we desire, namely, a fair day's wage for a fair day's work. In looking over the list of nons we find they are few, and a few of these are undesirables, and can truly be classified as parasites and degenerates, a full brother to the louse, and to this latter class of non it is your duty to apply vigorously and religiously the motto, "No cards, no favors."

Some few days ago an operator en route called at my house, having learned my name and other information necessary to make his visit a success. He thought he knew me, but after a short conversation he admitted he was mistaken. He failed to be able to produce that little pasteboard card. I advised him without a card he would find it pretty hard plowing. I told him how far the next city was, and suggested he "roll his hoop," as I refused to do anything for a thirtyyear parasite. He also tried to panhandle our local chairman, with the same success. That's the way to hand them out, that's the way to make nons, scabs, parasites and panhandlers respect and honor the hand that has fed them for the past twenty-five years. Again, "No card, no favors."

And now to call your attention to the second annual eight-hour ball, which is to be a repetition of the first, which was the grandest affair of the kind ever held in New York State, a fact conceded by the press. Now, don't ask yourself if we can duplicate it, for we are going to, and this means that every one of us have got to hustle and sell the tickets. Every man on the Hudson and Putnam Divisions is expected to pay for two tickets himself and sell as many more as possible. This is the only thing we ask you to contribute to throughout the year and this amount is very small, so let us all do our part and maintain the reputation as entertainers that we established last year. The ball will be held some date in October. Tickets will probably be out before you read this.

E. Myers, the ever-zealous ball player, is under the doctor's care on account of his failure in turning a double somersault to reach first base, in a recent game.

Our invincible ball team took a trip to Fishkill and trimmed the West Shore boys, "Bro. Marcinkowski's Wireless Wonders," to the tune of 15 to 3. Another game is scheduled with the West Shore for July 29th, at Newburg, and Bro. Coleman, manager of the Wireless Wonders, promises to put a combination in the field that will make us think we are kindergartens, but I am thinking if Bro. Rugman takes his regular team to Newburg, which he did not on the other occasion, Bro. Coleman will think he is up against the New York Giants.

Sexuare, when are you going to get that card? Waiting is good, but our patience may get exhausted.

Mrs. A. H. Hyde, wife of Bro. Hyde, has just returned from Europe after a three months' trip abroad. Was Bro. Hyde happy on her return? He asked to be excused from duty for ten days. What did the O. R. T.'s do to the Hapso's?

It has come to my notice that a few of the evangelistic nons are brazenly adorning the lapel of their coats with an O. R. T. button, with the hope of currying favors. It is rumored that one of these is C. M. Keck. We will forewarn these parties to be very careful; they will later discover that their evangelistic propensities will not shield them in their deceit.

Physical culture is now the standard topic per se among the brothers of B. S. 8, in view of the early installation of a "seventy-five-lever mechanical machine," to take the place of the dilapidated and horror-inspiring apology which has hithered and up to the present earned for the brothers their respective distinctions of being the capable towermen they certainly are.

Bro. Kautsch, steady at "15" on second, has lately been doing some seemingly aimless stunts between "15" and "12," relieving Mr. Duff at the latter tower while the latter gentleman mysteriously disappears at intervals.

The stag held in the Hibernian Hall, Yonkers, under the auspices of the O. R. I. of A., was a distinct success, chief among its other interesting features being the dextrous accomplishment of Bro. Butterfield, who gained the plaudits of all present by his unique "hat and handkerchief trick." It is not generally known that the good brother wiped his face on his coat sleeves all the way home that evening, some enthusiastic auditor having, with playful intentions, dexterously substituted the handkerchief of the former in place of his own.

Bro "Pete" Monahan, first at "17," will obviously fall fack in his music, since his musical instructor, albeit his second-trick man, C. Yacono, has been granted an extended vacation, covering the rest of the summer.

Mr. Sexaure is relieving on third at B. S. 19, owing to the present apparent scarcity of operators on the division. Mr. Sexaure's steady position is third at B. S. 27, having bid in that vacancy on the June bulletin.

Bro. Hover, at "21," has been earning the Carnegie medal and otherwise covering himself with glory, having rescued Cartwright, the electrician, from a watery grave. Incidentally, said Cartwright has improved very much physically since and there are those who maliciously maintain that his involuntary bath did him more good than a barrel of lock-boxes and lightning arresters.

Mr. Gamp, at "23," is at present negotiating the purchase of a motor boat to enhance the pleasures of his prospective vacation this summer.

Bro. Stephens, first at "27," relieved Bro. "John T." for one day, to enable the latter to attend the convention of firemen. Bros. Gallagher (extra) and Kelly (B. S. 10) showed themselves to good advantage in the parade of firemen on the following day, entrancing the discriminating eye of the Ossining girls with the fancy cut of their gaudy regalia. En passant, Bro. Gallagher has just lately got back among us off the C. R. R. of

N. J., and many and "tall" are the anecdotes he gratuitously hands out of the doings, personal and otherwise, gleaned from the said road during his short stay thereon.

Bro. Dillon has quit his job on this road and expects to leave shortly.

There are still a few "razor backs" on the division, who only go to constitute the "exceptions which prove the rule." Chief of this unenviable bunch is J. J. McCoy, who waltzes between B. S. 18 and 10, on constitutional laps (owing to a discrepancy in the present schedule which permits him to do so), and has, so far, defied both the pugnacious attitude of Bro. Hickey and the logical and pertinent advances of such other brothers as have, from time to time, endeavored to prove to him that while his attitude, as in defense of "scab labor," is commendable (?) because being his honest opinion, yet his voluntarily accepting the benefits of an organization without contributing the modicum expected of each member for its upkeep, is inconsistent with his views of honesty, as well as his integrity as a gentleman.

B. S. 41 was struck by lightning a few Sundays ago. The tower was put out of commission for a few hours, and the man on duty at the time has since been seriously thinking of "joining church."

Bro. Collins, of B. S. 32, has been granted one month's leave of absence, owing to an attack of nervous prostration. We hope to have him back at the end of his vacation, in good shape.

Mr. Heller, third trick man at "15," prefers the lucrative advantages obtained through the study of political economy and other abstract dogma, to the more concrete, though less revolutionary ones of this Order. Mr. Heller was brought up in England—that's right, blame it on the poor English.

Drv. Cox.

Norfolk & Western Ry. System.

Our meeting, held at Bluefield, W. Va., July 18th, was one of great importance, and we regretted very much that there was not better attendance; however, this may be explained by the nine-hour law. Everything has its advantages as well as its disadvantages, and while the membership is very sorry that the boys can not double for each other, and have more of the members at the meetings, all are proclaiming their praise of the nine-hour law, and the only thing that will suit them better is more of it. We may well afford to be denied the pleasure of attending one meeting a month to have the benefit of four hours off each day, to spend as we think best, improving not only ourselves physically by the much-needed recreation, but many are taking up studies in various lines, thereby making out of themselves not only better employes, but better

Bro. C. S. Baber' desires to express, through the columns of the journal, his thanks to the loys, both on New River and Bristol line, who so liberally contributed to the purchase of a suitable floral design to be presented at the burial service of our superintendent's wife, Mrs. J. W. Cook. Bro. Baber secured a very beautiful anchor design, and on behalf of the membership I want, in turn, to express to him our hearty appreciation of his interest in this matter. We were all anxious to express our sympathy in some way, and by the service Bro. Baber offered us we were enabled to do so.

I want to again appeal to the boys on the Pocahontas Division to contribute notes for the journal. This division is not coming up to the others on this system. I am not attempting to say who is responsible for this, but I am very anxious that the entire membership take a special interest in the journal work, and see that your division is always represented. If you will forward notes to me not later than the 18th or 20th of each month, I will take pleasure in handling them with notes from other divisions, and will see that they are given especial attention, as I regret very much that the notes from Poca. are blank this month, and hope that such will not be the case again. Wake up, boys, and all of you send me one or two items, and it will make you a nice write-up. I also want to thank the boys on other divisions for the assistance they have given their correspondents, and especially is this true of the Norfolk Division. Bro. Magann has had it single-handed for a long time until this month, but they certainly remembered him bountifully this time.

Brothers, take an interest in this work, and let us make the N. & W. Ry. the best-represented system in our journal. We can do it if we can get up a little more of the "individual effort." Don't wait on anybody, but send the news in yourself.

M. G. HARPER, Gen. Cor.

Scioto Division-

As predicted in our June issue, general improvement is noticed along the line, July 1, 1908. The number of trains have increased materially, and additional train crews have been put to work. In addition to this, passenger service has been extended, in some cases, to a point it has not been for many months. Everything appears for the better at this time.

Among recent promotions is that of Mr. L. C. Ayers, who has been roadmaster of this division for the past few months, to the office of general supervisor of the Scioto Division.

Mr. W. Whittaker, who has been acting as assistant to Mr. Ayers, succeeds to the office of division roadmaster, old line.

Mr. Charles Brown, chief clerk to Superintendent Blake, was called to the bedside of his father, at Hillsvale, Va., June 18th, returning a few days later. Mr. Brown was accompanied by his brother, Dug Brown, of Williamson, W. Va.

A contributor from the Cincinnati Division writes: "The boys on this end of the line seem to be satisfied with the rulings and workings of the grand old Order, as we have not been able to hear any complaints traveling the wires, and

the shake-up in the early spring has all quieted down again. Everything is progressing smoothly.

Agents at Williamsburg, Sardinia and Batavia all enjoyed Sunday, June 14th, off duty, thanks to the O. R. T. and the good nature of our officials. On this division we still have a few nons that we hope will soon see the good they are receiving without contributing to the source of benefit. Boys, the proposition is a fair one, and you certainly owe your membership to the cause maintaining the benefits you enjoy. Place yourselves in line with the majority. Application blanks will be furnished you with pleasure.

E. W. Johnson, formerly of this division, now agent C., C. & L. at Converse, Ind., underwent a painful operation at Christ's Hospital, June 15. His many friends will be pleased to know he is recovering nicely, so much so that he thinks he will be able to return to work by July 1st.

Bro. O. P. Spriggs has resumed duty at Lavalette, W. Va.

Bro. A. F. Smith is relieving Agent Kermit for a few days. Bro. McMillion completing his vacation.

Bro. A. J. Marcum, agent at Dunlow, W. Va., is taking his vacation; relieved by Bro. J. W. Pratt

The month of June, this year, has been the banner month for the Williamson, W. Va., scale station. During this month there were 1,000 more loads weighed on these scales than same month in previous years, which represents a phenomenal increase in business, when general conditions are considered.

Bro. W. F. Hoptry, having been assigned to service on the Pocahontas Division, makes a vacancy for an assistant chairman on our division.

Bro. Hoptry tendered his resignation as assistant chairman of the S. V. Division, No. 14, O. R. T., July 11, 1908, for the reason above stated. He will likely not again work on this division, and desires to thank the membership, through the journal, for their courtesies during his term of office, 1907-08.

The trainmen of our system were made happy recently, when a communication was received from officers of the company announcing the fact that there would be no reduction in wages, as contemplated to become effective July 1st, and that the 1908 scale would remain in force. The trainmen were positive that the company would insist on reinstating the 1906 scale, which is 10 per cent lower than the scale for 1908. It is to be hoped no further demands for decrease in wages will be necessary, and that present unsettled conditions will soon be normal, and everybody will get down to business again. We can practice, "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party," and our national choice should be the one that stands for us fearlessly in the coming election, November 4, 1908.

Bro. C. E. Stephenson, agent at Williamson, W. Va., who was recently chosen by his party to represent them in the legislature, we desire to state has represented the N. & W. in this

position for the last eighteen years. This will indicate to us that he is a fair man, as well as a representative of a corporation of millions, and deserves the support of his party, as well as all others that are in favor of pure legislation. We would, therefore, recommend his consideration by every voter, especially those who are in the employ of the N. & W.

Bro. G. F.: Ferrell, agent at Naugatuck, W. Va., will soon be relieved from duty for a ninety-day vacation, during which time he will make an extended trip through the Western States. Bro. F. C. Stratton will fill his position.

Bro. J. S. Hughes is doing the second trick at Naugatuck, W. Va.

Our boys are gradually scattering around over the country since they were cut off, and extra work seems insufficient to hold them up. We have been following Bro. C. F. Bushman for awhile. He seems to be on the move, is headed for Chicago, our last record of him being Indianapolis.

Bro. J. Gerlach, agent at Wheelersburg, Ohio, was off for his vacation during the latter part of June; relieved by Bro. E. F. Rickey.

Bro. L. B. Funk, first trick at Sims, Ohio, appears in the June journal with an ad. of interest to readers who are in the market for any of his goods.

Bro. Bert Wilson relieved Bro. J. S. Hughes as second trick at Naugatuck, W. Va., July 14th. Bro. Hughes assigned third trick at Kenova tower.

Bro. D. W. Crabtree, second trick at Kenova tower, was called to Dunlow, W. Va., on account of the death of his grandmother, July 15th, 1908.

Bro. M. M. Postal, who has been working at Kenova freight house for some time, is visiting his father at Broken Arrow, Okla.

Mr. C. I. Cheney is appointed agent at Idlewild, Ohio, vice E. G. Painter, resigned, effective July 13th.

E. E. Smith, agent at Kenova, who has been in the Northwest for some time, has returned, but will not resume his position. It is understood that Mr. Smith will soon resign and locate in Billings, Mont., where he has acquired a large tract of land, and will devote his time to the life of a cowboy, in connection with an extensive orchard, which he secured with his purchase. Mr. Smith seems to have been an exception among railroad agents, as it seems he intends to leave the service entirely and engage in business of his own. At this time we do not know his successor, but hope some of our good brothers will stand for the position, it being rated as a first-class agency. We are sure that there are men in our ranks that would fill the position with the best of satisfaction.

Radford Division-

On account of the recent reductions in the dispatching forces, as well as along the line, it will, doubtless, be very interesting to our friends on other lines to get an account of the changes. When Bro. Crabill was displaced as agent at Galax, Va., he resumed his old position as first trick dispatcher on Bristol line, resulting in the following changes:

H. C. Shull, non, displaced Bro. Dooley on New River District, first trick, he accepting third on this district from preference, leaving Bellimyre, non, on second, with Bros. Brickey and Bathis second and third on Bristol line, the "KD" office being handled by the old reliables, Bros. Seay, Calhoun, Baber (better known as Panama Pete). St. Clair and Kerr. The first three of these brothers being extra dispatchers and frequently pressed into service as such.

Bro. Baber has just returned from a trip to Panama, where he wandered with the hopes of landing one of our dear old uncle's good jobs, and he succeeded in so far as the position was concerned, but not having an iron constitution won had to vacate the lowlands.

Singer being still on the "nothin' doin'" list, Bros. Wilson and Thomas are on the extra list. However, all hope that this position may be again put in line, even before this is in print, as it is a very important block, and a slight improvement in business will necessitate its reopening.

Bro. Apgar, Ellkston, is still off duty, completing his beautiful residence near that station. We are also glad to announce that Mrs. Apgar, who has been very ill for some time, is somewhat im proved, and is now again with the family at home.

Bro. Rector, Chilhowie, Va., spent his vacation on White Top, being accompanied by several of his many railroad friends.

Bro. Goldsmith, Salem, Va., has resumed duty, after a pleasant vacation, being relieved by one of our old reliables, Joe Wyatt.

Relief Agent Bro. Crump was called to Fries, recently, on account of the illness of his sister. We understand she is somewhat improved at this time.

Bro. Parrish, Bristol, spent his vacation with bome folks at Christiansburg, Va., being relieved by Bro. Hendricks.

The boys are showing their appreciation of the many benefits obtained for them by the organization by handing in their applications. Quite a number of new ones lined up this month. Unless they support it, get them out of the way for better men. A man who will not assist, after getting what the nons on the N. & W. are getting, would not stand back on taking a pocketbook, and we don't want them here. How about it, non?

Bro. R. C. Gilmer has been off for a few days, being relieved by our good Bro. J. E. Goodwin, who has just returned from college, but he still carries an up-to-date card.

Bro. Weatherly is holding down third trick at Curve while Bro. Charlton is off.

Bros. J. W. and A. H. Williams have taken their vacations, being relieved by Mr. Thompson and Mr. Williams, but both Mr. Thompson and Mr. Williams will go by the name of brother in

a few days and not Mr. Doesn't that sound better?

Bro. J. S. Johnson is working extra at "KU" during Bro. Woods' absence.

What has the union done for us? Why the union has gotten us dollars where we wouldn't have had cents, and, too, hasn't the union shortened our hours of labor? Then where has a laboring man got anything to say against union? We are glad to say that it is only a matter of time until organization will be complete, then we will have things where we want them.

Most all of the extra men are sending in their application blanks. We still have some regular men that I would like to see send them in also. But it seems that it is hard to get them started. Surely it is not the price-why, their vacation will pay their dues for almost three years, and where did that come from? Did the company simply volunteer to give it to us? Did they give it to the Order men and not to the non-union men? No; they give it to all. And do the nonunion employes ever fail to take their vacation? My friends, I would be ashamed to take my vacation if I were not an Order man. Now is the time we want every one to join us, for there is still talk of a reduction in wages, and would there have not been some time since if it had not been for our good committee? I am sure the nonunion man wouldn't like to see his wages cut to a lower figure, but watch his eyes when the salary is raised, or the old schedule revised, and see if he doesn't readily accept it.

And now to the older men. If we have any kick coming we should go to the meetings to do it. Don't go to the operators, but tell Bro. Layman about it.

Now let every one give the very best service we can to our employers, and there will be no kick from them.

Shenandoah Division-

Bro. J. W. Milton, second trick at Buena Vista, is relieved on account of sickness. Operator K. A. Painter, third trick at Loch Laird, in his place. Mr. P. G. Parret relieving Painter at Loch Laird. Bro. R. E. Bear, first trick Loch Laird, relieving Bro. J. W. Taylor, first trick at Buena Vista, who is off on account of the sickness of his father. Mr. J. N. Switzer, who will soon be a brother, is

We hear Bro. H. A. Bickers' familiar mit on the side wires in "UD," Roanoke, again; Bro. H. A. Fix is relieving him on the third trick at Shenandoah.

working first trick at Loch Laird.

Bro. H. II. Burks, second trick at Glasgow, is taking a few days off; Mr. Samuel Brock reliev-

Bro. J. H. Bender, second trick at Loch Laird, was off about ten days on account of sickness, Mr. Switzer relieving

Bro. E. B. Spedden, first trick Shepherdstown, has resumed duty after spending a very pleasant time at Atlantic City during his vacation. Bro. C. H. Moffett relieved him, Bro. Moffett's son,

in turn, relieving him on the second trick at Shepherdstown.

Bro. G. Z. Abrihams, agent at Buena Vista, spent the Fourth of July with home folks at New-ville, Pa.

Bro. H. M. Davis, second trick at Shenandoah, is taking his vacation, Operator Booth doing the stunt there. Can not say if Booth holds a card or not.

Later reports show Bro. J. W. Taylor back on first trick at Buena Vista, Bro. R. E. Bear to first at Loch Laird, Mr. Switzer to third at Loch Laird, and Mr. Parrett to third at Elkton, to relieve McCutchan.

Bro. H. H. Burks has resumed duty, second trick Glasgow. Mr. Brock, I understand, goes to Rocky Mount.

Bro. M. J. Dunlap, popular agent at Boyce, who has been taking his vacation, has returned to duty, relieving Relief Agent H. J. Probst, Bro. Probst, in turn, going to Troutville to relieve Bro. W. T. Gentry, who goes to first trick at Winston-Salem, his regular place. Bro. Gentry has been doing extra relief work for some time.

Mr. Rockroth goes to third trick at Loch Laird, relieving Mr. J. N. Switzer. J. H. BENDER.

Norfolk Division-

Your division correspondent feels very grateful to Bros. Shannon, Nesbit, Tucker, Tolley and others for their hearty support in furnishing notes this month.

It has been my intention to add something to the subject brought out in the article herein contributed by Bro. Nesbit along the lines of some brother, one or more, accompanying the remains of any deceased brother to his resting place. I am glad this was brought out by Bro. Nesbit, and most heartily endorse such a move.

On the 14th the remains of Bro. J. W. Hodge were taken to Swansea, S. C., for burial, accompanied by his wife and brothers, J. H. Tucker and W. A. Nesbit representing Division 14.

The floral tributes were profuse and beautiful, those deserving special mention being two large emblem wreaths, one from the O. R. T. and the other from the K. O. T. M.

In reading the above you doubtless noticed what we believe is a precedent which has been established by the Norfolk Division. I refer to the sending of one or two members to represent our Order and assist those in distress, in such cases as the above, when a member of our Order meets the Grim Reaper in a strange land and among strange people. We believe this will appeal to the better nature of a majority of our members as nothing else will.

Surely nothing could be more appropriate or more consoling and helpful to the grief-stricken family than to know that the loved one would be laid to rest with every attention from those who were bound to them with the bonds of frahernity.

Our organization can not give the attention to sick members which is given by other fraternal orders, for the very evident reason that we are too widely separated to carry on a systematic sick relief, but in nearly every case the above arrangement can be made if the local and assistant local chairmen will take the necessary interest. Let us watch this, and show the world that we take as much interest in our deceased members as the other railway organizations and fraternal orders. Our Order has made wonderful advances in the past few years, such that we can scarcely realize them; but, now that the eight-hour goal has been realized, we can not stop; we must either continue to advance or we must retrograde.

I believe the Order has almost, if not entirely, outgrown the present plan of insurance. The majority of insurance companies, including even the insurance departments of labor organizations, offer one or more of the following options:

Straight life, term policy, annuity for life, endowment, sick, accident and death benefits, automatic extension, non-forfeitable, and many other desirable features, including dividend-bearing clause. Why can not the M. B. D. offer us a funeral benefit, payable immediately upon proof of death, for say one or two hundred dollars? Why not offer a term policy, dividend-bearing, to be paid up in full in fifteen or twenty years? I know the M. B. D. insurance is safe and cheap, but I know also that the membership carries a great deal more insurance in the old line companies than in the M. B. D., and if the old lines can make it pay then so can the M. B. D. make it pay.

Bro. Horton, regular third man at Dwight, who has been in hospital at Suffolk with typhoid fever for some time, is improving rapidly. We will be glad to see this brother back with us again.

The following brothers have just returned to the key after spending a well-earned O. R. T. vacation: Hardy, Church Road; Claborn, Davis and Ellington, Farmville, Va., and Meade, Sutherland, Va.

Relief agent No. 1, Bro. Berkley, is now at Church Road while Bro. Duncan is enjoying a rest.

Bro. Shipp, of Lynchburg, is doing the relief stunt at South Boston for a few days, Bro. Carson doing the lever act at Lynchburg "X" tower.

Bro. Collins, who has been doing the relief work at Farmville during vacation time for the brothers there, is now loafing.

Bro. Ford, Montvale, has just returned from a visit to Washington, D. C.

Our worthy assistant local chairman, Bro. Magann, Thaxton, Va., has just resumed duty, having been in attendance at his brother's marriage.

Bro. Smith is with us again at Bedford, having just returned from college at Schenectady, N. Y.

Bro. Rawlongs, Belleview, off on vacation, being relieved by L. S. By:ns, an old-timer. Send him a blank, boys.

Bro. Shufflebarger, dispatcher Roanoke to Crewe District, is taking a much-needed rest, being relieved by Bro. Harlan, from message office, all the boys moving up a notch. This office at Crewe is solid O. R. T., with one exception, Mr. Page.

Now, it's a shame to spoil this bunch by one son. Land him, fellows, and let us have it solid by next month.

Nottoway, third trick here was made vacant by our good sister, Misss Maggie Davis taking life shares with our Bro. J. B. Fitzgerald, "Grandpa." Fostion at Nottoway now stands for Bro. Cardwell from Lynchburg, the oldest brother applying.

Blackstone, Bro. "Dick" Jones, second trick, just returned from his vacation to Canada and other northern points. Relieved by Bro. W. P. Lewis, extra man. Bro. Coleman will take his vacation some time soon and visit the seas ore for his health.

Wilson, Bro. Coleman, agent and telegrapher, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Sidney Sutherland, second trick at this point. Bro. Pressnell relieving Bro. Sutherland.

Ford, Bro. Vaiden, second, and Bro. Dewsbury, third, off on their vacation; relieved by extra men Mr. G. W. Callings and E. H. Williams. Ju. t returned from trip to Columbus accompanied by Bro. G. E. Dewsbury, third trick at Petersburg. Understand these brothers will take trip to Washington before they return to duty.

Petersburg, Bro. G. E. Dewsbury off on vacation; relieved by Bro. J. W. Bray, C. T. U. of A. Wakefield, Bro. Rux off on vacation accompanied by his wife, who has just returned from hospital in Richmond. Bro. Ware, third trick, relieving Bro. Rux, and Bro. A. W. Arnold, extrarelieving Bro. Ware.

Extra man still on third trick Nottoway; this has been assigned to Johnnie Cardwell, but he is ill with fever.

Wilson s.cond trick on the bulletin, so also Juniper third and Poe first.

Bro. J. H. Binford, Disputanta, off on vacation; releved by Bro. S. E. Sutherland, who is now relief agent, having been recently assigned, leaving Wilson second vacant.

Just karned that Bro. R. C. Hardy has been reinstated as first trick operator at Poe, which cuts this off the bulletin.

Mr. O. Pressnell has been assigned to Yadk'n third trick. He will soon be brother, as he has sent in the goods.

Brothers, you'd better keep your eyes open now, for the engineers are not going to call for the white, and if you are caught asleep these days it means your job is slept away.

DIV. COR.

A CARD OF THANKS.

I desire, through the columns of the O. R. T. journal, to extend my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the members of N. & W. Ry. System, Division No. 14, particularly those on the Norfolk Division, for their kindness shown meduring the time of my great bereavement occasioned by the sudden death of my husband at Dwight, Va., July 15th, and for the beautiful O. R. T. floral design furnished.

The members of the worthy Order will always have my highest esteem and good wishes.

Sincerely,

MRS. J. W. Hodge.

July 22, 1908.

Swansea, S. C.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Great Chief to remove from our midst our dearly beloved brother, J. W. Hodge, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who knoweth and doeth all things well, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Hodge N. & W. System, Division No. 14, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, has lost a loyal supporter, the family a kind and loving husband, son and brother, and the community at large a true and upright citizen; he it further

Resolved, Tlat said Division No. 14 of the O. R. T. hereby extends to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy in this, their hour of grief; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the bereaved family, a copy furnished The TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread upon our division records.

C. B. LANE,
J. H. TUCKER,
W. A. NESBITT,

Committee.

Michigan Central Ry.

Middle Division-Valley-

Bro. Watkins, "X" office, Hastings, has been off on a vacation for a couple of weeks. Bro. Mead, third trick man, Middleville, done the first trick stunt at "X." Extra Operator Wagoner filling the gap at "MD."

R. E. Preston, agent at Charlotte, has resigned to take a position in a bank. A Mr. Harmon, chief clerk in the freight office at Battle Creek, was appointed to take charge of the Charlotte agency.

The meeting recently held at Detroit is reported as being a great success, and had it been possible for those living at so great a distance that it was impossible for them to attend on account of distance and train service, the attendance would have been something immense. But we should all be pleased with the outlook for the future; our membership is steadily on the increase, and our financial strength has grown very healthy under the management of our present officials. Bro. Quick remarked that when he first took hold as G. S. and T., there was \$200 in the treasury and \$10,000 indebtedness, and how often it was a question, with the grand officers where the next meal was coming from, and compared it with the present condition, there being now over \$500,000 in the treasury, and all hope to see it s million. Bro: Campbell's remarks were very interesting. and listened to with great interest. There were representative brothers and sisters from all divisions of the M. C., Wabash, Grand Trunk, Cana-

dian Pacific, D., T. & I. and the Ann Arbor. Bros. Quick and Campbell left the next morning for a trip through Canada to the Pacific Coast, and through the States of Washington and Oregon, on their way home, holding meetings on their way.

The operators at Van Horn were very much surprised July 1st, when the second and third-trick men were taken out, leaving Bro. Eddy to work twelve hours. Bro. Shea, who worked second trick, went to East Yard to relieve Bro. McNeil five days. Mr. Clissold returned home. No work.

Bro. C. I. Hoffman received appointment to the position of third trick operator at Nashville.

Bro. T. W. Lutz relieved Bro. Hardke at Hastings freight house a couple of weeks, ending July 4th, en account of sickness.

Bro. Schell, days, enjoying two weeks' vacation; relieved by Operator T. W. Lutze. Mr. Lutze is not up-to-date at present, but promises to be with us soon. He may be remembered among the boys as one of the strong supporters of the first organization on the M. C., he being an old employe of this company.

Bay City Division-

Mr. W. G. Lewis, Middleville, Mich.

Will endeavor to give a little line-up this month. Not very many changes going on this month.

At North Yards, Mr. P. J. Foley has returned after an absence of a month. He was relieved by Mr. A. H. Brown, and also L. N. Martin.

- J. R. Seavitt, of Rochester, was off a few days: relieved by W. H. Dowling, of Grass Lake, who is on the extra list.
- G. C. Calkins, of Oxford freight house, off a few days, and took a trip to Detroit; relieved by Earl Pearson, extra man.
- C. J. Berno was in Detroit for a visit, he being relieved by Mr. Easterle, young extra man of Chelses.
- J. A. Helfrich, at Columbiaville, was off several days. Am unable to say by whom relieved.
- C. E. Bishop, of Millington, was taken sick. He was relieved by Easterle, extra man.
- W. J. Ross, of Vassar, laying off for two weeks, and taking a trip to Ann Arbor, and other country points; relieved by Earl Pearson.
- R. W. Thistlewaite, of Denmark Junction, is taking a vacation of a month; relieved by the strong-armed man, L. J. Graves, who is on the extra list.

At Otter Lake we find that old-timer, Oliver Hill, who got Otter Lake on bulletin. He has been stationed at Reese for a number of years. Young Mr. Frantz is working at Reese at present. He is a son of F. Frantz, of South Rockwood.

Mr. R. L. Beyerly, who was on the extra list, and has been working at Lapeer for some time, resigned, and has accepted a position as ticket clerk in Grand Rapids under W. C. Blake. He was relieved by Operator Wade, a traveling man,

but happened to get a bad dose of red-eye, it being necessary to call the day man to get things straightened around. He being relieved by Frank Seavitt, who is holding that heavy position down O. K.

Detroit Yards-

At "F," general office, W. A. Jackson, extra dispatcher, was working as dispatcher for nine days. He, in turn, being relieved by Watts at Central avenue.

Business being a little slack, one of the day men were cut off. That making S. R. Gregg taking trick from 4 p. m. until 2 a. m., causing H. M. Senff to go back onto the twelve-hour trick, nights.

Car Shops station, Mose Handley, was compelled to lay off for three days on account of sickness. He, in turn, being relieved by Jud Griffin. of Car Shops office.

L. J. Graves was working at Central avenue in place of L. I. Watts, who went to work in "F" office.

East Division-

Dearborn, T. B. Moon is taking quite a vaca tion, being relieved by Relief Agent Rix.

We find our old friend, Mark Whitman, back at Ypsilanti, after a leave of absence of a month, thereby causing W. B. Burroughs to go back on the extra list.

A. R. Easterle, of Chelsea, was off July 4th, and took in the sights at Detroit; L. J. Graves doing the trick while he was away.

Toledo Division-

Paddy Miles, at Wyandotte, taking a vacation; relieved by W. B. Burroughs. Also E. C. Slicht, third trick at Wyandotte, in place of Earl Pearson.

H. W. Clark taking his vacation; relieved by a new man named Middaugh. Boys, please look th's man up and see if he stands O. K., and notify the local chairman.

Callahan bought another diamond.

Quite a crowd at the last meeting.

Even two sisters present.

Hall just held the crowd nicely, but could have packed in twenty or thirty easy. Boys, turn out and crowd the building.

Brothers present from C., P. R., G. T., in Canada, G. T. in United States, D., T. & I., Ann Arbor and Wabash. Never saw anything like it hefore.

Would like to see the sister from Wabash, who is located at Adrian, at the hall. Quite a little speech she made. Wasn't it grand?

Boost; don't knock, but turn out; fill the hall, and then let out your wind. It will do you good.

H. W. Braniard, who is at Slip Dock, off for a month taking vacation and trip to Rochester, N. Y., and up York State; relieved by L. G. Frankfurth, extra man.



Saginaw and Mackinaw Divisions-

Bro. Schram, at Owosso Junction, off for a week during the last of June; relieved by Bro. Sargeant, who was relieved by Operator Martin, who promises his application as soon as he gets located.

Bro. G. H. Stokes, first operator at Gaylord, was off ten days spending the time in Detroit and Toledo. He was relieved by Operator Garvin,

New gravel pit has been opened at Holt which keeps Bro. Garrison busy.

It has been decided to keep our general chairman on the road doing organizing work and helping the local chairman keep every one up-to-date, for at least three months per year. It has always been needed here. Most of the large system divisions keep their chairmen on the road all the time, but it has not been until now that we thought we could afford this extra expense. Now, if you are not up-to-date look out for the general chairman, for he will be after you. But if you are up-to-date you need not fear him.

Operator Daniel, formerly of Pinconning, third trick, is doing relief on second trick at Gaylord. He was relieved by Bro. Gilbert at Pinconning. Bro. Gilbert relieved at Pinconning by Bro. Van Wagner, who is just back to work from school. Bro. Gilbert relieving Operator Ueberhorst at Bay City, "DI."

Bro. Higgens is now working second hours at Wolverine; Haakwood station being closed. He relieved Bro. Rice; Bro. Rice taking his vacation. Not back to work yet.

We understand Bro. Burwell, formerly of Waters, has accepted the position as agent at Frederic.

Dispatchers W. H. Caldwell and W. A. Roher spent their vacations roaming around the State.

Dispatcher W. Slade is spending his vacation in North Dakota, and C. G. Flajoe is putting in his time shingling his house.

Dispatcher J. C. Dunning talking of going to Portland, Oregon, and L. H. Johnson to his folks in Perry, Iowa.

Dispatcher W. L. Peck will put in his time at some of the Mackinaw Division summer resorts.

Dispatchers L. Ueberhorst and G. A. Need-ham doing the relieving act.

Bro. O. E. Gilbert relieving L. Ueberhorst at "DI," Bay City.

Bro. G. H. Robertson moved up to first trick in place of Bro. G. A. Needham, at Bay City. "WS." Bro. W. J. Stokes taking second and L. V. Whitney third trick; relieved by Bro. Spore at Wersona Yard.

Bro. G. A. Hilderith and Bro. W. R. Pottit at Saginaw, Gen avenue, have traded tricks. G. A. Hilderith taking second trick in place of third trick.

Bro. C. N. Sherriff, at Chesaning, on a vacation; relieved by Relief Agent Galbraith.

Bro. G. M. Smith, agent and operator at Eden, is away on a vacation; relieved by Operator Black, who has sent in his application.

Dispatcher's Committee met the general managers at Detroit this month for the first time, and received a few concessions and squared up a few grievances.

Mullet Lake station has been opened again for the summer. Bro. A. L. Amley doing the agent and operator duties. Nice place for Bro. Amley, as this should be a good place for him to regain his health.

Bro. Keyser, of Pinconning, is away on a short vacation; relieved by Bro. J. S. Rice, who was formerly third trick at Wolverine.

Bro. Mayer has returned to work again at Wolverine, third trick, after a short vacation.

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Middle Division, Main Line-

Bro. Bennett, first trick at Niles, off one day attending Elks' Convention. Bro. Dell, of Jackson, relieving. Bro. Keen, of Vandalia, also off one day to attend the Elks' Convention. Operator Ryneburg relieving him.

Operator Harry Mead working second trick at Hill office, Niles, in place of Bro. Fitch. "13" Mead has filled out the blanks and turned them in with the necessary, and that he will be a brother before this is in print.

Bro. Rourke, second trick at Dowagiac, taking a vacation for a couple of weeks; relieved by Operator Baker, who will soon be a brother.

Bro. Robert Phillips gave up South Haven, days. Operator Edgett getting it on bulletin. This man has promised to make good this month, and we hope to add him to our list of new brothers next write-up.

Operator Mack, at Hill office, third trick, is still a non, but think he will be with us before long. He was a member of Division 24, Pere Marquette, before leaving the service. Work hard, boys, and make our division 99 per cent good at least. Bro. McMurray, of Hill, first trick.

Bro. McMurray laid off two days. Relief Operator Thomas working his trick.

Bro. Harry Butler is the third man at Barron Lake, displacing Bro. Cissold, who is at Van Horn.

Bro. Hoffman drew Nashville, third trick, on last bulletin, and Operator Ryneburg drew "CJ," Grand Rapids, second trick. He should make good now, and we trust he will.

Let's try and have our write-up in a few months mention all the boys as brothers. Why not have a meeting for the night boys, to be held about once a month at Three Rivers or Niles and Jackson.

Operator Hilsdon, East Yard, third trick, promises to be in soon.

Bro. Flewelling, first trick at Union City, laying off a few days. Operator Thomas relieving him.

Bro. Harris, second trick at Jaxon Junction, off. Relieved by Bro. Dill.

We have old No. 27 and No. 22 back again now, But No. 27 starts from Kalamazoo, instead of Detroit, as before. On the Air Line we have



Nos. 62, 65 and 66 daily, and No. 59, new train, Three Rivers to Niles, Sunday only. No. 133, South Bend Division, is daily train, and No. 136 is new train connecting with No. 59. Seems rather hard for us boys in the exclusive telegraph offices to have to handle Western Union work for fun, when we average \$40.00 a month worth of business at this point. This should be reminded in our new schedule.

New York, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

Cleveland Division-

Bro. Gebhart, third trick Kimball, has been off for a few days, sick, and is being relieved by Operator "Sining," "QN." Don't know his name.

Bro. Hill was also off a couple of days; relieved by Relief Agent Bro. W. S. Carroll.

Bro. R. B. Hammond now has third trick at Shinrock, Bro. Jump has second.

Third Trick Operator Crane, at Cleveland yard, was relieved for one day by Operator Ross, of Woodland office, who was, in turn, relieved by Operator Bastian.

Bro. Schwartz (the E-Z man) relieved Operator Hunter, who was working third trick at East Lorain.

After a seven weeks' siege of pleuro-pneumonia in a Cleveland hospital, Bro. J. Holst resumed third trick at Euclid coal dock.

Bro. Now is now holding down third trick at Painesville, vice Bro. Sherwood.

Operator Murphy is doing the third trick act at Ashtabula until same is advertised, relieving Operator Shepherd.

Bro. L. C. Raynor, on Bro. Holst's return to Euclid, went to third trick at Madison, relieving Operator Hammond for a few days.

Bro. Wiltse, who was working first trick at "CD," Cleveland, was relieved by Operator Ross for a couple of days; Ross relieved by Operator Bastian at Woodland.

Operator Bas'ian and "E-Z" Schwartz traded off positions, Bastian going to third trick at East Lorain and Schwartz taking second at Woodland.

Our first trick dispatcher, Barney Connors, is taking a vacation, and while he is away Mr. Bert. Giddings is working first trick and Bro. James Burnap is holding down the second trick. Bro. Wiltse working first trick at "CD" in Bro. Burnap's place, and Operator Ross working second trick.

At "BE," Bellevue, we hear Bros. Klugh, Stover and Walsh doing their laps, east and west.

Bro. W. S. Carroll, relief agent, is keeping his hand in at Avon until that vacancy is filled by the highest bidder.

The following vacancies were advertised on June 30th: Third trick at Bellevue depot, third at East Lorain, third at Ashtabula, and agency at Avon. Bro. L. C. Raynor landed the vacancy at Ashtabula.

Operator Mollenkop gets third trick at East Lorain. Have not heard who relieved him at Sheffield, second trick. I hear that on account of the large number of telegraphers that the nine-hour law made it necessary to employ, that there are quite a number of nons on the line, and I think that Bro. Quick's advice to "get busy" is a good one. Let all the brothers get busy at once and see if we can not rid the Nickel Plate of the non-members in short order. Do not leave it for some one else to do, but do it yourself and do it now.

Our General Committee met the management in Cleveland recently, and I think that under the circumstances they did all that any one could expect of them. They will be in a position to do much better if we "get busy and make the road too per cent O. R. T. Get in line, boys, and get your neighbor to do likewise. "73."

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Third District-

Bro. J. M. Hazelton, third trick Colby, has returned to work after being away to his home for some time on account of the serious illness of his parents, which culminated in the death of his mother.

Bro. Hazelton has the sympathy of all the members of Division No. 18, in his great bereave-

Bro. C. A. Zimmerman, agent at Colby, is on a few weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. C. L. Zimmerman, second trick, Maple Grove.

Bro. M. Thompson, extra operator, goes to Maple Grove, second trick, while Bro. Zimmerman is at Colby. He also relieved Bro. Hazelton.

Bro. Geo. Talbert, agent at Maple Grove, has been transferred to South Whitley, and Bro. E. L. Shirkey has been checked in at Maple Grove. I am unable to learn what became of Bro. W. Martin, former agent at "SY."

Bro. P. D. Russell, agent at Old Fort, off for a few days, visiting old friends in Continental; relieved by Operator Small.

Bro. C. W. Poe, who has third trick at Fostoria, away for couple of days on visit to Cleveland. Do not know who relieved him.

Bro. O'Neill, of Continental, third trick, was off sick for a few nights; relieved by Operator Herrold, of New Haven.

Upon Bro. O'Neill's reporting for duty, Operator Herrold went to New Haven to relieve Bro. Bruick, first trick there, who is now on his vacation.

Mr. Adams, agent at Melrose, was waited on by a committee, who induced him to fill out papers, and, no doubt, by this time he is an up-todate member.

Mr. Adams means to do the right thing, and while he can not fire the students he now has, as he has given his promise to keep them, be will not take any more, and I do not think he will be bothered very much longer with those he now has

Bro. Adams did not know that he was eligible to the Order, and I believe that if it was earnestly taken up, we could get a great many of



our non-telegraphic agents who would be glad to join if they knew they could.

If we had them in we would not have the menace of a school starting up, and the trouble and expense incidental to destroying it.

Bro. C. H. Russell, our genial agent at Oak-wood, has invested in an automobile. He is now prepared to do a great deal of soliciting business for the company, and I suppose that the business at his station will shortly increase so that he will have to get an operator on the first trick, so he can go out and solicit more business, so he can get more help, etc.

There seems to be a steadily growing feeling among the membership that we should have more meetings. It is a very hopeful sign, and if the boys really want them we will have them, but there is no use in having them when only four or are men attend.

If the boys would make up their minds to have each office represented it would encourage our committee to hold meetings.

There is one man on this division that I would lke to call your attention to. He is working in one of the easiest jobs on the road, first trick, no outside work except throwing a pair of gates twice a day, and his pay is better than the average. All of these benefits he has derived from the Order. This man has been asked and coaxed to join for the last five years, and he is full of promises and nothing else. He now enjoys the privilege of twelve days' vacation a year, which was secured by the O. R. T. in the last schedule, with pay, and still he will not fill out his papers. I would advise all members to read Bro. Quick's communication in the June number and apply it to this man's case. "No card, no favors" is a mighty good motto to use in all dealings with Mr. Woolpert and his kind. As long as they receive all the benefits that members do, and as long as they are given the hand of good fellowship by members, they will continue to act their despicable part. The only way is to ostracise them completely.

In conclusion, wish to thank Bro. C. L. Zimmerman for the items he sent. He was the only one of you who cared enough about it to let me know what was going on in your vicinity.

Hix.

C., M. & St. P. Ry.

River Division-

The past two weeks have been bad ones for railroading. Washouts on nearly all Western lines and consequent delay to trains. At stations where many tickets are sold it keeps one's head busy to remember the bulletins that tell where you may sell tickets and where not.

Since the last items were written the following changes have been made on this division:

Bro. J. J. Lager to Red Wing, first trick.

Bro. Reese to Wabasha, second trick; Bro. Witte taking first.

Lake City gravel pit office closed, and T. C. Haywood, former operator there, going to Chestnut street, St. Paul, third trick.

Bro. Martin, formerly of King's Cooley days, to Frontenac nights; relieved at King's Cooley by H. M. Erickson.

J. H. Olsen, Frontenac nights, to Wacouta, third trick.

Bro. Stegner, Lake City, third trick, took a week's vacation to attend the State Firemen's convention at Mankato. He reports a fine time. Was relieved by Bro. Drohan, who comes from Texas.

Bulletin received a few days ago to the effect that the joint track dispatchers are to be moved from St. Croix Crossing to Newport tower, change to be made July 1st. The three tricks at St. Croix Crossing are bulletined. I predict that the dispatching and lever work at Newport will keep the dispatchers busy.

The local chairman has mailed to all members a list of the names and addresses of all nons working on the River, Wabasha and C. V. Division and Stillwater line. I hope each of you will pick a victim out of this list and land him, so we can have a solid membership, or nearly so. There are a few names on the list that I am sorry to say are considered hopeless cases. If any of the brothers should happen to land one of these it would be well to send a man to break the news gently to the local chairman, for if the applications were sent in without any forewarning the shock to him might prove fatal.

The division shows a good percentage of membership now, but it is a long way from 100 per cent strong, and that is what we should all strive to make it.

Dispatcher Stackpole is taking a vacation at present, relieved by F. E. Brunner, of St. Croix Crossing.

By the time these items are in print we will undoubtedly have our new schedule, and will understand our position better than at present.

I see by the paper that a certain road went up against the eight-hour law in Wisconsin for the purpose of testing the validity of the law, and the court fined them \$1,000. Now the road has appealed the case, and I am very anxious to see what the higher court will do with them or to them.

The Third Regiment of State Militia have been in camp here, and have returned to their homes again. There were a lot of men in the regiment this year, and it required three specials to handle them in and out.

Now, let us all endeavor to cut down that non list to the lowest possible figure. Some that are named in it are intending to join as soon as their funds will permit, or at least when approached have said so. So don't let them forget it. Let us get them in the fold before winter catches them, or there is no telling what might happen to them.

Third District Division-

Agent R. E. Sizer, of Walworth, is working Janesville line first trick while the regular dispatchers are laying off. Understand dispatcher Hammond is now on vacation.

Bro. Dan McCann of Walworth, second trick, is laying off for a few days; relieved by operator J. A. McCloskey.

Bros. John Miller and Pinney, of Hebron tower first and second tricks, were off for a few days last week; relieved by operator McCloskey.

Have not learned who secured the new trick put on at Fox Lake; some new man on the road, though.

Bro. B. J. Simens, of Libertyville, took a few days' vacation and visited his home at Oconee, Ill. Relieved by Bro. LaPoint, late of the Lake Shore.

Operator Lamphart, working third trick at Somers, had an exciting time of it about two weeks ago. A hold-up gent called on him about 1 a. m. and took what cash he had but left his watch, then locked him in the coal house. No. 58 came and stopped for the block and heard his calls and released him. He no doubt thinks this is a strenuous country; it is the first hold-up of an operator we have had for quite a while; "road agents" do not bother many operators, for the good reason they are poor picking; never have any money only on pay-day, and but very little then.

Mr. B. F. Hoehn has been made trainmaster and Mr. B. C. Babcock chief dispatcher. Understand this is a temporary arrangement; it would seem as if after they had got along without a trainmaster for the last year and more, that the present business would not justify this, but you can put the card train order, 'phones to block on, and for the dispatchers to use, and the trainmaster together and surmise quite a lot at the present time, at least.

Bro. Goodney, of Edgebrook, is laying off and the relief is a Mr. Young, who holds second trick at tower A. 23; second trick at tower A. 23 is being worked by operator W. Beaver.

Telegraph offices at Union Street and West Avenue round house have been closed and Union Street business is being done by messenger from "CG" general office, and round house business by messenger from "C" West Avenue superintendent's office; suppose this economy is to help pay the trainmaster.

Bro. Murback, of Union Street, is working the side wire in "DI" days, which is vacant temporarily account operator Shreenan promoted to disnatcher.

Bro. Derrickson, from round house, is on the extra list for the present; working at tower A. 23 just now, and understand is going to "RO," Rondout, while Bros. Woda and Brown lay off.

A Mr. Uthes, from the C. & E. Division, is relieving the agent at Walworth for the present.

Just a word as to politics, not in the defense

of any particular party; the capitalists have enough brains to know that their interests are served by their kind of men, be they under the Democratic or Republican standards. Let us use just as much sense and see to it that our votes are cast for men of our kind. Let us get out of this hide-bound party spirit and into the thinking independent class and vote not for any one selected by "injunction-seeking" bosses on the one hand or for a representative of a word-breaking opportunist on the other; many times there may not be the chance to choose, but let us think and choose the lesser of the two evils; there are five parties now and tickets will be placed by each one no doubt most everywhere, and the men that will represent us should receive our vote. Let's wake up.

CERT. 1129.

C. & C. B. Ia. Division-

Bro. Bliss back to "RD," Council Bluffs, after a short vacation.

Bro. Harned, of "RD," Council Bluffs, relieving telegrapher Jackson, third trick Manilla; Bro. Trok relieving Bro. Harned. Jackson relieving Bro. Disburg, first trick Manilla, who is laying off. Bro. Rhodes, of R. I., working second trick

Manilla.

Bro. Tathwell, tariff clerk and operator "BU,"
Council Bluffs, appointed agent Miles.

Bro. McManus appointed in place of Bro. Tathwell in "BU" office.

Bro. Huyck appointed agent at Hale.

Bro. Erven back at Neola after working night shift at Van Horne few weeks.

Bro. Pat. Curran, nights Portsmouth, taking a short vacation; his son, who tells us he will be up-to-date soon, is relieving him.

Bro. Walter Curran, formerly of this division, called at Neola on his way home at Portsmouth.

Mr. Foster, Mr. Merrill, Mr. Barnoske and several other officials made a trip over the division lately, relieving us of all our surplus blank reports, books, lamps, etc. They found one station at night without a red lantern burning. Be careful, Bro. Owls.

Bro. E. C. Rood returned to Slater June 12th; relieved at Keystone by Bro. Olson. Bro. Griswold will go to Keystone nights.

Bro. Rogers appointed as agent at Madrid. Bro. Rogers is one of the oldest men on the system. Several old neads wanted the agency, but Bro. Rogers' twenty years' seniority won out for him.

Bro. Black has been relieving Bro. Peterman in Perry message office.

F. J. Yerkey, Middle Division dispatcher, is at present working a west end trick.

Agent Tanner, of Tama, off for few days; relieved by Bro. Storm, of Coon Rapids.

Bro. Rupp, formerly of "CX" tower, Cambridge, is now happily located in Canada, growing wheat, but don't intend becoming a John Bull subject.

Bro. C. H. Dearborn, of Stone City, was relieving Bro. Carr at Vining for a few days until appointed night operator Hale. Bro. Clarence can't keep away from the Milw.

Bro. Jones, of Collins, has quit and gone to the Extension. Telegrapher Kassell appointed nights at Collins. Bro. J. H. Maher, agent Gladstone, has gone to the Extension. Bro. Osborne, of Louisa nights, getting the Gladstone agency.

Bros. Griswold and Zadnicheck, of Slater, were Cambridge callers on 27th.

Bro. E. E. Swartz has resigned his position as agent Keystone and is going to work in a bank there. Bro. C. L. Shaffer, of Hale, landed Keystone agency.

Bro. L. J. Miller, of Cambridge tower, visited a week with friends and relatives at Hawkeye during June.

Bro. Lewison visited his brother at Keystone a few days; telegrapher White relieving him at Cambridge tower.

Telegrapher Lingham, of Melbourne, laying off; relieved by Bro. Hall, of Capron tower.

Bro. J. F. Sanders, of Elwell, went to Duluth on business. Bro. Good relieving him at Elwell. Bro. Raynor, third trick Capron tower, laying off; relieved by Bro. Wogan, an old-timer from the C., B. & Q.

Bro. Cook back to his duties as agent at Collins after a six months' leave of absence. Bro. Posten, who has been filling in at Collins for six months, returned to the first trick Capron tower. Bro. Mouser, of Woodward, off few days last month

Dispatcher Yerkey off few days; relieved by Flannigan, first trick west end; Mr. Good relieving Flannigan.

Bro. Gamelin, of Huxley agency, took a flying trip to Kcystone to look over the agency. Says the salary looks good to him.

Bro. Lee landed a trick at Cambridge tower, his old feeding place.

Bro. Peterman, of Perry message office, goes to Marion as dispatcher on branch for a few weeks

Bro. Hall back to Capron tower on return of agent Lingham.

Bro. and Mrs. Swartz, of Keystone, were Perry visitors May 31st.

Bro. Seyster, local chairman, called on the boys on Middle Division first part of June.

Bro. King, at one time a "Milw." boy, but now on Great Northern, accompanied by his wife, visited with his parents and Bro. Warner, at Cambridge for a few days. Bro. King is now located at Lester, Ia.

Thanks, Bros. Miller, Lewison, Lee, Gamelin and Case, for your nice bunch of items. Do it some more.

There are a few of the brothers who will wake up some morning full-fledged members in good standing in the "Grab Club" if they don't pay their back dues.

Nothing doing at Templeton as yet, but we hope they will get up-to-date soon.

Bro. Lewison appointed first trick Madrid, C. White second trick Herndon. Applications for extra work, split trick, Perry message and Perry yard offices and permanent second trick Cambridge tower and night office at Bayard now open for bids.

The constant rains have given all grains a setback, but prospects are good for an extra large crop, which will make business pick up and consequently open up some night offices and put on a few third trick men.

Bro. Nichols, of Aspinwall, has sold his white steamer to "Pie" McMahan.

Nick.

Vandalia Ry.

St. Louis Division-West End-

Bro. H. E. Weaver, second trick "RY," East St. Louis, has been working at "DE" freight office, East St. Louis, during the absence of Mr. J. C. Phillips, who was off account sickness.

Bro. Demus Rule, first trick "SJ," St. Jacobs, was in St. Louis few days ago seeing the sights. "DR" had the same old smile he used to wear before he was married.

Mr. Harry Tucker has been working second trick at "MH," Marshall, Ill., Middle Division, relieving Bro. Davidson for a short time.

Mr. L. M. Schwarms, of "BW," Brownstown, who has been working at "HG," Hagarstown, goes to "KF," Oak Leaf, Middle Division, second trick, during the absence of Mr. Guyer. Mr. Schwarms still refuses the warm shelter of the Order. We are of the opinion he will freeze this winter.

Mr. R. D. Elliott, second trick "FA," Formosa, and Mr. Harry Tucker, relieved Bro. H. E. Weaver, second trick "RY," East St. Louis, during his absence.

Bro. Geo. Challis, third trick at "BW," Brownstown, has been off for a short time. Mr. S. R. Sweeny, of "SJ," St. Jacols, relieving him. Mr. Sweeny, we are sorry to say, still remains outside the fold.

Are you all up-to-date? If not, why not? Remember, no cards, no favors.

Bro. C. C. Chesterson, first trick "RY," East St. Louis, and Bro. C. N. Jones, first trick Knightsville, Indiana, East End, have exchanged positions.

Bro. W. M. Fitts, third trick "RY," East St. Louis, has left us to take a position with the Illinois Southern R. R.

Brothers, if you would like to see a good writeup from the West End each month, help to make it interesting by dropping us a few notes with reference to the doings of the division.

CERT. 118.

Terre Haute & Indiana Division-

Bro. E. C. Thompson, first trick at "SF" tower, has gone to Beloit, Mich., on vacation; relieved by Bro. W. W. Weekley, regular second trick man at "SF." A Mr. Hubbard is working second trick at "SF."

Bro. B. H. Watts, regular third trick at Limedale, was called to Denver, Col., on account of the serious sickness of his brother; was relieved by Bro. W. A. Smith, formerly first trick man at Vevay Park.



Bro. E. C. McCullough was off on a ten days' vacation visiting relatives at Scotsburg; was relieved by Bro. W. A. Smith.

Bro. E. D. Chalmers, first trick at Fillmore, was off three days to attend his grandfather's funeral at Greenup; other two men had to wo.k twelve hours each.

Agent Dowling, at Greencastle, is off on a vacation. Bro. W. A. Vaughn, first trick man at Greencastle, is acting as agent.

Operator Woodward, second trick man, is working first trick and operator R. C. Siddons third trick from Almeda, is working second at Greencastle. A Mr. Ruark is working third at Almeda.

Mr. V. A. Woodward was off for about ten days' vacation on a visit to his old home.

Bro. Geo. Stevens was off on a four days' vacation to Salem, Ind.; he was relieved by Mr. Fred Francis.

Bro. W. A. Vaughn made a flying trip to Indianapolis recently.

Those who were not at our last two meetings missed a rare time. We will expect you there August 15th, as we intend to have a banner meeting on this date.

Bro. Fred Farris, second trick at Almeda, was off two weeks on vacation; was relieved by Mr.

We hear there has been a spotter over the line. Watch for these gentlemen and give them a cool reception.

The boys at Seelyville are now in their tower and are doing the big stunt with the armstrong.

It is understood that the new double track between Seelyville, Brazil and Knightsville will go into service on or about the first of August. This will put the new tower at Knightsville into service and furnish the boys there plenty of exercise.

Bro. Chesterson, first trick at Roselake, and Bro. Jones, first trick at Knightsville, have exchanged places for a couple of months.

Bro. Smokey Wilson, second trick at "BR," Brazil, attended the races at Terre Haute last Friday, the 17th.

All the boys seem to enjoy the pleasure of working eight hours. A few nons especially are over-joyed, but there don't seem to be enough manhood about them to come across with their part.

Nons are getting scarcer every day. It will be only a short time when we can call every one brother, except one or two noted ones, whose reputation will not permit them to become memters. Guess who?

All the extra men are hitting the ball now, so many of the regular men are laying off.

Circular letter No. 320, issued by Mr. E. A. H. a short time ago, saying that some of the boys are sleeping on duty and in other ways service was not satisfactory. It also stated that since the installation of the third man in the towers the service at a number of stations has decreased in efficiency, which is just the reverse of what it should be.

Now, brothers, you should be more considerate about this, and see if you can not make an increase in efficiency and show more interest in your work. It will not only be a benefit to the company, but all of the brothers that are trying to do the right thing will appreciate it.

It is possible that the company is keeping track of all delays, the cause, and the service which we are giving, and should such thing be presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission it is possible it would have a bearing on the nine-hour law, and might cause us to lose the law and put us back in the old rut again.

One of the brothers recently received a letter from Bro. Fred McAninch, formerly one of Vandalia boys; he now has a good position with the Union Pacific at Sterling, Colorado.

Operator Harry Tucker, from the L. & N., is to relieve Bro. Fitts; he promises to be one of us soon.

Bro. J. L. Holl, second trick at "RS," Reelsville, has been transferred to "AY," Vevay Park; this will be his permanent place. Operator L. R. Vanderhoof, second trick at Eagles, relieved Bro. Hill at Reelsville.

Operator R. L. Williams relieved Vanderboof at Eagles.

Bro. Bensfiel, first trick at Reelsville, was off four days and spent the Fourth with home folks at Indianapolis.

W. Y. Taylor relieved Bro. Bensfiel. We are unable to learn whether Mr. Taylor had an up to date with him or not.

Bro. C. T. Johnson, third trick at Reelsville, and Bro. C. H. Johnson, third at Greenville (brothers), were married recently, and have been visiting their folks at New Paris, Indiana.

Bro. C. H. Johnson took his wedding trip to New York State and visited seve:al of the eastern cities. Both brothers are now back at the key.

Bro. O. M. Snyder, first trick at "EY" tower, was absent from duty for a few days; relieved by operator G. C. Rhodes, from Altamont.

Extra telegrapher J. N. Perkins, who has been relief agent at Harmony for a few weeks, is relieving agent Pretzel, who is in the East for his health; he is now at his hone at Rosedale, Ind. for a few days. He is to go to Martinsville, Ill., as relief agent, Mr. Hanks to be off for a few weeks.

It is understood that the company is to begin repairing the river bridge at Reelsville in two or three weeks, which, when completed, will be practically a new bridge.

Mr. Danic Diel, of the Center Point Division, says that business is picking up.

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Midale Division-

Bro. H. F. Rollin, third at "HO," Homer, was off seven days. Bro. Rollin was relieved by a Mr. J. C. Shea; do not know how he stands.

Telegrapher O. R. Ball, at "MQ," Montrose, second, says he has a card coming.

Bro. W. A. Smith has moved again from "G," Greenup, to "J," Limedale, second.



Telegrapher Cooly, second at "WB," Woodbury, spent the Fourth with home folks at Deiterich, Ill.

Telegrapher—we repeat telegrapher Keeler, third at Montrose, was seen around Effingham last week with the fair ones.

Telegrapher W. F. Francis worked first trick at "AY," Vevay Park, a few days; went from there to Terre Haute; don't know where he is working sow.

Bro. H. Postlewait, third at "KF," Oak Leaf, is going to spend a couple of weeks in the territory.

Bro. J. V. Chance'lor, first at "CA," Casey, soff for a two weeks' vacation; will spend it in ladianapolis, 1 "13."

Bros. J. T. Guyer and H. A. Emrick are going to spend their vacation in St. Louis. Hope they have a good time.

Regular line-up at Greenup now, Jones, Humbarger and "15 min." Wicheiser.

Bro. C. Vickrey was at Chicago few days ago; reports a nice time; says Chicago is some larger than Casey.

Telegrapher D. V. Carter, "JE," third, made a flying trip to Terre Haute July 10th.

Bro. M. R. Brewster, formerly with the Vandalia, has taken a position with the "Big Four."
Do not know where he has been stationed.

LEGS.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

We have had several requests to write an account of the wreck that occurred between Knob noster and Lamonte, Mo., on the morning of July 2d, when two passenger trains, No. 3 and No. 12, going at nigh speed, met in a fearful head-on collision, in which ten people were killed and forty, more or less injured, to say nothing of the destruction of two engines and four cars.

No. 3 had orders to meet No. 12 at Knobnoster, and No. 10 at Lamonte. When No. 12 got to Knobnoster they overtook No. 10, who was having trouble with their engine. The flagman of No. 10 asked No. 12 if they wanted to put a flag on them. They said "no." There was no night telegrapher at Knobnoster. He had been taken off in order to cut down expenses. The conductor of No. 12 was a telegraph operator, so he broke into the depot, called the dispatcher, and told him that No. 10 was having trouble with their engine, and asked for orders to follow them to Lamonte. No. 3, who was now due to be at Knobnoster, was, of course, in the west end of the yard at Lamonte, nearly a half-mile past the station, waiting for No. 10. Now, according to the dispatcher's story, when he called the night telegrapher at Lamonte, he took the order for No. 3 to meet No. 12 at Knobnoster instead of Lamonte, without protest; did not ask if he could get an order to them. The night telegrapher says he told the dispatcher that No. 3 was in the west end of the yard, and the dispatcher told him to take the order, and take it to them; he gave complete on it, and the telegrapher started out to get the conductor's signature, and deliver

the order. When he got on the platform he saw that No. 10 had arrived and No. 3 was pulling out, it being daylight now. In the trial before the justice's court the telegrapher was held blameless, but the committee could not handle his case because he was more than sixty days in arrears.

Any one who has done much handling of train orders will readily see some weak places in the way this was handled. In the first place the conductor of No. 12 had no business butting into the train-order business. The dispatcher insisting on the night telegrapher taking an order for a train that was by his board is very reprehensible. The practice of some of the younger telegraphers in doing this or in any way violating the rules on the oral request of the dispatcher especially in handling train orders, is equally to be condemned, and which, of course, those older in the service would not do. Boys, do your duty, and stick to the rules. Get your train first. Let the dispatcher rave. Never let such a collision be charged to you. I imagine the remembrance of those dead and injured would disturb your sleep.

It is very evident that the dispatcher, as well as the conductor of No. 12, was calculating on No. 10 being slow in getting into Lamonte, as their engine was failing, and they would have plenty of time for the night telegrapher at Lamonte to chase a half-mile down in the yard and get an order to No. 3. When No. 12 saw the smoke of No. 3, they thought it was No. 10. Boys, don't take such chances. Stick to the rules. Let the other fellow take the chances. And while I am at it I will add one thing more, which is a little off the subject, but which, if heeded, will save trouble and expensive cases, as I know from considerable experience. It is this: Be courteous to the public and the officials under whom you work. It costs nothing, and buys much. Do this, both in conversation and in correspondence. You will never regret it. Do this for your own sake, and for the good of the Order.

Joblin Division-

Not much doing on this division since éverybody has finally settled down in some kind of a position and got to work.

Bro. Hutchinson, day operator at Pittsburg, was off a few days last week attending court and shaking hands with old friends at Bartlett, Kan., where he made a host of friends during his stay there as agent before the "panic." W. S. Brown relieved him while away.

Bartlett, Kan., has been opened as a Western Union office, with Chas. Thuma in charge as agent and operator.

Bro. Miller, agent at Moundville, attended the double funeral of the two young men that were drowned at Bronaugh, last Sunday. He can be seen speeding over the country most any hour now since he got the nine hours and that new motorcycle.

Mr. Gilmartin, agent at Sherwin, has been in the hospital at Kansas City, and was quite sick. but is able to be back among us again, but has not gone back to work yet, and we are informed that he does not intend to take up his duties there if he can be lucky enough to get something else. He says "she's a roast." Bro. Oglesby is handling the business during Gilmartin's absence, and seems to be doing it with ease. We have been in hopes that Gilmartin would see his need of an upto-date before this, but not yet.

Bro. Sam Lowe, first trick at Joplin, was off the first few weeks in July enjoying a short rest. Did not learn who "made good" during his absence.

Bro. C. D. Springer was in the Kansas City hospital undergoing an operation, but is able to be among us again, sound and well.

Bro. Dick Malone, agent at Archie, is off on his annual leave of absence. Dick says it's a cold day in July when he can not afford to let some one else work during the "heated term." Bro. Tiffany relieved him.

We wish to thank Bro. C. V. Rowe for the nice bunch of items which he remembered us with this month. With a little help from a few on the division we can have a good write-up each month.

The only "reconstruction" move so far on this part of the pike is the reopening of the night office at Adrain. Bro. C. D. Springer holding it down until bid in. We understand that no one jumped for it, so Bro. Springer has fallen heir to it, both by possession and by seniority, as he is about the oldest head without a job, regular. Reconstruction comes slow and painful, but now that the two big political parties have named their candidates, and the fall election is the hinge on which we are promised good fortune, we will no doubt see better times soon. Our own private opinion has been all along, though, that the railroad companies are gradually being choked to death by such outrageous measures as the two-cent passenger rate law, maximum freight rate laws, and other such radical legislation. Our "wise solons" should stop a moment while they are trying to satisfy their greed of getting something for nothing, and notice how the corporations get even with them, making their fellow-citizen (the railroad employe) suffer a cut in wages or something similar. We fail to see where the "greatest good to the greatest number" comes in at with such legislation, and it is high time we boys look after our political interests a little better, and see if we can not get men into our law-making bodies that will help us and the railroads at the same time, and not to the detriment of our fellow citizens in other kinds of labor. Boys, let us go to the polls this fall and cast our votes for our friends, and every one of us should study the matter carefully before casting the vote, and stay with the man that we know will stay with us, regardless of what political party he represents.

Bro. L. M. Nance, our general chairman, was among us a short time ago shaking hands and looking after the wayward non.

Bro, E. M. Welton, formerly agent at Worland, while it was a telegraph office, has resigned. His wife has taken up the burden at Worland.

We are unable to account for Bro. Welton's move ments since handing in his resignation.

Bro. C. H. Allen, the portly, good-natured agent at Panama, says this hot summer weather is like November to him. When Charlie plants his 250 pounds of avoirdupois down in his office chair and says "They all look alike to him," you can look out for what he says next, as it is going to be funny.

Bro. C. V. Rowe finally landed the second trick at Panama. Bro. C. V. R. says his trousers will soon need repairs if he has to keep on sliding the same direction. Nothing but a slide upwards will keep him off the rip track.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Sedalia District-

Bro. Hogue, first trick at "CD," Kansas City. has left the service, and has accepted a position as clerk in the yard office.

Mr. A. R. Epps, second trick, has also left the service.

Bro. J. D. Jones gets first trick at "CD," Bro. W. R. Martin second. Third now being advertised.

Operator Lindsay is working third trick at "CD" until the vacancy is bid in by an older man.

Bro. Dugan, at Independence, was off a few days on account of illness.

Bro. Waters, "SX" office, Kansas City, was off a couple of weeks on account of sickness.

S. K. Martin, at Myrick, has been transferred to Division 31.

Bro. T. D. Homan, Little Blue, is taking a thirty days' leave of absence, being relieved by Bro. Bair.

Bro. E. C. Powell, Aullville, accepted the exclusive agency at Holden, and was relieved temporarily by Bro. Shain, of Little Blue, who was relieved at Little Blue by Bro. J. P. Warden, of Division 93.

Bro. W. T. Clifford, second trick at Gasconade. has bid in Lamonte nights, and was relieved at Gasconade by Bro. Johnson, from the Central Branch.

Bro. R. M. Crockett, operator at Boonville, secured the agency at Blackwater on bid.

Bro. Farrell, at Grand Pass, is taking a leave of absence, being relieved by Bro. Holstenberg. Bro. Aylesworth, agent at Clarksburg, is spending a few weeks on the coast.

Unable to learn who relieved Aylesworth.

Bro McBride, at Centerview, is taking a v

Bro. McBride, at Centerview, is taking a vacation, visiting friends and relatives in Illino's.

I was so busy last month on account of the high water in Kansas City and on River Division, causing so many trains and so much business that I did not get my letter up in time.

I would like very much to have a write-up of the changes in every issue of the journal from now on, and will appreciate it very much if you brothers will make it your business to notify me of every item possible. Every one of you make up your minds that you will drop me a note every time a change is made at your station, then do so, and we will have a large list of news every

Quite a large number of the boys have already paid their dues for the current term, but there are a few waiting for the July pay-day, so let every man who has not already remitted do so this coming pay-day, and see if we can cover Bro. Holman up with work, as well as making ourselves feel the better by so doing. I know that I feel better when my dues are paid up, and I believe the balance of you do.

Another thing, don't wait for the local chairman to locate the non at your station, but go after him the moment he arrives. Notify me so that I may assist you by writing him, and there will not be a non on the district in thirty days.

Everybody get busy. W. L. W.

Osawatomie District-

It looks prosperous to us. They are "cutting in" some of those stations which they closed up last winter. These are Falun and Bridgeport, for Western Union business only, but I think it will only be a short time until they make them fullfiedged offices.

There have been no jobs bulletined last month, although there are some vacant, those are Bushong, Herington, day and night, Topeka and Council Grove, first trick and second trick.

Bro. M. J. Maurice is working nights at Marquette. Bro. Bethurem still on days.

Operator L. F. Smith, from the Rock Island, worked in Bro. Bowman's place about a week, and worked a few days at Herington, but was bumped there by Operator Roberts, from Marquette nights.

Bob Inquist, recently agent at Claffin, is working second trick at Council Grove.

A. E. Ready, former agent at Carlton, drew Allen on bulletin. Mrs. Gertrude Miller drew Delevan on bulletin.

W. F. Rosette drew Vassar on bulletin.

Bro. F. W. Van Wie drew Gypsum City agency on bulletin. This makes this a solid office now. Bro. Harry Miller, who worked on this division a while, was a caller on some of the boys a few days ago.

There was some kind of a rumor about Itill Young taking trick dispatcher's chair at "DS." Operator Lee Brocke, who worked at Herington days, a while, has left for points unknown.

Boys, there are altogether too many nons on this division. There must be something done. You should work together, brothers, and when a non arrives in your vicinity you should call upon him or write him, or even write or tell me where he is. You can get application blanks from me or our local chairman. We must pull together, and get this division more solid. We are wanting a new schedule, but by dropping out of the Order, and allowing so many nons on the division we may never get one, if you don't pull. It is the Order that is getting this schedule, and you should all help out. If there is a non in your

vicinity you will do me a special favor by writing me his name and location. Look through the rest of the journal news and you will see the word "brother" used more. It would look better here, too. And another word: If any of you should know of a change or any news, send them to me, and it will be much appreciated by me and the rest of the boys, as we want to be well represented.

St. Louis & San Francisco Ry.

North End-

This month opens up with business pretty good, trains getting bad delays at some of the blind stations, but they don't seem to mind two or three hours' delay nowadays.

Operator Alden, third trick at Hillsdale, has been on the sick list.

Operators Graham, Graves and Kepler got in some extra work at Hillsdale this month.

Operator Kepler relieved Hobson, third trick at Paola, for awhile, and was relieved there by Miss Helen Howard, formerly of "OX," Kansas. City yard.

Operator Graham went to Lockwood the last of June to take third trick there, and Kepler went to Scammon.

Operator Gillihan, who worked at Lackmans while that station was open during the Kansa-City flood, went from there to Bonita to work as a telephone block operator.

Bro. C. A. Teubner, second trick at Pleasanton, was on the sick list this month; relieved by Bro. J. W. Krauschaar.

C. Alden returned to work at Hillsdale, and Bro. Mills, of that office, took a short lay-off; relieved by Graves.

T. P. Hunter was placed this month as operator at Ash Grove.

Some of the telephone boys who are operators have been doing some telegraphing in emergencies lately.

Bro. Mills has moved to Hillsdale, and says you couldn't get him away from there with a charge of dynamite.

An extra operator has been put on at Rosedale, making three operators there, besides the agent. Understand Bro. Cole got the new trick.

Bro. J. W. Krauschaar is relieving Bro. Ben Butler, third trick at Pleasanton, at present. Butler got poisoned with some poison vine out in the timber, but will soon be hitting the ball again.

News seems to be awfully scarce this month. Nothing doing that I can hear of. If any of the boys know anything they are keeping it to themselves.

The ruling of the Burlington that telegraphers can not leave town during the time they are off duty is pretty fierce. What business is it of their's where a man is when he is off duty, as long as he is in place ready for work when his time comes. That is simply another feeble effort to come back with a little "spite" at the boys on account of the nine-hour law. Whether we were

the means of the law being passed or not, we are certainly getting all the credit for it from the various roads. It probably hurt the Burlington considerable to think of that long fifteen hours that those operators could go where they pleased, so they forbid them to leave town on pain of dismissal. I claim that dictating to them where they shall be found after their nine hours' duty has been performed is equivalent to requiring them to remain on duty. What do you think?

Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

Cleveland Division-

As Cert. 1794, Division 31, put it at us in the July Telegrapher, i e., "We all know that the word 'star' descends from heaven. Can some brother please inform us where the word 'ham' descends from?" We will try to ignore the term "ham," for your scribe is a "ham," too, but we wish the permission from the Big Four brother to substitute the word "non" for "ham," and see if any one can tell us where that breed of hogs started from. They are sure hogs, and are just half as bad as "scab." We have no use for a scab at any time or any place, but we can use a non if he is any good and will listen to reason, for any one, whether he be ham or not. will join our noble Order if the right brother comes along and goes after him.

Speaking for the Cleveland Division, our noble brother, A. C. Myers, of Berea is a member we all are very proud of, and we wish to congratulate him for the excellent work he has done. Very few months roll around without his bringin one or more new members. Only last month he brought in two. Wish more of the boys would

get busy.

The valley brothers are up against quite a bit of overtime on account of excursion trains to Canton from various places. Understand Meyer's Lake is doing a good business at that point.

Several of the operators on the Cleveland Division, with their eight-hour days, seem to think all they are getting is their pay for sleeping on duty. Do you not know this reflects seriously on the O. R. T. and should be cut out at once? You know we want to keep what we now have, and what the Order got for us with great difficulty. We all understand how hard it is to sleep this hot weather, but with sixteen hours out of the twenty-four to get our rest, we should be awake on duty more than we are from the way the dispatchers are having to call some of us. You understand that the railroads are trying to get every case they can against us for inattention to business?

Do you think the Cleveland Division can show as strong a percentage of up-to-date men as the other divisions? Think a little.

Bro. Austin, third trick at Benton, is enjoying his month's vacation on his yacht "Solace." Mr. Windsor, from the Big Four, is relieving him.

Bro. and Mrs. V. E. Goodrich, of Uhrichsville, are visiting in Chicago.

Bro. H. C. Chaney, third trick at Freeport, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Tope.

Bro. C. A. McGurk, second trick at Bridge 80, took a week's vacation; relieved by Bro. (?) Baumgardner.

Bro. B. H. Betton, third trick at Columbia, off for a two weeks' vacation, visiting his parents at Wheeling, W. Va.

Mr., Riley, third trick at Lester, injured his arm while playing ball, but understand he will be swaying the levers again in a few days.

Bro. Tope, relief operator, working Belt Line Crossing, Cleveland, temporarily. Possibly this may be permanent point for Bro. Tope.

Bro. W. W. Hillyer, working first, and Telegrapher Wilmot second tricks at Massillon, in the absence of Bro. A. F. Blank, who is relieving Agent Birch at freight house for a few weeks.

The instruments, etc., were cut in at Krumroy. July 25th, to block excursion trains. Office open for the one day only, from 6 a. m. until about 10 p. m. Could not find out what operator worked there.

Our division operator, Mr. E. M. Heaton, worked the train sheet and order books while the excursion trains were going over the valley, July 25th.

Understand one brother, near Cleveland, on the Valley, is allowing a youngster to "sit around and take notice" for a while until the fog clears from his brain. Do you think this is right, even if it is the son of an engineer on the road? Be careful, brothers. This youngster was refused admittance at another office.

Thanks to Bros. Tope, Warner, Blank and "one non" for items, and come again, brothers.

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Newcastle Division-

Well, we have been through the 600-question examination and have not heard of anyone falling down so hard they could not rise again. Bro. P. W. Adams, first trick at Sterling, holds the record of the division by answering the 600 questions correctly, and could have stood a few hundred more had. Mr. Cahill had time to put them at him.

Bump seems to be the order of the day just now, the office at Painsville was moved into the L. S. & M. S. tower, and the B. & O. operators told to do their picking. Bro. Cecil took third trick at Chardon. Have not heard what Bro. Byron is going to take. Understand Bro. Milburn is to work as yard clerk and handle messages during the day.

The tower on Eric crossing at Deforest Junction, was the beneficiary of the change when the B. & O. office was closed. This must make a pretty stiff job for the Eric men.

Bro. Carter, we understand, is to take first trick at Newton Falls, which will knock Bro. Jones out of a day job, and cause him to move when he gets able to work. At last reports Bro. Jones was much improved. We sincerely hope he will be able to work soon.

Bro. Clewell, who was on second trick at Deforest Junction, put the sled under Bro. Shriver, at Niles Junction, first trick, Bro. Shriver going to "FS" tower, his home. Have not heard what. Bro. Lane intends to do Bro. Pennell, who was night yardmaster and operator at Deforest Junction, has not made his choice. This will cause some inconvenience to the men who have been changed by the closing of offices, but we hope it will work out satisfactorily. We have had the rule in effect several years and the old heads will have to be taken care of.

Bro. Barrett, third trick at Haselton, assigned to third trick at "UN" tower. We hope Bro. Barrett will be able to induce the second-trick men at "UN" to come over the river on the evergreen shore and wear the wreath and sounder. Bro. G. E. Fisher worked third trick while the position was bulletined.

Bro. C. A. Brilliant, first trick at "MR" tower. Homer, assigned to third trick "OD" tower, Lodi, where he will move his family from Easton.

Bro. C. M. Trussell is laying off fifteen days from second trick at New Castle Junction; relieved by Bro. G. R. Fisher.

Bro. J. W. Burch, third trick at "MN" tower, Greenwich, is taking a month's vacation; relieved by Operator G. R. Cobb.

Bro. Prinn, second trick at Ohio Junction, layng off two weeks; relieved by Bro. Geo. Mc-Bride.

Bro. J. J. Kehres, who had third trick at West farmington, bid in second trick at same place on bulletin.

Bro. E. C. Reid, agent and first trick at Boughtonville, is gunning for nons, and has one cornered

Bro. Lee Sweet, third trick "MR" tower, Homer, spent a week with his friends in Creston, recently; relieved by Bro. L. G. Harpster. Bro. Harpster now working first trick at "MR."

Our local chairman informs us that he has the promise of four applications July pay-day. Commencing with next month the local chairman will furnish us with a list of the nons on this division, with their excuses (or lack of excuses) for remaining nons, which will be published each month hereafter. There are but a very few regular men who are not members, and we feel that it is about time to show them up in their proper light. We have paid the fiddler for years, while they have enjoyed the music, now we are going to call members, and no card, no favors will be the order of the day.

Some folks do not like to see their names in print. They know what to do, just get on the right side of the high-board fence. For our part we have not been ashamed of our names yet.

We are pleased to note the suspensions for poor service are much less than a couple of months ago, and hope that it will now be a thing of the past, as far as the Order men are concerned.

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C. & N. Division-

All quiet on this division.

I wish to impress upon the membership that our regular meeting night on this division is on the fourth Tuesday evening of each month, at Summit, O.

By attending same you can learn all that is doing. Now, brothers, get your blue pencil and take your calendar and mark the fourth Tuesday of each month. Then you will not forget when we meet again. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present at these meetings. It makes no difference if you can not talk; your attendance will count for a great deal.

Get out of this "hum-drum," indifferent habit you have gotten into and resolve that you are going to be present regardless of what your neighbor does. Do not expect too much of your neighbor, but do something yourself. Let your neighbor do the same, then we will accomplish something. These meetings are not intended for the benefit of a few, but for every member. If you think they are a good thing, appreciate them, signify the same by being present at the same. I am quite sure with a very little effort we can all take part. It only comes once a month, and it seems that one that is thoroughly imbued with complete organization and has the Order at heart can certainly make it a point to at least give one evening of each month to the good of the cause.

It has been said "A little poetry now and then is relished by the best of men." We are indebted to the Washington Star for the following poem, which I feel is worthy of our note, entitled,

A SHORT SERMON.

There's only one method of meetin' life's test;
Jes' keep on a-strivin' an' hope fur the best.
Don't give up the game and retire with regret,
'Cause hammers are thrown when you'd like a
bouquet.

This world would be tiresome, we'd all get blues, If all the folks in it held just the same views; So finish your work; show the best of your skill, Some folks won't like it, but other folks will.

If you're leadin' an army, or buildin' a fence,
Do the most hat you kin with your own common

One small word of praise in this journey of tears
Outweighs in the balance 'gainst cartload of
sneers.

The plants that were passin' as commonplace weeds

Oft prove to be jes' what some sufferer needs. So keep on a goin'; don't stay standin' still, Some people won't like you, but other folks will.

Baltimore Division-

Our last meeting was held at Kensington, Md., last month. Only few were present. Will hold our next meeting at Woodstock, Md., July 31st. and we hope to see as many members present as possible. It's to your interest and you should not fail to attend.



Bro. J. W. Williams, of Boyds, at the key again after his trip to Denver.

Bro. Crump, of Barnesville, Md., off on ten days' vacation visiting his home in Virginia.

Bro. M. R. Martin, of Dickerson, Md., also relieved for two weeks on his vacation. Bro. Crump relieved by Bro. Spaulding and Bro. Martin relieved by operator Fisher.

Business very slack in the freight line, but the passenger traffic is quite heavy.

We "13" two of our operators at Gaithinsburg are working nine hours each, contrary to the State eight-hour law of Maryland, but I "13" our local chairman will put them straight in near future.

I am sorry not to be able to give any notes from the Washington Branch or main line, but if you will send me a few notes each month about the 20th inst. I will gladly see that they are printed for you. If only a few lines from each office same will be appreciated; kindly do this for me.

We are much in hopes of a new schedule the first of the year, and we urge the boys to keep in line and to secure all new members possible between now and January 1st. Do not forget that "In union there is strength," and we need more and more of this every day, so lend a helping hand each one of you and help the good cause along. Help your local chairman; give him your support. Some of the members are like some church members; put their names on the church book and say I am a Christian, and never put their feet in the church from year in to year out. I know of members on this division that hold up-to-date cards and have not had their feet in the lodge room since I've been on this division. We hope all will try and be present at all meetings DIV. COR. possible in future.

L. E. Division-

Complaints are made by the officials that they are not getting as good service under the nine-hour law as before. Brothers, do you realize that such things as these will be taken advantage of and presented to Congress next winter in order to try and have this law repealed? As we have only eight hours for work and sixteen hours for rest, we should be able to give the best of service. These short hours were a long time coming, and we surely ought to be able to show all concerned that we appreciate what has been done for us, and be able to keep awake and not be stopping trains every night.

If these complaints are presented next winter to Congress, the officers of our organization will have a hard time to overcome these things. We all should take into consideration what benefits we have derived from this law aid also the organization. Give the company as well as the dispatcher your best service at all times. Try and do this and see if it will not be a great deal better for us in every way, and do not have the officials complain all the time about poor service.

Bro, Myers, of "N," has been assigned third trick Zanesville Depot.

Bro. Drushall, from "NY," transferred to agency at Bethesdia.

Bro. Robinette, third trick "KS," off on account sore eyes.

Bro. Muchland, second trick "KS," transferred to "WF" relay office temporarily.

Bro. Gerrigan, second trick "U," taking leave of absence.

Bro. Anderson, third trick "MO," returned to duty after few days' rest.

Bro. A. J. Grubb, first trick at "IN," off duty enjoying usual summer vacation.

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Newark Division-

B. L. Waller, of Cambridge, spent a ten-day vacation among Columbus and Cumberland friends. R. R. Perry, of Cambridge, is visiting friends

and studying tall architecture in Cincinnati.

An occasional specimen of that rare combination of mule courage and sublimated selfishness
known as the "non" is found on this division,
but the genus is fast disappearing from the haunts
of civilized man.

C. V. Graham, the "big chief" of the Cambridge "big six," and his family, have just returned from the Great Lakes and Mt. Clements, where they spent a few days in recreation.

The member that voluntarily admits to his office and teaches a student is unfit for membership and unworthy of the respect of his fellow members. The next member that is accused of student teaching in the Eastern District must either prove that he is acting under compulsion or face the charge of violating his obligations.

A. P. McNees is visiting friends in Columbus and Cincinnati.

W. H. Price, a victim of the commercial strike, is on our extra list.

Our craft is disgraced and handicapped by a few men who are unwilling or unable to render satisfactory service to their employers. Brothers, if you are unwilling to serve the company honestly and promote the interests and maintain the reputation of your craft, resign your positions and seek employment in less responsible ones.

L. E. White, agent and operator at Sundale, has resumed duty at the "hub" after a pleasure "exertion" of ten days. He was relieved by relief agent Spielman.

H. L. Simpson, who broke his leg while playing ball, and H. H. McArtor have exchanged places in order to expedite the healing process. There is a switch at Weiant and none at Toboso.

J. P. Welsh, of Media, was driving along the street in Barnesville a few days ago, when a boy on a bicycle collided with Jim's horse. The frightened animal turned suddenly and Jim was thrown violently to the ground, sustaining a broken arm and a badly lacerated scalp.

A meeting at Wheeling was arranged for on July 13th, but for some unexplained cause a quorum was not present and no meeting was held. If Bro. Youst desires the presence of Newark Division members he must defer his meetings until after our pay-days.

Bros. Lowery, Myers and Drushal, who were temporarily relieved from duty because of defective eye-sight, have been reinstated. Lowery and Myers will work at Zanesville depot and Drushal will probably be employed as an exclusive agent at some point on the C. O. Division.

Mrs. K. D. Thomas, of Rutland, Ill., is visiting friends in the vicinity of Cambridge. "KD" was for many years a zealous member of Division 33, but about two years ago, yielding to the blandishments of a "mere man," in the State of Chicago, she accepted promotion in his culinary department and reluctantly deserted the key.

It is beginning to dawn upon our craft that better service is to be exacted under the nine-hour law than was tolerated when the twelve-hour day was in yogue. Two new rules have been promulgated within the past few days. One of them requires rigid compliance with the block regulations, and the other requires the daily cleaning of target lenses and roundels. The former will involve serious delays to trains in some cases when traffic is heavy, but for such delays the telegrapher will not be held responsible, and the rule is, therefore, a reasonable one. The latter rule will add to the safety of train movements, and will lighten the burdens of the train men by improving the signal service.

A certain brother, whose work-day was reduced from twelve hours to eight hours, and whose schedule wages were maintained through the efforts of the organization, asserts that the only useful function of the Order is to maintain seniority rights. Some folks demand very large returns from an investment of ten dollars per year.

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Pittsburg Division-

The meeting held at Hotel Wilson, Pittsburg, July 16th, was not as well attended as it should have been, but those who did put in an appearance were well pleased with the new order of affairs. Local Chairman Mason called the meeting to order, and the evening was passed in a very enthusiastic manner.

Brothers, we all admit that strolling through the parks these warm evenings is very refreshing, but as our meetings are only one evening every month, miss the park and other entertainments; stroll up stairs, Hotel Wilson, the third Thursday evening of each month, and you will be entertained to the best of our ability. It is the desire of your local chairmen, Bros. Mason and Lanning, that the Pittsburg Division be made the banner division on the B. & O. System, and in order to carry out our wishes it is up to every member on Pittsburg Division to do his or her part by attending our meetings regularly.

We have several non-members on the Pittsburg Division who have been enjoying the fruits of our labor for years, and when approached on the subject of becoming a member the excuses put up are all on the manufactured plan. My advice to all non-members on this division is to get busy and get yourself into this organization. Don't get the idea just because you are now working eight hours that you are always going to keep them. You are not, unless you make an effort to protect yourself, and the only way you can protect yourself is by joining this organization. There are a few of us who have worked night and day to place the telegraphers of this division where they are today. We have certainly done our part to date, and now, Mr. Non, it is up to you to show your colors before it grows too late.

Business on this division about normal again; trains scarcer than a year ago, but everything is double-headers. The tonnage and cars handled shows for itself.

Mr. J. H. Weaverling, chief dispatcher, is enjoying his vacation on the Pacific Coast.

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Indiana Division-

Who said the B. & O. S. W. was a dead one? Listen.

Bros. Weidman, Sutton and Blackmore, respectively, work first, second and third at Storrs yard office.

Day office at Culloms closed. Bro. Chance, nights, has left the service and is going back to the simple life on his farm at Cold Springs. The job is bulletined. Salary, \$50.00.

Delhi, days, Bro. Perry Kerr, sweet sixteen—and then some. Night office closed.

Addyston closed tight as a drum.

Cooks tower, day office abolished as a telegraph office. Bro. A. E. Siemantel working nights. Just a leverman in daytime at \$45.00 per. Night job \$60.00.

Lawrenceburg depot, Mrs. L. Montgomery, day operator. Used to be a good O. R. T. sister, and is coming back to us again right away.

Moores Hill closed tight.

Bro. Johnson, formerly agent at Moores Hill, now working first at Milan, with Bro. Ed. Watkins second and Bro. Squire Beatty, the old reliable, third. This office pays \$60.00 straight. It's west end of double track.

Delaware closed. Bro. Doran doing second at New Albany.

Osgood, night office closed.

Dabney, day office closed. Night office opened up with Bro, James Gordon working eleven hours and closing up one.

Nebraska, J. E. Arnold, agent and operator. Tried second at New Albany a while, but nothing like Nebraska for Joe. Night office abolished.

Oakdale, just a night office, manned by Bro. Fred Huntington.

North Vernon, three tricks.

Cold Springs and Cooks tower will undoubtedly be made three tricks in the near future, as the company is surely violating the Federal Law in both these instances. A day office in one building and a night office in another is being worked at both of these places, which is not according to law.

CERT. 7.

West End Cumberland Division-

We held our regular meeting July 16th, and had a good attendance, and I hope that we will have a still larger crowd present at our next meeting. Would like to see some more West End toys come around. Our chairman must have run against a stump, as he failed to show up, but, boys, don't be hard on him as this is the first time he has missed being with us for a long time.

Bro. Lovenstein filled the chair like a bird, and called them down. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Bro. Pennington met Bro. Van Atta at Washington and kept him company as far as Piedmont, losing a day to do so.

Bro. Murphy, "FJ," of Mountain Lake Park, is off on sick list; relieved by Mr. W. H. Glover. Bro. D. T. Rasche, of "DE," and Bro. J. R. Murphy, of Oakland, are off on their vacations, taking in the sights at Pittsburg. Bro. Rasche relieved by Mr. Rowe, Bro. Murphy relieved by Bro. Skinnell, of Division 132.

I am very glad to announce that the charges of teaching student brought against Bro. Baker were dismissed, as Bro. Baker proved that he did not teach and would not.

I also "13" there are some boys along the line that are teaching their sons, one man in particular having taught five and is finishing his sixth son. Boys, this looks as bad to me and the same as a school, and would be hard on us if every other one did the same. Please cut it out for your own good.

I notice some few of our eight-hour men, especially third trick men, laying down on their jobs and sleeping. Now, men, allow me to urge you to give the company your best service. Surely you can do this on an eight-hour job. Try it. as the eyes of the company are on us, and first thing you know will play trump against you. Don't lay down on old whiskers; he is putting up with lots and not saying anything. Don't ride a good horse to death; if you do you will be sorry in the end for yourself and killing others that are trying to hold up their end. I, myself, do not sympathize with any brother who gets in trouble on account of laying down on an eighthour job, and know the majority think the same as I do. Now, boys, be up and doing the best you can at all times, even if the dispatcher don't thank you; others on the line will get on o it and thank you in the long run. Get your proper rest at home and not in the tower, see the results. I bet you will be surprised.

Poys, the local secretary would like some more to come up with their quarters to help defray expenses of hall rent, etc. CERT. 129.

Philadelphia Division-

NOTICE.

Philadelphia Division of B. & O. will meet in the hall at Cowenton, Md., third Wednesday evening of every other month at eight o'clock, commencing Wednesday evening, August 19th; and will meet in Landis Hall, Sixty-third and Woodland Avenue, Philadelph'a, Pa., third Saturday evening of every other month at eight o'clock, commencing Saturday evening, Sepaember 19th thus alternating between Cowentom and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. This will continue until further notice, and no written notices will be mailed of these meetings.

C. W. HILL,

Local Chairman,

Folsom, Pa.

Chicago & Eastern Iilinois Ry.

Illinois Division --

We desire to call the attention of all members. especially of this division, to an article in the July journal, contributed by Cert. 545, Div. 132. under the heading "Give Efficient Service." That his assertions are all facts is needless to state. The writer being in a position similar to the contributor of the above-mentioned article, regrets to admit the service in several of the three-men stations is very poor, and there is room for improvement in quite a number of offices. It appears to us that this kind of service can properly be placed in the same class as student teaching: that is, it will eventually lead to worse working conditions. The fact that most of us are enjoying a nine-hour workday does not signify that the old conditions can not be forced back upon us. Don't get the idea through your "overworked" brains that the railroad companies have given up the fight, and they certainly will not fail to bring up the fact that the service is not better than formerly, if such facts exist. On the other hand, in the majority of offices, the service is much better, and in some excellent, but don't forget the nine-hour law is, practically speaking, only being tried. We earnestly ask all to give the best service possible.

Bro. W. W. Stinson, Benton days, has resigned his services with this company to accept a position with the Frisco, Memphis Division. Bro. Stinson relieved by Mr. A. G. Bishop; Mr. Bishop, in turn, relieved by Bro. W. N. Wilkerson, who bid in the job. Understand Mr. Bishop has bid in second trick at "SR," West Frankfort.

Bro. Thompson bids in first trick at "VE" tower, succeeding Bro. Downs, who bid in first trick at Pana.

Bro. J. O. Dowdy, agent at Goreville, has resigned to enter other business.

Bro. E. M. Newton, agent at Buncombe, has bid in agency at Goreville. Bro. Newton is being relieved by H. J. McConnell, lately from the Big Four. Unable to learn if he carries a card or not.

Bro. Cook, first trick at Shelbyville, eff on vacation. Have not heard who relieves Bro Cook.

What is all this noise we hear about a meeting in the near future? That's right, boys, keep her going this time, and we will have a meeting to remember. (Also, to give your correspondent something to write about.)

Bro. J. F. Stewart, agent at Perks, off on vacation, visiting home folks at Buncombe; relieved by Mr. W. N. Clink, of Texico.

Mr. G. F. Weagley, second trick at Thebes, has left the service for parts unknown; Bo. W. C. Stout, of Mt. Vernon, relieving him. Understand M. Weagley departed between the suns, leaving his board bill unpaid.

We seem to have a vague recollection of a committee being called to Chicago, some months ago, to adopt a new schedule in accordance with the nine-hour law, but on account of being unprepared was given time to get things in shape to "call again." Don't remember anything about seeing or hearing the results of the second meeting. Seems to me it is about time to be doing something about that.

Bro. E. Sperin, agent at Karnak, off on vacation, being relieved by Relief Man W. N. Clink, regular relief agent assigned elsewhere.

Mr. C. W. Smith, formerly second trick at "SR," West Frankfort, bids in agency at Clarksburg, but evidently the scenery around that station did not suit Mr. Smith. Unders and he went to Altamont to "celebrate." Last heard from he was being detained by the city authorities. Understand Mr. R. F. Barnett, second trick Goreville, has bid in the agency at Buncombe.

A Mr. Goodall, late of the I. C., is working second trick extra at "SA" tower, relieving Bro. J. B. Shore, who is doubling over at the yard office in the absence of a regular man at that point.

We hope to shake hands with a good crowd of the brothers at that meeting promised in the near future. CERT, 54.

Chicago Division, Terre Haute District-

What do you think of the eight-hour day by now? Gee, isn't it fine! Never knew what twelve hours, seven days a week, meant before until we got our eight-hour day. Life seems worth the living now. I am sure that the company is receiving better service from the boys, least trouble in the way of sleeping on duty and being away from the office since the eight-hour day than when we were working twelve hours. I am glad to note this fact and don't think the company can help but acknowledge it themselves. In talking to a chief clerk to a chief train dispatcher the other day, he stated that he had to keep a record of every delay in every case where a train was delayed on account of block, sleeping on duty, failure to show up on time, care of office, and everything that goes to make a bad showing. This will be turned over to the Interstate Commission in time. They are trying at present to down the eight-hour law. Keep your office off of that little book.

The old C. & E. I. is not dead yet, by far. Listen, the boys had a fine ball game at Danville last week. The shopmen played the switchmen and trainmen. Had quite a game, score 8 to 9. I think, in favor of the switchmen and trainmen. All the dispatchers and office force that could

get away were out enjoying a day off. Our superintendent, Mr. Muir, had an engine and coach to take the boys from "DH" tower to the shops at Oaklawn, where the game was held. Very nice of Mr. Muir.

Business on this division is holding its own, but not improving much. The coal trade seems to be very slow at present, but will sure pick up by fall. We still have plenty of nons on this division, and some of them seem to be hard ones to crack. Let's keep after them, brothers.

First trick at Jackson still a non.

First trick man at Hillsdale a non.

Third trick man at "HY" tower, non, and a number of them along the line. When they get that little check, the 16th, they are always looking for an increase if the O. R. T. has brought one along. Guess they can't see very far ahead, but here's hoping they will get ashamed and get in line.

Third trick man, Bro. Callicod, of Dewey, was off about five days; relieved by Extra Operator Rice. On his return, Bro. Brown was off a few days, also relieved by Operator Rice. On Bro. Brown's return, Bro. Payne, second trick, was off a few days, being relieved by Operator Rice.

Bro. T. Allen, formerly of Woodland Junction, received second trick at "HY" tower on bulletin, throwing Operator Rice out, who is working extra. Bro. Allen is well pleased with "HY," as that is his home, and he can be with his mother.

Operator Rice went to Jackson, relieving Bro. Shute, third trick man. I am unable to say where Bro. Shute went, but think he is working one of the tricks at "DH" tower.

I notice that the student at Hillsdale has ceased answering calls. Operator Mack, non, was told that if he did not keep that student out both of them would have to go. Will he never see the right way and come across?

Operator Gowdy went from Woodland Junction, third trick, to Jackson, second trick, relieving Bro. Thos. Wilson. "13" Bro. Wilson is going to take about a three weeks' vacation.

Danville District-

Bro. Smith, third trick at Rossville Junction, off a few days; relieved by Extra Operator Mr. F. R. Bolla. Mr. Bolla went from third trick, Rossville Junction, to second at Coaler, temporarily. Second trick at Coaler is bulletined, and have not heard who goes there regular.

"13" Bro. Collier got third trick at Fairmount Junction on bulletin.

Bro. B. L. Martin is now working third trick at Coaler, instead of second.

Bro. Synider, at Milford, was off several days this month, taking his vacation; relieved by Operator Terrcy. Unable to say if Mr. Terrcy is up-to-date or not.

Operator Priest received Sollitt, second trick, on bulletin. Unable to say if he has the necessary.

I am sure that all the boys along the line are interested in the news of our division, and, no doubt, look for it the first thing when they receive the journal. If you are interested, then please send me the news from your station, so that it will be inserted in the journal, and I am sure that we will have a more interesting write-up than we have had previous. Thanks to the boys on the south end, they come with the items every month.

DIV. COR.

Pennsylvania Lines West of Pittsburg.

Louisville Division-

We are not dead ones on this division, and don't you ever think it. We are not represented in the journal each and every month, but we have not been laying off. Every month brings us two or three new members, and they will come faster than that when the boys see that we mean business. There is no reason on earth why we should not be a solid division, but several reasons why we should be, and every fellow that has any brains at all knows what they are. I am glad to state that some of the boys that allowed themselves to become delinquent are coming back to the fold, with all of these in again, and with the members we now have the Louisville Division could show a pretty good line-up.

Business is pretty good with us now and should continue to get better, and about next spring would bring us something, if we can get strong enough, and I know we can. Some of the boys are retarding the progress by saying, "Well, I'll wait and see, if you get a majority of the men I will go in." Too many say that; if they would join us we would have a big majority. Wake up; don't take such a long sleep; brace up and be a man among men.

CERT. 211.

Pere Marquette Ry.

Chicago Division-

Bro. F. D. Keeler, Grand Rapids, off on two weeks' fishing trip; relieved by Bro. W. E. Martin, from Wyoming.

Bro. T. J. Leahy, third trick dispatcher, off a few days on account of sickness, relieved by Telegrapher C. A. Boomer, who, in turn, is relieved by Bro. Martin.

Telegrapher E. B. VanWort, formerly at Porter, has resigned; relieved by a Mr. Cooper. If not a brother he soon will be.

Bro. E. R. Noe, third trick at Benton Harbor, off on two months' leave of absence. Understand he spent a few days with friends in Tennessee; relieved by Telegrapher Smith, from St. Joe.

Telegrapher Cooper transferred from Porter to St. Joe. A Mr. Fowler took third trick at Porter.

Telegrapher Wells relieving Bro. Martin at Wyoming, while, later, is relieving in Grand Rapids relay office.

Bro. Maxim, of East Saugatuck, expecting to be off for thirty days soon as the chief can locate a man to relieve him.

New man working second trick at Michigan City. Understand he is from the M. C. Bro.

Bowerman should be able to land him, if not a member.

Telegrapher McGuelvay is working as telegrapher at Ottawa Beach for the summer, Bro. W. I. Hendricks getting the agency there. Understand "MC" has asked for a set of papers.

Bro. G. A. Oberly, first trick at Wyoming, has purchased a "bug." Don't be alarmed if you hear strange noises on the wires.

Bro. E. D. Miller, New Richmond, reports good express business, and is scraping together a few extra dollars on account of the heavy fruit crop.

Bro. V. Rauner, Coloma, off a few days on account of the death of his father; relieved by Relief Agent F. Townsend.

The passenger business is better than usual this year. This probably accounts for the fact that the good brothers have not sent in the usual number of news items. Please try and remember them next month.

Mr. T. H. Wallace, formerly agent at Lowell, now agent at Hart, Bro. W. E. Hart having resigned to accept a position with Roach & Co. We wish him the best of success in his new field.

Bro. B. J. Sherlock, who formerly worked on this road, is now located with the Soo Line; reports everything lovely up his way. St.

Petoskey Division-

Rapids.

Bro. M. L. Gillespie, agent at Elk Rapids, bid in agency at Bellaire. Former Agent Bro. F. N. Stewart resigned some time ago to go on his fruit farm in Colorado. Relief Agent Totten has been holding the agency for the past few weeks. Bro. R. V. Lewis bid in the agency at Elk

Several of the brothers have been off on their vacations, but as they have failed to report same, I am unable to give names.

It is to be hoped that the members on this division will take heed to Bro. Quick's circular eletter regarding new members. It would seem that almost everyone could devote a little time to the welfare of the Order, and try and get at least one new member. After the great benefits we have derived from our Order we should be anxious to do a little more than just be a member. The stronger we become the greater will be the benefits. Let us all try and get the remaining nons in before the 1st of December next.

CERT. 171.

Erie Ry.

Mahoning Division-

R. E. Kincaid was off sick; relieved by H. J. Perry, from "NK." Kincaid is first trick man at Coles.

R. N. Babcock is now in South Dakota on a ranch, where he is making his "pile" as a farmer. Babcock does not intend to return soon.

F. R. McClusky, agent at Canfield, has resigned. Canfield is at present advertised and filled by a Mr. Powers. Mr. Powers has the enviable record of being a "professor" in a telegraphy school for

the Erie at Youngstown. It is hoped that none of the boys will forget this act.

The attendance at the meeting at Warren, July 18th, was rank, to say the least; only nine members being present. How can we expect any good results from such enthusiasm as this? We must remember that our local chairman is now working second trick hours, and must lay off to attend these meetings, and surely if he can do that some of the rest should be able to get around when we are off duty. Mr. Mitchell, "DU," from Niles, instead of coming three blocks to meeting, chased off to the Niles Carnival, while Mr. Norway, from Cleveland, came fifty-five miles to the meeting. Norway must have been glad he was there when he saw the crowd present. A matter discussed in meeting Saturday was the fact that the faithfulness of our division correspondent should have a reward. As this article is not written by the correspondent, it may be said that he is the best division correspondent on the Erie system. For five years he has fulfilled his duty well, always seeing that the Mahoning Division is represented in the columns of THE TELEGRA-PHIR. Also has he been to considerable expense in mailing his items to Bro. Quick. Therefore let each one decide for himself if we can not afford to give him some mark of appreciation. We have a neat sum of money in the treasury, and we can easily meet with any small expense thus cutailed.

Some things make us wonder what is the depth of human depravity. The latest thing of this kind is the action of the first trick dispatcher at Youngstown, Mr. L. E. Green. Two weeks ago Green was a respected dispatcher; easy to get, quick to act, and cool headed. But times have changed. Now he does not answer the first call, has all operators report trains two or three times, and has all the other characteristics of a preoccupied mind. If one steps into the dispatcher's office the reason for this change is apparent. For seated by Green's side, sandwiched between him and the wall, like "two-in-a-bun," are two girl students. That he should allow them to be there is past our comprehension. That the railroad should make him a "professor" as well as dispatcher is hard to believe, but not past compre-Mr. Green lets these "hams" send messages, train orders, and tells good operators to "g. a. Exa. 1800, east," in a "fist" sounding like a cross of ague and blind staggers. So let us all remember that when we are sending any dots or dashes on the train wire, that two of the gentler sex" are wiggling their pretty ears in a frantic effort to catch what is being said. No doubt all brothers will so time their O's reports so these beauties (?) can read it. by actual observation a few days ago it took one of these girls twenty-five minutes to line the boys up to: a 19 order. Ain't it the limit? We may add that Mr. Jones also has a girl scated beside him, but all the side-wire men will have nothing to do with these "operators,"

In connection with this matter we may add that Professor "Buck" Taylor, at Washington-ville, has a "smoke-house" in his office, and by his conduct on the wire we are led to believe that he is an official. If such is the case, no wonder Erie stock is quoted at 19.

B. H. Funk, of "HD," was laid off for tying a tin can to a dog's tail while he (not the dog), was on duty. This is a terrible offense, and deserves punishment.

The B, & O. have cut three wires in at the Erie tower, at De Forest, and taken off their own operators at that point. The B, & O. men received \$60.00 per month for their work, and now the Erie men handle all B, & O. telegraphing, and all their own work for \$50.00.

F. E. Brooks, of De Forest, was off a few days on his vacation.

C. W. Mitchell, of Niles, contemplates a trip to Buffalo, N. Y., the last of July.

A. J. Klenite is again back on the road, working second trick at "WH" tower.

Second trick at Sharpsville and Mahoning tower, nights, on the advertised list.

Sherman Hart, of Warren, contemplates leaving the service and buying "Baldy" Fisher's moving picture show in that town.

DIV. COR.

Meadville Division-

There may be lots to write about on this division, but as I have not the time myself to go over the whole of it, and the boys do not send in any notes, it is impossible to give a very good story. Now, boys, if you will all send in a few notes to your local chairman we can have just as good a write-up as any division on the road. Will you do this so we can see what we can do if we all work together?

Bro. F. E. Johnson, who was at Steamburg before that place was closed nights, has at last landed at "WC" tower, first trick, after trying Jamestown and Falconer Junction, and being chased out of both places in succession by Bro. J. N. Hayes. Miss Hecker, who was working third trick at Steamburg, is working extra at present.

Bro. J. N. Hayes was on the sick list a few days lately; relieved by Operator Kelly. Bro. P. F. Crowe is laying off sick at present. Bro. Carl Johnson working third trick at Jamestown for him, and Bro. Woodside, who is himself off on sick leave, working third trick at Lakewood for a few nights.

There has been a number of new agents on this division in the last few weeks. It seems hard to find a good agent here. Boys, take the tip and learn agent's work, and get a good day job.

CERT. 508.

Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

Pueblo to Salida, Colo.-

Well, boys, no write-up in the journal lately from this division, so if I am not "buttin' in," will try and make up a few lines. Been here only a short time myself, but one thing I noticed the first thing, a good many of the brothers have failed to send in for their December card. I am glad to say, though, I have my new one, and it sure looks good to me. Better get yours, brother, before it is too late.

Business is rushing over this way at present. I'ruit coming and passenger business is good.

Bro. Rumke holding down Riverton now at night, and doing it well.

Bro. Challis holding down Swallows while Bro. Stovall is taking a three months' lay-off, visiting in California.

Bro. Hart, from the Rock Island and Arkansaw, a new man on the pike, worked two nights on third trick at Portland, to let the circus trains across on the Santa Fe. He was transferred to Echo, nights, to relieve Mr. Evans. Mr. Evans bid in third trick at Canon City.

Bro. Domka, who has been at Portland over a year, bid in San Carlos, third trick. Says he don't like his rest disturbed by A., T. & S. F. every morning at 4:30 a. m.

Mr. E. D. Weaver, agent at Portland for a good while, resigned, and is going to Seattle, Washington.

Mr. E. T. Wehrly bumped from third trick at Canon City. Unable to say where he goes from there.

"13" there are going to be a few more changes but am unable to learn them. This is all I could "rake up," so let's hear from some of the other boys.

CERT. 5589.

The Rio Grande Western-

A continued absence of a write-up from the R. G. W. does not speak very well for the telegraphers on this road in the line of organization. With the help of other members by furnishing me with items, I will endeavor to give a write-up.

There are so many new men, and they continue to come and go, it makes it impossible to keep a correct line-up of all the changes.

We have a few nons with us at present, but I think it is mostly on account of the so-called financial depression, and they will gradually disappear as times grow better, but let us do all we can to bring the number to the least possible number now, and it won't be so hard to get the remaining few to fill out the papers when the panic is over, and eventually the non will be a thing of the past, and instead we will have solid O. R. T.

Brothers, keep after the "nons" you are working with, and those the next station to you. Show them their errors, and explain to them that in getting them into the Order you are doing them a far greater favor than you are doing the Order; for every member gets full value for the money he pays into the Order in insurance alone. Had you ever thought of that? Your journal and your card and your membership really does not cost you a cent, for the same amount of insurance in any other company would cost you just as much as they all cost in the Order of Railroal Telegraphers. Could you want anything better than this?

Times are pretty hard now, but I don't think there ever was a time when it was more necessary for us to get together and complete thorough organization, for in union there is strength, But if you insist on every man paddling his own cance, and depend upon the generosity of the company to increase your salary and shorten your hours of labor, the day is not far distant when you will have to pay rent for the lights and office furniture, just the same as you are required to buy or rent a typewriter with which to do your employer's work. And it will not be long until you are working twelve hours again, the same as you were one year ago, and your salary will be cut down until you would not have enough to join the Order, so why not do it while times are fair?

Did you ever ask an engineer what organization has done for him? He can mighty quick tell you. but I don't think it necessary for you to ask.

There are a few members on this division who are in arrears with their dues. Boys, that will never do. They only come twice per year. Pay your dues up-to-date, and do not show the white feather just when you begin to see results. Keep your cards up-to-snuff, and you will always have friends and get favors; and, by-and-by we will get our schedule fixed to an equal with other railroads. As it now stands, it don't amount to much—our seniority rights are very limited. The company advertises a new position if it suits them, and if it does not, they don't. There are several positions now held by new men that should have been bulletined long ago.

Let us show our true colors. We know we are right, so let's go ahead and convince others that we are. We believe in the principle that men should organize to protect themselves and their homes against oppressive and heartless corporations. Do not be afraid to call up your fellow operator or agent and ask him if he is on the road to victory, and if not, ask him to join in the grand procession founded on the principle of justice, the O. R. T. Know every operator on your division, and know if he is a member or not, and if you imagine you have a pull with the superintendent, or, perhaps, a good job. though it be the best job along the line, do not get the swell-head about it, and forget your brother operators, for there are plenty of them that can make the company as much money as you can. Use your influence in favor of the Order. Show your brother-workers you do not think yourself the whole thing because, really, you only count one. See that the nons get a journal occasionally, and wear your button wherever

I have been unable to secure an entire line-up on account of some not responding to my inquiries for information. This applies more to branches than the main line.

At Ogden Bro. F. A. O'Brien is working the long trick at "UD" on account of taking the day operator off at "OG."

Bro. Swartfager now doing the all around night stunt at "OG"—twelve hours.

Bro. Stave, agent at Ephriam, has finally given up railroading, and we understand he is in business for himself at Kaysville now. Best wishes for his success. Bro. W. M. Forney relieved him. Understand the job has been bulletined for regular agency, but don't know who got it.

Night man at Lehi taken off and put at Mesa. That saves the third man.

Bro. Shepherd gets the agency at Gunnison. Night office at Springville closed, and night man at Mapleton since the 4th. That saves the third man at "NG."

At Mapleton a new man, Bro. Swartfager, son of the Bro. Swartfager who is working nights at "OG." The young Bro. Swartfager is just out of school at Ogden; not a telegraph school, however. He is formerly of the U. P.

Thistle Junction, H. S. Robinett agent-telegrapher; six hours. Bro. T. M. Burke, assistant local chairman of the branches, working first trick, H. S. Fuller second trick. Not U. T. D., but a fine fellow out of luck. He came from Chicago, west, for his health.

Bro. H. D. Ernst, who relieved J. B. Brennan, a C. T. U. of A. brother, is working second trick at Mill Fork. The job has not been bulletined yet. Bro. Ernst is from the Rock Island.

Schofield, C. H. Func, agent, does no telegraphing. He also has charge of Clear Creek and Winter Quarters. He has an operator, Roy Grate, at "ML" He also has a helper. There is a clerk-operator at both Clear Creek and Winter Quarters, but they are Utah fuel men, and don't know their names.

Bro. Mensel spent a few days in Salt Lake the first of the month renewing his acquaintance with his Mormon friends,

C. E. Egerson, for many years with the R. G. W., is now with San Pedro.

Bro. Rasmussen, of "K," celebrated the Fourth of July attending the big dance given at Soldier Summit.

Bro. E. G. Jensen, of Provo, was to see the fleet at San Francisco, and went to Portland and through the West.

Bro. McDonald's wife joined him at Tucker a short time ago, coming from Omaha. They will resume housekeeping soon as they can get a house.

W. H. McClurg and family, of Provo, were back to Indiana and Iowa visiting relatives for a couple of months.

Bro. Burke lost an infant on July 7th.

F. H. Hammel, a former R. G. W. dispatcher, now telegrapher for the San Pedro at Provo.

Mr. H. S. Fuller has gone from Thistle Junction, and a man from Mapleton takes his place. Have not learned the reason for the change yet.

Understand Mr. Egerson, from Gunnison, goes to Ephriam, where he will be the lightning star of that community in the future.

Bro. W. W. Janes, of "MF," spent a couple of days in Green River looking after his land inter-

ests in the little valley of "Peacharosa," where he intends making his future home.

Bro. Hammond, of "MF," had a couple of days off and took a dip in the big Salt Lake. He was relieved by a Mr. Crane, who also relieved Bro. Burke during the recent sickness in his family. Mr. Crane is now relieving Bro. Laley for a few days at Cotton.

Bro. Stains, at Mesa, expects his wife and baby to join him soon.

Bro. Ford, of Lehi, is off on a long vacation, and has taken his family for a visit to friends and relatives in Kentucky. He was relieved by Bro. Walter Farney, relief agent.

Roy Grate, of Scofield, took a vacation a short time since, and visited the Golden Gate, and saw the fleet. He has returned and resumed his old position.

If some one else who is better acquainted and better qualified to report our division don't take it up I will have to burden you with another of my write-ups.

CERT. 605.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The All-wise Ruler has called Bro. Win. Rosenbaum to duty in a better world, and while we bow in humble submission to Divine Providence, be it

Resolved, By Division 48, Order of Railroad Telegraphers that in his death we lose an esteemed and conscientious brother, his wife a devoted husband, and the community a good citizen; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved our heartfelt sympathy.

E. G. Breslow.

E. E. EWING,

F. W. AIKEN,

Committee.

Canadian Northern Ry.

Bro. W. A. Fallow went from North Battleford to attend the funeral of Mr. H. J. Parkhill, but owing to some change in the arrangements, arrived too late.

Bro. T. Davis has been acting chief since our late chief was taken ill.

Bro. R. Nelson, from Dauphin, has been appointed chief, to succeed our late Bro. H. J. Parkhill. Bro. Davidson relieving Bro. Ross at Lashhurn.

The gravel pit at Vermillion is opened again, with the prospects of Carmel pit being opened shortly. Everything points to a busy season this summer.

Div. Con.

Southern Pacific Ry.

Coast District-

Did I receive any "items" for The Telegrapher this month? You know I did, but, incidentally, I might add that to some extent I have lost faith in "moral suasion." Of course, it is true that up to date the July Telegrapher containing our "write-up" has not as yet reached



us, but whatever good effect it may have ultimately the effect of the twelve-inch piece of "gas pipe" that I have adopted is almost instantaneous. Hence, my remark about "moral suasion."

But, to be more explicit, I delayed writing this article until the very last possible moment, hoping against hope that some one would connect with the "wireless" messages I have been sending about "news items"—thought at least the "cuss words" would get through, but it seems everyone was out of adjustment, so I ceased to hope—and that's where the "gas pipe" comes in.

It is indeed a pleasure to note that there are a number of our fellows who actually know to what source they are indebted for the material. benefits they are receiving. And that is not all. They are doing the only proper thing to be done under the circumstances. Need I remind you that the general secretary and treasurer is never too busy to send you a receipt for your dues, or that the local chairman always has a plentiful supply of application blanks on hand?

Don't wait to be asked to do the thing that in justice to yourself and the rest of us you should do. Don't continue to be a "leaner"—get in the game, and, what's more to the point, stay there. Somewhere I've heard it said, "God Almighty hates a quitter." Well, we know that everybody else does.

If anyone doubts that thorough organization is largely responsible for such prosperity as we enjoy at the present time, or that it is a factor to be considered slightly in times of retrenchment, would call their attention to the words of senior vice-president W. C. Brown, of the New York Central System, who, in discussing the proposition to increase freight rates as opposed to reducing wages, said: "The reduction in wages of railroad employes could only become effective at the end of a conflict with organized labor, widespread, prolonged, and which would cost the business interests of the nation ten times the amount involved in any possible increase in freight rates. * * * Union labor was never so well organized, never so united and never so abundantly able from a financial standpoint to oppose what they would honestly believe to be an uncalled-for reduction, and organized railroad labor would have the united support of every department of organized labor of the nation.'

The San Francisco Bulletin, under date of July 22d, prints quite a lengthy article reciting the "trials and tribulations" of several young gentlemen who were lured to San Francisco and "bankruptcy" by an advertisement of a so-called "telegraph school." After having been buncoed out of their hard-earned coin upon the pretext of "tuition fees," they now threaten to sue the operators of the "game." The Bulletin's article reads in part as follows: "Though they were assur d that they could master telegraphy within six no ths, the four threatening suit say that they immediately heard discouraging reports from those preceding them. Many told them they were unable to get employment; one signed a two years'

student contract with the Santa Fe at \$20.00 a month; another had to go back to the farm; still another was forced to take a \$30.00 a month job as clerk of a country hotel. Although the school has advertised that it is the only institution in the country with a main wire, the complainants assert that it has no such wire, and further say that the company officials told them it has no prospect of obtaining such from the Southern Pacific."

"A word to the wise is sufficient."

If any of you are operating a "ham factory," or if you contemplate becoming a "professor," you had better "sneeze, your brain is dusty."

Please observe the following "don'ts:."

Don't forget what was said last month about sending in items for the "write-up."

Don't forget to ask the "other fellow" if he his paid up his dues, or if not a member, if he has secured the necessary papers.

Don't forget to observe the law and the contract nor to report any breach of either upon the part of the company.

Don't forget that the company is entitled to the best possible service—the kind the O. R. T. stands for—answer your call promptly and do all of your sleeping when you are off duty.

Don't forget to let me know what you think of the "banquet" idea, mentioned in our last "write-up."

Don't forget to loan or give your Telegrapher to some non-member after you have finished with it. He will probably decide to want one of his own every month.

Don't be afraid the local chairman will be mad on account of the large number of applications you send him. That's his business.

Don't forget the "Murphy Campaign Fund" or the "O. R. T. Bonding Company." If you wish to subscribe for stock the local chairman can supply the subscription blanks.

Don't forget that no enterprise or institution can go on indefinitely with "all going out and nothing coming in." "We need the money."

For the following items we have to thank one of our most popular and most expert fellow telegraphers, at present employed on a late trick at "ND" office, San Francisco. Because of his modest and retiring disposition we are not permitted to use his name as it appears upon hs "personal record." We therefore submit this literally effort in his "fighting" name, which, be it known to all concerned, is "Battling Nelson."

While recovering a message that had been accidentally dropped to the floor, I was agreeably surprised upon looking up to find our old-time friend, Cliff McGhee, who had journeyed to the city from San Ardo. "Shorty" is up for a few days' recreation. Through a desire to be hopitable I offered the use of my coat pocket for his accommodation while in our midst.

After spending a few weeks in Seattle and other banking centers, E. M. Price returned to the city by the Golden Gate, ready to resume work on the Ess Pee. Understand the banking business has been "going some" up North. Their loss is

J. W. Hickey, the "old reliable" at San Luis Obispo, is away a few days account sickness. "Z" is one of the best men on the pike, and we hope that he will soon be with us again.

It seems strange that the beach has such a fascination for some of the boys, especially when it takes two or three days to give them a message. Better cut it, boys, and stick around within ear-shot of the wires.

I. J. Onyon has just completed a month's leave of absence, and returns refreshed and full of ginger.

We are sorry to report that J. H. Leary is now in the hospital at Sacramento. His illness is not serious, and he will return to San Francisco shortly. Relieved by J. J. Flaherty.

Once more the smiling face of J. W. Deardorf looms up in "ND."

Robert H. Shane, who carries a map of the Philippines and the memory of hardships endured in the signal corps, has returned from the interior, where he rummaged around through the mountains and lake regions for big game.

James T. Hoell recently partook of Castroville's hospitality and attended the annual Chamarito telebration. He reports dancing forty-eight hours, the remainder of the time consumed in getting on the outside of a good chunk of barbecued meat, a la Castilian.

Our genial and popular agent, Thos. M. Kelly, of Salinas, was extending the glad hand around the ball-room during the recent celebration at Castroville. Tom acted as floor manager, and did the act to a queen's taste. His equal is yet to be found when it comes to making everybody have a good time.

Percy Smith put in an appearance at the Castroville dance, and was cordially greeted by friends both old and new.

Barney McCosker is now installed as operator at San Jose. He says it is the original roast.

A. D. Smith now responsible for the company's affairs at San Mateo. Keeps him going a bit, but he has the dope necessary to do everything in ship-shape order, from naming the rate on a bag of peanuts to Oshkosh right off the reel up to round-trip tickets around the globe.

Kink Edward Westington took a flyer a few days ago and came up as far as San Jose to meet his folks. He returned same day to Santa Marzarita, where he signs his name to the daily balance sheets.

Leo Gram to San Luis Obispo as third trick dispatcher while dispatchers Merritt and Leveridge are away on annual vacations.

W. F. Nichols, formerly assistant agent Kings City, resigned to enter the oil business.

Harry Wetzel, who for many years held the King City agercy, is now in the banking business at Kmgs City. Here's wishing him success.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Tucson Division - -

The seven and one-half per cent increase with time and a half for Sunday is at last an assured fact, and the money is in the hands of those who earned it. The new wage agreement is dated from February 21st, 1908, and brings joy and benefit to all telegraphers on the S. P. System. Now that our uncertainty and waiting are at an end, let us look about us and see who did and did not help in bringing our better conditions. There are. indeed, few on the Tucson Division who are not up-to-date, but these few are too many. I know of only three or four in all who have held aloof. They have received the increase and other benefits without a murmur or blush, not even hinting that the General Committee of Division 53 has handed them from \$20.00 to \$50.00 without receiving one iota of support from them

An invitation is hereby extended to these three or four non-members of the Tucson Division to at once join the O. R. T. and keep in good standing. To do this costs little, but means much to all of us. It means that you wish to foster better conditions, to keep the salary and bettered conditions where they now are, or improve them, and that you are willing to bear the small prorata of expense of sending a committee to the general officers of this road.

I can speak no plainer. It is not my intention to wound the feelings of any one. I simply speak to you as of a business proposition. If your house or life was insured, would you pay the premium? Then why not pay the premium on what the General Committee has insured us?

It was some comfort to me, when the result of our agreement was made known, to be called up by a long-time non-member and hear him say: "I am going to send in my petition for membership in the O. R. T. I am convinced now that everything is straight and that I have been a non long enough."

To those who still remain outside of the O. R. 1. I would say that papers may be secured at any time by applying to the local chairman.

Bro. W. L. Nelles has just returned from an extended tour up and down the Great Lake region, and resumed his duties in Tucson relay office.

Bro. W. H. Pringle recently suffered a broken rib resulting from a bad header from a bad bicycle, but as he was recently made happy by the arrival of a new boy at his house, he does not mind such trifling things as broken bones.

Bro. J. B. Evans, Jr., has been putting in a lot of extra work at Tucson relay office during the last few weeks.

It is reported that former dispatcher Biddle, who has been at San Blas, Mexico, for some time, is suffering from a critical illness in the railroad hospital a: Guavmas.

The rainy season set in about the first week in July, cooling off the hot winds to some extent.

Mescal and Simon, Arizona and Cambray, N. M., have all been reduced from three to two men. Strauss, N. M., was reduced to one man, throwing Bro. R. C. Weyer on the twelve-hour night trick.



The assignments on the latest bulletin are about as follows:

Lordsburg second trick, E. J. Tilley. Esmond nights, O. H. Black. Casa Grande third trick, A. E. Lawrence. Sentinel third trick, C. H. Eaton. Estrella nights, O. K. Turner.

Blaisdell nights, R. D. Jones.

No provision has been made for the accommodation at desert stations for three telegraphers and their families, where two resided before. As a matter of fact there are few, if any more, telegraphers employed on this division than there was before the nine-hour law took effect, because of reductions of force and opening of box-car stations with only one man in charge, but where three men are employed it would seem but reasonable that the company erect additional tie houses and other facilities for caring for employes.

Wilna, N. M., has been opened as a twelve-hour one-man job.

A recent ruling requires that in requesting transportation for members of our families we must show the names and ages of sons and daughters, for which request is made.

When filing applications for vacancies on a bulletin a copy of your application should in all cases be mailed to the local chairman. Several contests for positions have recently been the result of not observing this important request.

Members of other divisons now employed on the Tucson Division should acquaint the local chairman with their address, certificate and division number. This saves delay and annoyance in transferring and puts the member in a position of security, as he can then demand the protection afforded by Division 53.

It is well to also call the attention of the members to the importance of carly payment of dues. If this remittance is left till the last moment, a risk is run of losing Mutual Benefit. Pay up.

With best wishes for our future prosperity.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENT.

Los Angeles Division-

Have an idea that most of the toys have been very busy the last few months figuring up the seven and a half per cent increase and back overtime.

Some one said the nons refused to accept the back pay and increase? Any one know anything about it? One poor non in the vicinity of Indio, after being advised by our local chairman that he should receive a raise in salary and about forty-five dollars back pay account new O. R. T. schedule, and that his application would be galdy accepted, advises that he couldn't afford it. Isn't it awful, Mabel?

Several agents are getting away with a six-hour trick. What do you know about that? Still one agent says, "The Order has never done anything for the agents." Come out of it, Bro. Agent; we ain't in the business to legislate for any few pets our beloved Order stands for the good of all and not for a few. Don't allow the present worldwide trust idea of legislation for the few and

nixy for the masses to mar your good judgment. We ain't in the trusts yet, although the Supreme Court will probably try to put us in that class sooner or later.

Great many new faces on the line and most of them we have not had the pleasure to meet, but we hope they are all good, staunch O. R. T. boys, and will bear in mind the necessity of transfering into Division 53, sending their cards to local chairman.

Bro. T. B. Roberts injured his hand while doing the strong arm act at Ontario, and had to put in the back shops for repairs, going later to Colton to relieve Bro. Doty at "C" office for a few days.

Understand Bro. Frank Ridgeway is a very sick man, having teen confined to his bed for some time. We hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

Bro. Woodworth, Bassett, bid in the second trick there. Beats being an agent all hollow.

Mr. Riddle advised the officials' committee last winter that the operators were receiving too much money. Did anyone hear Mr. R. refuse the extra check July 20th?

Three good ones now at Palm Springs, young Fitz, Sy Plunkett and R. M. Scott.

Bro. Cholley O. Taylor, yardmaster Indio, is laying off account sickness.

Where will a few old heads find a berth when they double "RG" and "C" offices at Colton?

We are all looking with anxious eye at the third trick at River Station. Even the s'aid and tried agent at Beaumont, Bro. Joe McCue, says he would leave his happy home to go to "OD."

Dispatcher Cummings has a bug, one that is guaranteed to raise the boys on the desert twelvehour tricks from the soundest sleep.

Bro. C. M. Lacy, extra at Beaumont, was relieved by Bro. F. W. Shoop, Lacy going to Bertram to take Shoop's old position. It appears the Salton sea-breezes did not agree with Lacy, as he went to town sick in a few days. The position is now filled by operator C. O. Riggins, a new man on the road. I "13" that Shoop is wearing his heart away for Pertram Beach and his dog.

Bro. Geo. W. Taylor, who left this division a few years ago for the West, is back here once more doing the stunt at Redlands.

Bro. Seeley, from this division, sends a line from San Blas, Mexico; sends news of several operators and trainmen from this vicinity.

I "13" that Bro. F. C. Wilson, of Beaumont, is to leave in a few days for North Dakota.

Quite a few of the boys holding night jobs before the nine-hour law went into effect were badly disappointed when they were changed from second to third tricks where the third man was put on.

Bro. Smith, Misner, at last growing tired of the solitude of the desert and longing to mingle with his fellow men, bid in Dolgeville second trick, and will live at home in Los Angeles.

There has been a test train out working for some time around Bassett and over the hill at Beaumont, trying out a new patent on the West-

inghouse air brakes; said to be a success and far superior to the ones now in use.

There is quite a bunch of nons here on the road now, and we want to keep after them until they come across.

CERT. 1826.

CERT. 1763.

Shasta Division-

The boys all seem to be well pleased with the raise and Sunday overtime we received on our last schedule. The nons are not at all backward in taking all they can get and more, too. In the new schedule most all jobs pay nothing less than \$75 per month. We will receive all back pay dated from February 21st in our June pay-check.

Mr. Fitzgerald recently took six weeks off, and took in the sights back East, as far as Chicago, Omaha and Denver.

Mrs. M. A. Eagles, an old-time operator on the division, is now ticket clerk and assistant agent.

Bro. Rudolph is back to Red Bluff, after enjoying a few weeks' lay off.

F. M. Thompson relieved J. E. Beale, secondtrick operator at Redding. Both nons.

The position of operator and clerk at Keswick went begging on last bulletin. Operator M. P. Jarvis, a new man on this division, is working as operator and clerk.

First trick, Kennet, assigned to J. E. Beale. Bro. G. A. Flynn is working as clerk.

Third trick, Sisson, assigned to Bro. J. N. Nixon. Nixon back on his old job. Bro. E. G. McLaughlin will work second trick.

Night Telegrapher Weed assigned to Bro. V. J. Bevier. Neimeyer, second trick operator, is laying off; relieved by Bevier. Operator O'Connor, an old-timer from a Southern division, is doing the owl stunt. Unable to say whether he is a member or not

Dorris agency assigned to Bro. R. H. Tyler. No application for Bray agency.

U. L. Hakes, a non, is back to Hornbrook, after enjoying a two months' lay-off. Bro. E. G. Flynn is still on the second trick. Third trick assigned to K. W. Jones, now in Dunsmuir. Roy Satchwell is doing the owl act. Satchwell will come in as soon as he gets steady work.

Bro. L. W. Meyers, third operator at Montague, has taken a trip East; relieved by P. M. Golden, from general office, San Francisco. Unable to learn whether he is a member or not.

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Houston Division-

It has been some time since we have had any items from our division, and numerous changes have ensued under the so-called "financial stringency" effecting our division just as seriously as most lines in the country, and had it not been for the Texas eight- and national nine-hour laws, as enacted, it is evident we would have been cut to less than half our regular positions. There is no question but that the "cut" would have ensued, even if the necessary laws had not been enacted just the same. So we can see how much

we have accomplished through our noble organization. Our division is practically solid in memhership

Del Rio closed. Bro. C. N. Taylor, for many years first trick operator, assigned to third trick at Spofford. Bro. S. E. Starr, second trick, assigned Missouri City.

Standart agency closed, installing cheap clerk. At Spofford, Bro. D. O. Browning, third trick, now assigned nights at Stella.

Cline agency closed. Bro. E. L. Johnson assigned Uvalde agency.

D'Hanis night office closed.

Dunlay telegraph agency closed by placing cheap clerk, and Bro. C. McCarr comes in for Luling agency.

La Coste, second trick, closed.

"DS," San Antonio, three tricks, dispatchers handling west end abolished, and now handled by set of dispatchers at Del Rio, with all telegraph duties at this point to handle in addition.

Gonzales, operator-clerk, closed. Bro. F. F. Weiss set back to third trick, Seguin.

Weimar closed. Bro. J. G. Cook set back to third trick at Schulenburg.

Ellinger agency closed. Bro. N. C. Ney accordingly bumped Bro. Rauh, second trick Glidden.

La Grange, operator-clerk, closed.

Sugarland agency turned over to the Sugarland Railway as joint agency. Bro. W. N. Thatcher set back to third trick Eagle Lake. Bro. Hinze Rothe has been set back to extra duty.

The cutting out of some of our best positions has had a tendency to hurt very nearly all old timers on the line more than some of the newcomers, but as business is beginning to pick up, it is to be hoped that matters will again adjust themselves; with this would urge all to "stand pat," paying up their dues and assessments now due, in order to continue the good work towards both the betterment of our conditions and good service to our employers, just what our organization teaches.

CERT. 649.

El Paso District-

Bro. J. F. Hiseler is relieving Sister Frink as agent at Dryden for ninety days.

Bro. J. O. Frilick, agent at Fort Hancock, and Bro. J. M. Morgan, agent at Langtry, were oft a few days in July. Bro. Frilick was relieved by Bro. S. S. Brown.

Bro. A. Boone, agent at Comstock, is off on vacation. Bro J. W. Barnhardt is relieving him.

Bro. D. N. Scott has returned from a ninetyday leave, and has taken his assignment at Langtry, third trick.

Bro. E. Swartout has bid in Marfa, third trick. Bro. S. G. Gould has returned from vacation, and is back at Sierra Blanca agency.

Bro. A. V. Raley, first trick at Sanderson, is now on leave. He was relieved by Mr. W. R. Brady.

Bro. F. A. Clark, Finlay days, has returned from his vacation.

Fort Hancock, third trick; Langtry, second trick, and Longfellow nights, on bulletin this month.

Bro. F. T. Bailey at Fort Hancock, third trick; Bro. H. T. Luthy at "WI," second trick, and Bro. W. H. Taylor at "X" nights.

Bro. J. F. Gardner, first trick at Valentine, is being relieved by Bro. A. W. Bodell for a few days.

Bro. A. O. Tryon is relieving Bro. Bannister, third trick at Sanderson.

Bro. Bannister is relieving Mr. Winan, second trick dispatcher at "D," Del Rio, and Mr. Winan relieves Mr. C. H. Cole as chief dispatcher at Del Rio.

Bro. H. M. Ash has returned from Mississippi, and has taken assignment at Valentine, third trick.

Sorry to report the unexpected death of M. Hawk, lineman on this division, between Sierra Blanca and El Paso. Although Mr. Hawk was not a member of the O. R. T., he was held in high esteem by telegraphers and all who knew him

The General Committee meets at Houston about August 15th or September 1st. CERT. 2154.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call home to his flock little Thelma, the beloved daughter of Bro. and Mrs. L. B. Starns, and in manifestation of our sympathy for the bereaved parents; be it

Resolved, By the members of the El Paso District, Southern Pacific System Division, No. 53, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved parents our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved parents, a copy be spread on the record of the division, and a copy furnished THE TELEGRAPHER for publication therein.

S. A. THOMPSON,
J. O. FRILICK,
T. W. BROWN,
R. GILMORE,

Local Board, El Paso Dist., S. P. Syst., Div. No. 53.

Northern Pacific Ry.

L. S. Division, First District-

Bro. Sparks, second trick at Ashland, "AD," relieving Agent Youngberg, of Brule, Wis., off on a two weeks' vacation.

Bro. Yeakey, day operator at Iron River, with his wife, is visiting relatives in Michigan.

Superior, "WR," closed while the bridge is undergoing repairs, and a new office, Grassy Point siding, "ND," established.

Telegraph service has been discontinued at Blueberry, Maple, Rice's Point and Washburn.

Perhaps some of our worthy brothers think the First District rather insignificant. You ought to have been around last winter, pulpwood was the word.

Indications point to a resumption of normal conditions this fall on the L. S. Division.

Bro. Mason leaves on his vacation August 1st, so some other brother can have a chance to try his hand next month.

Practically same line-up here for last three months, except Bro. Youngberg working third at Wyoming. Understand he is from D., S., S. & A. Division No. 116, but by the time this will be before you he will have joined the elect of No. 54.

Bro. D'Aoust, of Carlson, has joined the benedicts.

Bro. Hallisey, late of the Milwaukee, is now located at Pine City. We must also get him into Division No. 54, as he is not figuring on going back to the Milwaukee for a while. Hope he remains long enough at Pine City to convert Messrs. Gray and Peterson. They may succumb to his strong arguments.

Pasco Division-

Bro. Stone, from Division No. 76, is working at Mabton, third trick, and Bro. Henderson, from Division No. 87, at Relief, third trick.

Bro. Henderson took Operator Josephson's place at Relief, Operator Josephson going to Badger, third trick.

Bro. R. A. Hamilton, of Badger, I "13," has left the telegraph service and gone to Pasco to go firing.

Bro. Shoemaker traded North Yakima, second trick, with Bro. Creviston. Bro. S. found the solitude too impressive at Moore, and traded Moore for third trick at Marshall with Bro. King. I "13" Bro. King smashed one of his fingers putting in a stove grate. Don't see what he wants with a stove this weather, the grub would cook in the sun around Moore.

Bro. Dygart, from Marshall to Umtanum, relieving Bro. Cummings, who has gone for a three months' rest. Hope Bill will have a good time. Bro. Dygert is some delinquent, but says he will either rejoin or pay up.

Bro. Henry was taking in the sights at Pasco, July 7th.

Bro. Dingledine, from North Yakima to Connell, third trick.

Bro. Johnson, from third to second trick, Connell.

Bro. J. E. Donlon, formerly at Thrall, is back at his old home in La Junta, Colo., after a trip through Oregon, California and Nevada.

Bro. A. S. Johnson, of Toppenish, ran up to Ritzville one evening for purposes unknown.

Mr. Kelley, of "RN," Pasco yard, has gone to St. Paul on a visit.

Bro. Ellsworth, of North Yakima, having developed his ranch near Selah, thinks he is not long for the key.

Bro. A. F. Johnson, at Toppenish, has gone into the real estate business, and owns a few lots there.



Understand Bro. and Sister Cummings, of Umtanum, expect to take in Alaska on their trip. To see Bro. E. T. Stevens hitting 5 out of No. Yakima for his owl stunt at Selah, we infer that Steve is strictly temperance, deductions due to bag of lemons in his hand.

Bro. Blake, who will be remembered as "TB" of "SF" office, is back in the Falls City, and may cast his lot with the Pasco Division again. Bro. L. C. Dingledine, from Yakima third trick to solitary by moonlight at Tokio.

Bro. V. B. Dingledine worked at North Yakima, Toppenish and Connell all in a short time. Such is the fate of the extra man.

Counting over the boys who have gloomed onto sundry pieces of land over on the Third District, suggests to us a future panorama wherein retired brass-pounders, with long, luxuriant whishers drive cityward with loads of big, red apples, and makes some of us reflect seriously as to what we have done with our summer's wages.

F. D. Anderson, from Fish Trap to Marshall, and from Marshall to Tyler, third trick; relieved at Fish Trap by J. Chaney, recently from U. S. Signal Corps. Will be a brother his first payday. Anderson and Grimm, at Tyler, will be over to Cheney and hand in papers today.

C. T. Grimm, from Providence to Tyler, first trick, trading with Mr. Windsor. Mr. Windsor promised to fill out the papers, but has gotten out of the influence, and some brother near "PX" can get busy and show him the way is still open.

Bro. Hansen, at Fish Trap, relieved by C. F. French, for the Fourth. Unable to say if Mr. French is a brother or not at present writing.

Bro. Spurgeon, Tyler, is laying off for a month or so, and has gone back to his old home in the East; relieved by Bro. Hunt.

Bro. Hadsell has returned from his vacation, and is back at work, second trick at Cheney.

Bro. Gore, from S. P. & S. Junction to Fish Trap.

J. Chaney from Fish Trap to Connell. Some one taking a vacation at Connell, can not say who.

Very satisfactory write-ups now days, for which we must thank the men who send me notes.

CERT. 497.

Idaho Division-

The following changes have taken place since last write-up:

Operator Dunn, second trick at Cocolalla, has left for Seattle to accept a position as stenographer. Operator Overback, of Athol, taking the vacant trick at Cocolalla, and Operator Ludwig, a new man, relieving at Athol.

Bro. A. E. Elvers, who had been in a Spokane hospital for some time, was reported on the gain, but, later, had a relapse, and is now in the hospital at Missoula.

Agent G. W. Wood and family, Heron, have gone East on a visit, Operator Chapell relieving.

Chief Dispatcher Elair is spending his vacation in the East, Trainmaster Lantry holding down the chair. Agent Clubb, of Clark's Fork, has taken a layoff, and is working on his ranch. Bro. Coleman is doing the relief, and Bro. Baker is on the night trick.

Bro. C. A. Krough, who is working third trick at Cocolalla, has transferred to this division from the Grand.

Bro. Frost, relief agent, leaves for his home in Ohio the 1st of August, where he expects to spend two months.

Mr. Kusler, at Cocolalla, having become tired of paying his dues and thinks that there is no good in being a member of the Order, has taken out a withdrawal card.

Have the promise of several new members, but, as yet, have not received their applications. Get after the nons and try and make this division solid.

Slim Palmiter transferred from day operator at Pullman to agency at Peck, Idaho. There is nothing to do at Peck, and we feel sure that Slim will like it there.

Mr. Polan transferred from Peck to agency at Rubens.

Mr. Nagel resumed duty as agent at Kendrick. after a leave of absence of sixty days. While on his leave he and Mrs. Nagel took a trip East for the benefit of Mrs. Nagel's health.

Mr. Lowry transferred from relief agent at Kendrick to Davenport as day operator. Lowry says no more agent's work for him. Guess Kendrick must be a bad joint.

Bro. Knott, agent, on leave of absence taking a trip to California, being relieved by Bro. Grant.

Mr. Laird, agent at Garfield, was called to Kaslo, B. C., on business for a few days, being relieved by Bro. Grant.

Bro. Elvers is reported on the sick list. Hope he will soon be on duty again. Bro. Frost doing relief agent's work, now at Genesee for thirty days. Bro. Elver taking his place at Cocolalla.

Mr. Horn transferred from night operator at Pullman to day operator. Mr. Reynolds being placed there as night operator.

Mr. Smith, regular agent at Genesce, away on business for thirty days in the southern part of Idaho in regard to a claim he has down that way,

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Dakota Division-

Don't forget to pay your semi-annual dues for t'.e coming term, and get in possession of the new card, and keep after the nons to get in line also. Read Bro. Holmes' article in the June TELEGRA-PILER over again, and resolve to make this division solid before the first of the year.

Let us all give the dispatchers the best service we can, and help them get the trains over the road. The busy season will be on us soon, when they will be very busy men.

We note that our old friend, W. C. Cavanaugh, of the R. I at Fairbury, Neb., has been promoted to chief dispatcher. "CA" will be remembered as third trick man on the west end, fall of 1903, and had the name of being the best friend the boys ever had in the dispatcher's office.

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The main line has been changed from Jamestown to Leeds since the washouts in Montana, have made it necessary to run the Missoula and west stuff via Leeds and G. N., necessitating another operator at Carrington and Leeds. Bro. Lucksinger, from Windsor, was sent to Carrington for a while, but is back again at his old stand, Windsor.

We are sorry to chronicle the death of Conductor "Slim" Berglund, who was instantly killed at Casselton, and also that of Conductor Matt Verdigan, which occurred at his home at Jamestown, June 26th, of pneumonia. Both were well liked by all the boys, and the sorrowing families have the sympathy of the entire division.

Bro. A. A. Dowty, at McKenzie, was seriously hurt while handing an order to No. 4 a few days ago, and will probably lose sight of one eye as a result of being struck by the mail-hook. The entire membership sympathize with him, and hope he will soon be back at work again.

Bro. G. C. Leach relieved Bro. Baker at McClusky for two weeks while Bro. Baker was East on a vacation. Bro. Leach is now at McKenzie, while Bro. Dowty is in the hospital.

Bro. Youngman, of Dickey, is experiencing a little trouble in getting back to work, but think it will come out all right in the end. Mr. Grabeler relieving him.

Bro. Norman's bulldog, "Fitz," is in the habit of helping the conductors check out freight in the cars, and last Sunday he failed to get out with the last box of freight, and the car was sealed up and the conductor checked "over one dog" at New Rockford. Fitz made the round trip with the crew, returning Monday.

Bro. T. E. Hunt running station at New Rockford while Mr. Biggs went to St. Paul for a few days. Bro. Hunt drew Barlow on bulletin, and will relieve Bro. Norman in a few days. Bro. Norman going East on a vacation.

Bro. R. P. Welton, formerly of this division, is located at Two Harbors, Minn., on the Duluth & Iron Range Railway.

Bro. Ebert now working night trick in "J office, and Bro. Christenson, from Dawson, takes his place at yard office.

If you know of any news that you didn't see in here please remember it is impossible for one man to get a line-up on all changes without some help in the way of items from the brothers. When ever you know of anything in the way of news, or anything that you think would be interesting, send a card to your correspondent or local chairman.

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St. Paul Division-

We brass-pounders at the Granite City have been blessed during the past two weeks with a change in our working hours. We now have nine hours to work, and most any place on the division where there is more than one man has better arranged hours of duty. Bro. Hauck has been appointed general flunky for three hours, from 8 a. m. till 11 a. m., at the passenger station.

Agent Dill, at Sauk Rapids, was suddenly called to Chicago by his brother's illness. He was relieved by Bro. Gish, from St. Cloud. And, by the way, boys, become an agent for a few days if you want to have your pay held back for long enough time to make your grocers look at you with unkindly eyes.

Clear Lake has twenty-four-hour service now. Operator Hampson and Bro. Seeman being the new men. Bro. Varley has taken a chance at the lottery of the agency at Clear Lake, and won it. Bro. Braudt was let out on account of not hiring a clerk to help him get the neighboring road's reports made out on time, thereby rendering them some late, which did not look good to the big "G."

Bro. Smith has been having a few days' vacation, and spending it in the hospital at St. Paul, having one of his lamps trimmed. He was relieved by Mr. Raher, of Lincoln. Mr. Raher promises to be with us soon. Bro. Klemen, of Watab, was also off a few days on vacation.

Bro. Roach has embarked in the chicken-raising business, and so far, seems to be doing very

I know there has been changes at two or three different places, but do not know who or what. Now, fellows, drop a line saying what has happened, and it will help a whole lot.

The telephones are still coming. Hold the rod on 'em, boys.

Each and every one must be careful and not invite the awful anger and wrath of the third trick man at "CK." He is a bad one, I hear.

Operators are very plentiful around these parts until a fellow wants to get away, then there are none to be found.

It's too bad we can not have a meeting some place once in a while. There is a lot of us who ought to be able to get away and attend. What is the matter, Bro. Best?. Can't it be done some way or other? You remember we have enough coin to rent the hall several times over. Let's try it once.

The base ball team made up of the N. P. boys at St. Cloud, and named the "Jolly Players," won a game last Sunday from the Great Northernites by the close score of 1 to 0, in an eleven-inning game. Following is the line-up of the N. P. Jolly Players:

Ring, c. f.; Tschumperlin, r. f.; Garlock, l. f.; Mike, 1st b.; Noyes, 2d b.; "Red," 3d b.; Hauck, s. s.; Gish, p.; "Bob," c.; Dad Hughes, extra man.

Everything was goose eggs until the ninth inning, when, by agreement, "Red" and Dad Hughes became the battery for the remainder of the game. The one score was then bruoght in by Baggageman Noyes and the head-work of Pitcher Fredrickson, and the way those two pitchers perform is something fast. Gish fanning out eleven men, eight of them hand-running. Red, after going in the box, continued where Gish left off, and pitched shut-out ball. The catching was fine. Bob and Dad, as catchers, can not be beat. Short-

stop Hauck is O. K. The base and field support was of the best.

Why not arrange a game for some afternoon, and round-up the boys, and then have a meeting and talk over our troubles. I wish we could, and I guess so does my wife. Rather think she is tired of hearing them, so will have to tell 'em to some one else.

Send in what items you can, fellows, and let us in some way plan a way to reach the nons and get them started.

CERT. 9362.

Pacific Division-

Business shows a decided turn for the better on the Pacific Northwest roads. After looking over register for past month I find there are only half as many tourist operators through Portland in July as in June. We miss very few of them, and have no hesitancy in saying that business is better.

Mr. Salisbury, of "VC," terminal office, relieved by Bro. L. L. Chaffin, of Texas, Mr. Salisbury going to the Southern Pacific, this place.

Bro. E. M. Herring, of Water Valley, Miss., is doing stunt for O. W. & P. Ry. Co. here, dispatching. He was pulled off Southern dispatchers' force on account of dull business.

J. E. Dafoe, always up-to-date, is manager for the Terminal, while Else Groom, another standpatter, is doing the night chief trick now.

W. J. Brown is going to get a card. No?

- Grand Cert. 4985.

Montana Division, East End-

Have you got the little blue card yet?

Operator Foss is acting as agent at Laurel at present. Bro. Hannan from third to second trick.

Every month, when the journal arrives, we look for a large write-up, and sometimes we find it, and sometimes we don't. Wonder why? Simply because all of us are not having the right way. Get busy, boys, and send in what little you know.

Operator Brehmer now third trick at Grey Cuff. Bro. Burnside goes to second trick.

An additional force of three very badly-needed operators put on at Livingston, "VS" office.

Bro. Hemmerly, from Big Timber to Gardiner. Bro. Amely from Hoppers to second trick at Big Timber.

West End-

Bro. Mannon was lucky enough to draw a trick at Bozeman.

Mr. (not Bro.) Anderson, of Bozeman, relieved Bro. Earp, second trick at Townsend. We "13" Bro. Carp is no man to mix with scabs, therefore he could not live in peace at Townsend. Oh, they are a fright.

Bro. W. H. Earp relieved Bro. W. H. Hester at Whitehall, third trick, and Mr. Hester goes to work as superintendent's clerk in Livingston. Here's to his success.

Bro. Vernon English, an old-time dispatcher, is working third trick at Townsend. The writer knows him to be true.

Operator Brown, of Welch, is working first trick at Lombard.

Bro. Huntley, regular third trick man at Lombard, is taking a vacation in Wisconsin.

Bro. Rush is now working in "W" office, at Butte; relieved by Bro. Phelps at "BN," Butte.

Bro. Wintersten, of Springdale, off on six weeks' vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Ball. Could not find out where Mr. Ball stands. "13" not an Order man. Third trick covered by Bro. R. V. Leach, of the C., B. & Q.

Rather a failing of the boys from the Q. to strike the N. P. But they know a good thing when they see it.

Bro. Russell, agent at Springdale, still believes the Hot Springs a good place to bathe, and argues they do him a world of good.

What has become of Dispatcher Crosin?

Bro. Lamb, of Reed Point, has taken to himself a wife.

Bro. Logan, first trick at Columbus, took a month's vacation at his home in Melrose, Va.; relieved by Bro. Brown, second. Deters brothers, second and third tricks, left the service; relieved by Bro. Don Brown, from the Q., and Bro. Hubbard, new man from St, P. Later, Bro. Hubbard relieved by Bro. Miller, from the C., B. & Q., having badly burned his arms by breaking a carboy of acid. Logan back to first trick, C. W. Brown to second, and D. Brown to third.

Columbus feels big over their new depot.

Understand Agent Strong, at Townsend, the active man on scab list during the strike still believes in fighting the Order, but we notice he accepts the benefits of that much-despised organization. 'Tis a long road that has no turn.

CERT. 1254.

Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.

West End-

The undersigned recently made a trip over the west end and found things in as good shape as could be expected under the present conditions. However, I wish to say we have a surplus supply of what is commonly called nons, and I think it is time some of them were doing a little business with us in the line of applications. Some of these nons have the nerve to ask a man not to write them up in the journal, as it looks bad, they claim. It also looks bad to the members to know of and see nons sitting along the line like a lot of parasites, and reaping the rewards which the O. R. T. has secured through untiring efforts, and a few financial problems, and from the undersigned from now on it's "No card, no favors."

Will endeavor to give you something breezy from the west end.

Bro. F. H. Howe, agent at Curtice, has resigned to go into other business; relieved by Non W. T. Gates. Success to Bro. Howe.

Bro. H. Beard, of Fremont, was taking a vacation. I am unable to say where he was. Bro. C. S. Meek landed second trick at Clyde on bid. Mr. Kintler (who is to become a member soon) is laying off; relieved by Bro. D. L. Ames, who got bumped from second trick.

Bro. Fair, second trick at Bellevue, was off a few days. Understand he was pitching ball for his home team.

Bro. R. Ream, of Monroeville days, is enjoying a much-needed recreation, visiting his parents at Spencer, Ohio.

Unable to say how the tricks at Norwalk yard are filled at present. "13" Bro. F. C. Hull, second trick, has bid in first trick.

Bro. F. I. Grover landed Huron days on bid.

Mr. H. P. Smithhisler, second trick at Huron Junction, has handed in his papers, and the mazuma. Let the good work go on.

Bro. Andrews, formerly second trick at Dalton, landed third trick at Hartland on bid.

Mr. C. A. Welty (non) working second trick at Hartland, with Bro. "Pawnee Bill" as agent.

Bro. E. A. Weirick, agent at Clarksfield, made a flying trip to Oak Harbor recently.

South Lorain office has been opened up. Unable to say whose doing the stunts.

"WG" office, Wellington, is being filled by Non Ambrose. Go after him, boys.

Bro. Niswanger, agent at Spencer, Ohio, was off on a three weeks' vacation, being relieved by telief agent, Bro. J. B. Zingg, who immediately upon taking charge made a requisition for an operator. Said requisition was filled and everybody is now happy at "SR." Bro. C. C. Perry, of Chicago, No. 91, is the dot and dash dispenser.

Bro. J. D. Dennis, agent at Lodi, spent a few hours with Bro. Niswanger at Spencer, recently.

Understand F. P. Ayers, second trick at Lodi, is a backslider. Get after him, boys.

The same old knocker is still holding forth at Smithville.

Quite a few changes at Dalton. Present force is Bro. McConnell, agent and first trick; Bro. Messenger, second, and Mr. J. C. McAdams, third trick.

Bro. Kneffler, the man with the good word, working first trick at Columbia, with Bro. Breymeyer, second, and Mr. Cassidy working third.

I am well aware of the fact that this write-up is contrary to what some of the boys expected. I'm ge ting tired of handling nons with gloves, and in the September issue I intend to give a list of names of all nons and their paltry excuses for being nons on the west end, if there are any left. In the meantime we are going to get busy with Division No. 55's goat and but: a few in, and I hope the rest will get ashamed of themselves and come in without having to be coaxed. In the meantime, boys, remember and practice, "No cards, no favors." You know practice makes perfect and perhaps if we practice this it will make us solid. Yours without a struggle.

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Toledo-Pittsburg Division, East End-

Bro. Howard Warnock, third trick Mingo, was successful bidder on second trick at Warrenton. and has returned to his first love.

Operator John Price, formerly of the E. & P., working second trick at Mingo, temporarily, until position has been advertised.

Bro. H. S. Blackburn, formerly of B. & O. holding down third trick at Rock until the position is hid in.

Bro. Albaugh off ten days on wedding tour of the West. Operator Price relieving him.

What has become of the great surplus of operators we had last winter? Men appear to be getting rather scarce already, yet business is dull and a number of offices closed.

Have you paid your semi-annual dues? If not, better 'remit at once to Bro. Gu'hrie, Jewett, or to your local chairman. Remember it is essential to be up-to-date at all times if we anticipate future progress.

And a word to you, Mr. Non (will not men tion any names, as we all know you). But the question is, suppose a business man would show you a proposition where you could invest \$10 or \$12 a year and realize a clear profit of \$100 or more, would you not grasp the opportunity? Why, most assuredly you would Verv well. then, the O. R. T. is just such an investment. You can realize more from the amount invested than from any business. They why do you hesitate about joining our ranks? Our strength, future prospects, etc., have certainly been fully demonstrated to you during the past few months. and what more do you want? Now, don't delay too long, remember, "procrastination is the thicf of time."

Bro. G. H. Hilleker, formerly of the B. & L. E., is working third trick at Mingo, and ere these notes appear in print he will be transferred to Division No. 55.

Bro. Niswanger, local chairman west end, Toledo-Pittsburg Division, off on vacation and calling on boys along the line.

Some of the boys are giving very poor service of late, members as well as nons.

Boys, you are making a sad mistake. Aim to give the best of service under all circumstances. Show your superiors that O. R. T. men are the best of men. We have the best set of officials of any road in this part of the country. Now, if you appreciate this fact as I do, you will show your appreciation by giving good service at all times.

Dry. Cor.

Southern Ry.

Washington Division-

The July journal just received. The cartoon in the first part, is a good sample of the scrapings of the earth, which can not play in our backyard. It shows the glass-eyed traitor with the proper brand stamped upon his forehead which will not come off. He is going at full-speed in his seven-mile boots across the plains, in



an effort to hide his shameful face from the eyes of honorable men. If he is not careful, there will be a head-on collision with a non. The O. R. T. tracer has a record of his movements and narrow-range ahead.

There have been several men suspended lately for unsatisfactory service, but who should not be suspended when they do not appreciate and try and protect a job that has been worked hard for by others? And another thing: this kind of work makes it hard for men that do attend to business, and deserve credit. It is to our interest to give good service.

The knocker is the one that is everlastingly knocking, grumbling and complaining about this and that, and saying we should have and do this and that and the other, but never puts his hand forth to help to turn the wheel. It is probable be thinks one crank can not turn another crank. which is probably true.

An additional operator was placed at Monroe during the busy season, making four at that joint, which is very heavy.

Amberst and Arrington was supplied with the third man during the busy season. These joints are only two-trick; working nine hours each.

Bro. Shelhorse, of Declare, is off sick. Hope he may be able to return to duty soon.

Am glad to see the student business at a low ebb. Understand there has been another Hoosier taken from the tall timbers at a certain joint to be made wise as the present incumbent. Another case of suicide.

Some of the boys have been off attending the horse shows at different places.

Div. Cor.

Louisville Division-

Business seems to be picking up on the Louisville Division in the last few days. All regular trains are running, and a few extras every day. There is not much moving around among the agents and operators, but "13" most of them are coming to the front with their new cards. Mr. Morehead, second trick at Lawrenceburg, says he will have an up-to-date next pay-day.

Mr. Bradly, agent, and Mr. Middleton, third trick at Harrodsburg, have been furnished with application blanks, and we hope they will soon be with us again, as they are certainly good fellows.

Bro. Mayer, who worked nights in dispatcher's office before the panic, is now working first trick at Floyd street tower. Bro. Mayer is a fine fellow, and we all hope to see him back in dispatcher's office, as he makes a good dispatcher.

We only have one extra operator on this division, and hope to see him with a regular job, as be deserves it after working extra so long.

Understand trains Nos. 5 and 6 will be put on in the near future. This will make business pick up some, and we know business must be picking up, if not, they would not put them on.

Bro. Yocum, third trick at Lawrenceburg, was of a couple of nights on a fishing trip. Bro. Cowherd, extra man, relieved him. We should have meetings at Shelbyville or some other place, and get together. Keep the ball rolling.

DIV. Cor.

Il'inston-Salem Division-

As I have been appointed local chairman of this division. I ask the brothers to co-operate with me in my effort to complete organization, thereby bettering our working conditions. It is my desire to bring this division up to the standard, if not the banner division of the Southern Railway. I feel as if I can do this, if each member will put forth an earnest effort in assisting me in my undertaking. I am going to canvass by entire division within a few days in the interest of the Order, and I want to know personally every man and woman that is in the telegraphic service on the Winston-Salem Division; and at the same time I can find out the needs and wants at every station. I furthermore wish to say that if any of the members think they are not receiving just treatment, or are being discriminated against in any way, I ask them to submit their grievance to me, and which I will handle to a conclusion. I wish to say that my business relations with our superintendent, Mr. J. M. Bennett, have been very satisfactory. And, brothers, let me insist upon you giving the very best possible service, as this will assist your General Committee very much in their negotiations with the officials of the company, and may be called September 1, 1908, to discuss the question of wage reduction which affects us all. After my canvass I will endeavor to give the division a write-up every month. I hope the memb:rship will take more interest in this work in the future than it has in the past, and by your assistance we will soon be laboring under better conditions than now exist. W. R. LITTLE.

Local Chairman.

Knoxville Division, East End-

Can't we help our ! Jeal correspondent just a little? We all know at he can not go it alone, and it is our duty to help keep the mill grinding. How about the non next to you? What have you done to show him the error of his way? We certainly have plenty of material to work on, and some add to the beauty of this a few students just for company, of course, but it is for the railroad company in the long run. I have been a telegrapher for twenty years, and have never yet taught anybody the art of telegraphy. I first joined the O. R. T. at Birmingham, Ala., May 23, 1888, and still have the certificate of membership, No. 4096, which was issued to me by D. G. Ramsey. At this time our headquarters were located at LaPorte City, Iowa. S. O. Fox, grand secretary; A. D. Thurston, grand chief telegrapher, and while I have notbeen an active member all this time, I have at all times been an Order man at heart, and I consider that every cent that I have paid into the treasury of the O. R. T. has been well spent, and I

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have been many times repaid for my investment. I regret to say that I have come in contact with some few nons that are so narrow-minded, so indiscreet as to say that the Order is no good. He or she who makes this assertion lies, and they know it. It is simply one poor excuse among a thousand they have for not joining our ranks. Who was it secured our present scale of wages? The O. R. T. Who was it caused your salary to be raised from \$35.00 to \$52.50 per month? The O. R. T. Who was it got you 50 cents for being called after you had been relieved? The O. R. T. Who was it got you 25 cents an hour evertime, and a meal hour? The O. R. T. Who was it caused the vacancies to be bulletined each month, and a copy sent to each office? The O. R. T. Who gave you the right of seniority, thereby placing you in a more desirable locality? The O. R. T. Who says the O. R. T. is no good? The railroad officials, the contemptible scabs and these that don't want to see the good we have already done. If it is no good, why does the railroad official take it on himself to inform you of the fact? A man that can not see this has simply got both eyes in the same hole. Just one word to some of our brothers who are in a dormant state: Wake up, and help us to look after Roe Junction, Witt, White Pine, Rankin, Yalu, Newport, Del Rio, Paint Rock, Runnion, Sandy Bottom, Rollins, Alexander, Croggy and Murphy Junction. I think you will find a few nons at all of these stations, and a few students at some of

The following want ad, appeared in the Knoxtille Sentinel a few days since, viz.: "Wanted—Four telegraph students. Private instructions. Position guaranteed. Address W. A. W., care Sentinel."

Now, I wonder who our friend is, and where he last did the scab act. I know he must be a congenial cuss. Yours in S. O. and D.,

Uncle Remus.

Knoxville Division, West End-

We are glad to see the boys on this end returning to the fold. Quite a number of our oldest members allowed themselves to become delinquent, but the most of them have returned and now have up-to-date cards, and promise not to backslide any more. I wish to call your attention to the importance of carrying up-to-date cards. Do not allow yourself to become delinquent and forfeit your membership as well as your insurance. I do not believe that it is your desire to do this, but you merely allow yourself to become careless and forget it. We have about reached our old number of members again, and I hope that you will do what you can to keep this division up to the standard. It has taken very near three years of hard work to build up things on this division, and now that we have things in good shape do not become careless and allow what it has taken so long and such hard work to accomplish be torn down in a few days, and thereby probably get back in the old rut that existed on the Southern some years ago.

I would refer you to the O. & C. as an example. On one of the divisions of that system there are 108 operators and there are 108 members-solid. On another division there are 85 members out of about 93 men. They get some recognition from the officials; the officers of the company, from the smallest up, treat with their men and give them fair treatment. Now, why can't we have things in this shape here? We have things in fair condition, but it can be improved. Do you know why we are not as well organized as the Q. & C. and other lines? Because the work is left to a few and it is impossible for that few to do it. On well-organized roads every member is an organizer. He is all the time on the watch-out, ever-ready to land the non and to do anything else for the betterment of conditions on his road and the upbuilding of the organization in general. I have the greatest faith in the majority of our members on Division 59, and they are as good a set of men as on any road, but, on the other hand, we have some that seem to be careless, and besides paying their dues they never do anything or say anything for the organization that represents them. To this class I want to say you will most assuredly have to wake up and get out of this. You must not depend upon the other fellow to do your thinking and working all the time. Now that the Order is fairly established on the Southern you should keep your eyes open and use a little energy, or, if necessary, make some sacrifice in order to better the condition of yourself and your fellow-workers. We have quite a number of staunch members, who keep themselves posted. They are constantly doing something for the upbuilding of the Order, and are faithful all the way through. These are the men that keep the union alive, and only for these men you would probably see some changes on the Southern, and that to your regret. But we need more workers like this and you can make one-you can do as well as the other fellow if you will just once wake up, and in order to get wakened up you must attend the monthly meetings held in Knoxville every fourth Saturday. Don't throw your journal aside when you get it, but scan the pages and familiarize yourself as to what is going on throughout the country, especially on your own system; supply yourself with a set of application blanks and don't give up until you land some non. When you do this you will feel a better man, and you will be a better man to yourself, your family and to your fellow-man. You will most assuredly reap what you sow, and before you hardly realize it heavy returns will be coming your way in the way of increased salary, better schedule and better working conditions in general. This is not hotair talk; if you doubt it just try it for twelve months and see. Let every man commence at once to practice this and in twelve months compare conditions with the conditions of today. But you must do your duty and comply with the above conditions or you will be disappointed at the end of twelve months.

We have members on this end of the division that have never attended a meeting since they have held membership. Now, brothers, this will

sot do; most assuredly you can attend occasionally. We do not doubt that there are things that prevent your attending every meeting, but we feel confident that there is no reasonable excuse for your continued absence from these meetings. There are, too, a number of members that never miss a meeting; to these I wish to award the praise they deserve for their loyalty to their organization. To the other class I wish to extend a bearty welcome to our meetings, and assure you that you will be amply repaid for any trouble and sacrifice made to attend.

I note that we have some members that seem to be afraid to allow the division officials to know that they are members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and are fooling themselves by entertaining the thought that they will win some laurels thereby. Don't be so blind as to allow yourself to think such things. You should be proud of your membership with the Order of Railroad Telegraphers; the organization that stands between you and all danger; the organization that stood by you when the Telegraphers' Nine-hour Bill was about to be murdered, and later, Lefore the railroad presidents, the brainiest men in the country, and Interstate Commerce Commissioners, and won for you the nine-hour day under which you are now working. Besides this, you are workag under a contract which the O. R. T. secured for you, which gives you an increase in salary. the bulletining of vacancies, the seniority clause, and the protection from injustices, etc. These are the reasons why you should not be ashamed or fear to let the world know that you belong to the 0. R. T. This is why you should not fear to wear your button under any and all circumstances, and to let it be known that you are one of the 50,000 telegraphers belonging to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. I have heard of some few on the Knoxville Division dropping out of the Order because they were afraid that they would not reach the dispatcher's chair, and the lofty position of side-wire man in dispatcher's office. This certainly shows a weakness, and I am sorry to know that we have men that look at the matter in such a light. Take the well-organized lines. They are members from the humble block telegrapher up to and including the side-wire men and dispatchers, and these kind of men generally hold their position longer than the man who goes there without his card. You only have to investigate these facts to find out that they are true. Don't drop cut of the organization that has stood by you and your family, and is doing everything possible for you, and will continue to do so. Right now is the time when you should be stronger than ever before. It took thorough organization and hard work to win the nine-hour day and the schedules throughout the country, and it will take the same to hold on to what we have. United we stand, divided we fall. A truer mying was never uttered, and is being proved frequently. Affiliate with the Order that represents you, and let's all stand together, united. If we then fall, we will go down fighting with the sword, and up-to-date card in our hand.

Bro. T. J. Stafford, our local chairman, seems to be getting a business-like move on him recently, and is doing some hard work for the Knoxville Division. Your co-operation in this work is badly needed, and is sincerely asked for. Won't you help us in the work some, and let's get things solid on this division. This is our division (not the other division), so let's first look after our own division. You are sitting still and allowing the other division to get ahead of us.

We understand that Bro. E. A. Clark has left the service, and has taken up study for the ministry. We wish him success in his new field of work.

Bro. Cord ran down seven new members the month of July, notwithstanding he was not well most of the time. Can not you get one man to your credit?

Mr. King T. Peoples, third trick operator at Charleston, says he will line-up, and hopes to be able to show the card about September.

Operator Miller, formerly from the N. & W. and B. & O., filled out papers July 21st. He has been a member for years, but dropped out.

Bro. Campbell, who became delinquent, has again fixed things up. This makes Cleveland solid.

Bro. H. M. Mills, second trick at Tasso, a delinquent, and W. H. Haggard, a long-time non, have filled out papers this month. This makes Tasso solid.

Mr. Miller, of Jersey, brother of Bro. E. W. Miller, at Cleveland, Tenn., has joined us, making Jersey solid. This looks good.

I can not say about Tyner, but I think there is one member and about fourteen students.

Three nons at Summitt. Can not you brothers near this place do something for these boys?

Understand Bro. Bishop, of Concord, Tenn., had some trouble recently, having to shoot two or three parties, but I hear that it was self-defense, and that he will come out clear. Bro. Rishop is good as gold, and always carries the goods.

Understand some of the boys are sleeping on duty. I don't think we have any members that are doing this, at least I understand it is the nons, and I hope it is true. If we have any members that are guilty of this, better cut it out at once.

Bro. R. K. Cannon, of Mascot, Tenn., was drowned in the river some days ago. I don't know the particulars, and presume the east end correspondent will give the full particulars of the incident. Bro. Cannon, I "13," had been a member but a few months.

One of our division officials stopped in a certain office recently and was looking over the journal, and as he could not find any write-up from this division, asked the operator why there was no write-up for that month. It happened that this month was missed by the correspondent on ac-

count of not getting it in soon enough. The officials like to read the journal, too.

I understand that a list of nons will be published every month. I hope you will fix it up so your name will escape this list.

We have a good set of dispatchers down here now, and they should be given good service. They expect this from you, and you should not disappoint them.

Business seems to be somewhat on the increase. Things will be on the move before long. Don't get careless, but keep your record clear.

Understand Bro. R. C. Parsons was dismissed from the service. He took up his case, and we feel safe in saying same would have been adjusted to his entire satisfaction, and he would now have been working with us with his rights, but he, for some reason, declined to carry the case any higher, and hence is still out of service. When you once start your case, don't let it drop thinking you will get back anyway, and with your rights. too. If your case is a just one, you may rest assured that it will be adjusted to your satisfaction, and you should always give your local chairman all the particulars in the case so that he can handle it intelligently.

One of our members dropped out of the Order because, as he expressed it, he did not like a certain brother that was in it. It appears that he had some slight grievance with the brother, and hence dropped out. Now, this is a mighty lame excuse. There is no just reason why any brother should drop out of the union merely because he has some slight ill-feeling towards another brother. Is it right to turn against the officers and the organization because you get mad at one of the members? It's like a man cutting off his nose to spite his face. He may be glad to get the protection of the Order before his race is run, Don't let little personal differences make you take such action as this. It will be to your serrow. If you have a grievance against a brother go at it in the proper manner, and I feel sure it can most of the time be adjusted fairly and to the satisfaction of all. This is no spirit to have, and you should at once take steps to correct it. The brothers must work together with brotherly love and good feeling, throwing away all petty grievances, prejudices and malice. I feel sure that if you will stop to consider you will see that you are doing wrong and hurting yourself the most when you do this way.

A rousing meeting was held in Knoxville, July 25th, there being a good crowd on hand, and those who missed this meeting missed a treat. It has been suggested that Division 59 give a banquet at some convenient place. I wonder if the brothers would attend a banquet? The N. & W. and other roads give yearly banquets, and they are something grand. It will be very encouraging and strengthening to the boys of Division 59 to attend a banquet, and we hope to see one soon. Talk this to your general chairman, and let's see what can be done.

IN MEMORIAM

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler of the Universe has seen fit to remove from our midst our worthy Bro. R. K. Cannon, an esteemed member of the Knoxville Division No. 59.

WHEREAS, We deeply deplore the untimely demise of Bro. Cannon. Be it

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved mother and family our heartfelt, deepest sympathy, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and to THE TELEGRAPHER, and that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this local division.

T. J. STAFFORD, W. H. CORD, JAKE VAUGHAN, Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

My family join me in heartfelt thanks to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for their kind and consoling dispatch received regarding the death of our dear son, Robert. Our best wishes will ever be with you. Yours very truly,

W. A. CANNON.

Atlanta Division-

Let's all put our shoulder to the wheel and bring old Atlanta Division to the front again. Seems like everything and everybody is dead. How do we expect ever to accomplish anything this way? Now let's all get busy and have a good local chairman appointed; one that is not afraid to work for the Order. There is plenty of us that would make good men if we would get to work and get some of the timidity off. There are things going on that are not right, and if we sit in our easy chair and smoke our pipe all the time, instead of doing something for the grand old Order, we will see just such things going on, and something worse, I am afraid. Now let's all wake up and try to do something, if it is not much. Every little helps, you know. Now, boys, the way to criticise this is to write a better one. I know we are all very busy now, but watermelon and peach season will soon be over, and then we will have plenty of time to write a few words for the journal. I expect a few words from all of the hoys to help out in having a good write-up. 1 hope this will wake some of the boys up.

Every one of you who have not got your new card yet, come across with the dough, for it is a bird.

CERT. 1395.

Charlotte Division, South End-

Mr. B. F. Darst is with us again, after being away for more than a year. When he went away was a brother, but has fallen behind with his dues. He is of the right material, though, and will be with us again soon.

Bro. Johnson resigned the agency at Norris, S. C.; relieved by Mr. Darst. This is a nice twelve-

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hour job, with telegraphing and agency work. Excuse me.

The two "little" boys at Alto, Ga., Bros. Woodall and Ive, were off on a short trip not long ago. We have not a pair that can beat this in size.

The Georgia peaches are still moving. Will last until about the 10th of August. This means more work for us all; but we don't mind now since the hours are not so long. How did we stand for twelve, anyway?

Now while the dispatchers are having so much work to do on account of peaches, we are having entirely too much wire trouble. I know some of you have too much agency work put on you, but it looks like you could notice when wire goes open, and try for it, as this is the only way we can ever put a stop to it. If we never try to see where it is, how are we ever going to stop it? Let us all see now if we can not do better along this line, and stop it quick. One man a few days ago put ground on 18 to send a message, and was caught at it, but he was a "1900" class man. Think most of this trouble is up to his kind. Those that have no principle about them, but in this case there will be nothing done, for he is a loyal company man. Watch the wires, and give good service in every way, so some time our officials will wake up to the fact that an O. R. T. man is the only thing to have as an operator in the service.

Let us all try and take more int rest in our meetings at Toccoa, and see what 13 going on. There is no excuse for some of you who do not attend. We have some who have never attended a meeting, and what else have you ever done besides pay your dues? Work for the good of the Order; in this way you are helping yourself and all others. See if you can not secure a new member. Do you ever ask the men you work with they are with us? And if not, ask them to join us. And some of you please try and give me some dots. Not a word from you yet. Attend meetings, and watch the wire trouble, if you never do any more than this.

Q. & C. South.

Here's to the boys on the Q. & C., Of Division Sixty-nine; May you all live long and prosper Is the sincere wish of mine.

Wake up, boys; you have been asleep long mough. Some one must take an interest in this division. I have searched THE TRIEGRAPHER for several months in the hopes of finding a word from the boys along the line of the N. O. & N. E., and I am sure there are others who do the same thing. Why not get together and appoint a regular division correspondent, one who will give this matter his personal attention, and see that a write-up appears in each month's issue of THE TRIEGRAPHER. We are certainly a quiet lot. Every member seems to be contented with what he has. The majority of them think an up-to-date card is all that is necessary, but let me say right

here: you are sadly mistaken. There is but one way to be a loyal member of the O. R. T., and that is to take a personal interest in its welfare. It would be a great pleasure to see every member of Division 69 wake up to the realization that he must stop dreaming. What we need now is wide-awake men; so get down to business, appoint a division correspondent and help him all you can to keep the ball rolling. Look our for nons, and when you find one preach O. R. T. to him until he comes across. "BY."

Great Northern Ry.

Minot Division-

Not many changes have taken place since our last write-up. Most of the boys are sticking to their jobs, and very few complaints are heard. Only a few of the twenty or twenty-five agents and operators who have applied for vacations have been successful in getting relief on account of the scarcity of extra men. The writer is advised that it is almost impossible to get men, and that the officials are grabbing every man that they can get to work. We do not wish to disappoint any one, but hope the scarcity will continue.

Mr. L. M. Blinn, agent at Willow City, attended United States Court at Fargo the first ten days of June. Relief Agent Bro. W. A. Post relieved him.

Mr. W. O. Wheaton, agent at St. Johns, was in Fargo a few days attending court. His wife acted in his stead. Nothing like keeping the salary in the family.

Mr. S. W. Bonowitz, who worked during the 1905 strike, was off a week on business from his station at Rolla. Relief Agent Bro. W. A. Post acting during his absence.

Relief Agent G. N. Bager is relieving Agent F. S. Eldridge at Hayfield, who is at his home at Cando.

Bro. W. M. Denslow has been on the sick list the past two weeks, and has just resumed his duties on the second trick at "FY."

Bro. W. A. Post was called to Minneapolis on business the first of June, but was detained only a few days.

Mr. O. L. Whitlock, late night chief at "AD," relay office, Minot, has been called home on account of the serious illness of his father.

Bro. A. D. Hagenstein, third trick at "DX," Minot passenger station, is a worthy aspirant for the nomination of representative in the State Legislature from the Twenty-ninth District of North Dakota. Bro. Hagenstein is thoroughly qualified for the position, and if elected, will do his utmost to have laws enacted which will tend to better the conditions of union labor in this State. Let us hope he will be successful in securing the necessary votes.

Quite a number of agents have applied for vacations, but few have been successful in getting relief on account of the scarcity of men. We do not wish to disappoint them, but hope that the scarcity will continue. Mr. J. J. Betram, second trick man at Towner, has returned to work after a short vacation. Bro. Ned Cavanaugh relieved him.

Bro. T. S. Sullivan now working night third trick at Stanly.

Local chairman on this division has received no complaints from those that are working split tricks. Can it be possible that every one is satisfied with working split tricks, and having their overtime cut out?

CERT. 380.

Fourth and Fifth Districts, Butte Division-

Having lately been appointed assistant local chairman of these districts, I wish the help of all the members in having a monthly write-up in our Telegrapher. These write-ups help to create interest among the nons, as well as the members. All that is necessary to gather a great many nons into the fold, is to get them interested. It will also show to others that we are in the fight to win. First, we want to do away with split tricks, and, second, we can stand an increase in wages without an attack of heart failure. Only by thorough organization can we hope to accomplish this. All of you well know that our wages would have been reduced the 1st of last March if it had not been for the different organizations. Yet some of the hard-shelled nons still say that they can't see where the Order is benefiting them any. If it was not for the faithful ones you would see, and see in short order. However, I am glad to say the Butte Division is well lined up, and the boys are more active than ever. I wish to thank the boys at Naismith and Fowler for responding promptly to my call for items this month. Wish more of you would wake up and send in a few.

Bro. A. T. Farmer, lately of Division No. 54, is now working as operator at Naismith. Glad to say Mr. Farmer has transferred to this division, and can always be depended upon as a live one.

At Brady Pit we find C. T. U. of A. Bro. H. M. Graham doing the heavy duties as block dispatcher on first trick, and R. J. Rowen, from all over, doing the second trick. Later, understand Rowen has resigned. Relieved by Mr. Hart Can not say whether Hart has the goods or not. If not he will feel rather lonely on this end of the pike.

I would suggest sending a missionary to Armington, Monarch, Niehart and Stockett. No reason why these gentlemen can't help us, when we are constantly on the lookout for their interests.

Messrs. Smith and Lacey, of Mitchell, have been furnished with application papers, and we shall expect to see them lined up shortly.

Bro. W. R. Bell, lately with the O. S. L. at Divide, Mont., has been assigned to a block job at Manila.

L. J. Curtis, who has been with the Western Union at Helena the past few months, was seen going over this division a few days ago, on his way back to the Montana Division. His wife holds down second trick at Virden.

In a few more weeks the new line, Great Falls to Billings, will be opened up. There will be some good stations on this line. Now, boys, it is up to you. Are you going to see the company hire new men and send them out to take these jobs, or are you going to stick up for your rights and land one of them on your seniority rights. How nice it would be if we could have all such jobs bulletined. Try and remember hereafter, and let us instruct our committee to ask the management to agree to bulletin all jobs. Other roads do it.

Now, in conclusion, would like to say that if the members will wake up and do their part we can soon get in a position where we can demand such rights as this from the management, and they will recognize us. But as long as we drag along and wait for some one else to do it, we will continue to receive such frosts as we did the last time. Let us one and all get busy. Get after the non next to you. Write him a nice letter and tell him what the Order is doing. Don't let him say he has thought of joining, but no one has ever said anything to him about it. My attention was called a short time ago to a couple of men on this division that really wanted to join, but didn't know where to get the necessary blanks, etc. You can rest assured they got them, and got them quick, as soon as I heard of it. If a new man comes to work at your station, find out at once if he has a card, if not, notify your local chairman. If he doesn't get in touch with him, notify the general secretary and treasurer. Give him a good talk yourself. If one comes along and is hungry, make him show the goods before you feed him. This is being done by the majority of the members, and it certainly sets a non to guessing. Nine chances out of ten the next job he lands he will get a card.

Please remember next month and send me what items you can on or before the 18th. I will see that they are published, and by so doing we can have a nice write-up each month. As I am a new man on the division probably several of you do not know me, but write me a letter at Vaughn. Mont., and we will soon get acquainted. Don't forget to tell me something about that non near you, also. I am interested in him, too.

Yours fraternally,

E. C. SKINNER.

Spokane Division, West-

Have been here a year, but have never noticed a line-up from this division in our journal. I will start this month and let's try to be represented each month hereafter.

Several changes since the nine-hour law took effect; made some good jobs and some poor; they will, perhaps, remain poor, too, until we get organized and go up for a schedule. But a few on this end that we are allowed to call brothers. There are some good fellows among us, but they don't seem to understand that we have got to have them belong to the Order before we can act. Of course the company claim all the men

on their side that do not carry a card. Boys, where is that fine schedule that the general manare called his men in to make for us? It has not reached me yet. They got nothing, of course, just as you were told they would before they went. You have been told by Bro. Abbott, our general scretary and treasurer, that the very day we attained an 85 per cent membership your General Committee would be convened, and that we would ask once more for better working conditions. Don't be afraid to act, get in and do something. There are several roads that are paying higher salaries than this one. We can no doubt land a job if we do get "canned." Are you scrubbing out the depot? the work done before by the Bulgarian section men. Are we going to be made to scab on these poor, ignorant foreigners? No: not me; the office will get knee deep with dirt before you see me doing their work, and have them come along and say, "Go to it, old man, that's the way I got my start." I can prove that this was said to one of our men not long ago. I also notice some of the boys are not living up to the nine-hour law as strictly as it is intended. The dispatcher says stay thirty or forty minutes over their time, they say "all right." against such work. Let them know we have the law on our side. How do you like to work the split tricks at some of the stations? I notice some had just as well work twelve and sixteen hours as to work a few hours, then off an hour or two. You have to stay awake in order to be there when they need you, boys. The law was not intended to work that way. I think that remains for the men to remedy themselves. If the law had passed as Bro. Murphy introduced it it would have been O. K., but a lot of the capitalists' representatives took it up, and made as many flaws in it as possible. They can say they voted for the bill, and be, or try to be, good friends to the telegraphers as they are to the railroads.

That nine-hour law should be enough to make every man in the telegraph service join the Order at once, if he does not belong. Some say that the Order did not get it. Show me. It was introduced by Order men, and fought for all along by Order men. Wasn't Bro. Perham right up at the front all the time, fighting all those railroad presidents, etc., during the discussion as to whether the law should be extended or not? How many nons sent a message to Congress to instruct their Representative to vote for the law? Get your Telegrapher for May and look at that cartoon in front of the book? Isn't that the best that ever happened? "The razor-back is always with us." All right. Wouldn't it be a good idea for some of us union members to throw in a little money and purchase enough of those journals for May, and mail to the nons on our division? They don't know what we are doing; they never see a journal. All they read is what they see in the capitalist papers. I believe if more journals were circulated it would have great effect on the nons.

There are amongst us those who have committed the greatest of sins against labor unionism. Many and bitter have been their hours of penitence. Gladly would they fly into the arms of the union. But, no! That salvation is denied them. The laws of unionism have decreed that their banishment shall be eternal.

So, to them I make no appeal. It is to you who are so indifferent, you who do not seem to realize your duty, you who seem to be so careless of your future. Of you I would ask a few questions:

Was the enactment of the nine-hour law a signal for disbandment?

When the next threat of reduction hovers over you, are you going to lie supinely, and allow your staunch N. P. brethren to fight your battle?

Is there nothing further to be accomplished?

Have you an excuse for remaining out, or for dropping out?

The only thing that I know of, having the slightest semblance of an excuse, is that you use the few dollars which would go to the Order, to defray your family expenses. If this be your plea, are you really performing your duty? Is it not your duty to first protect your position, secure justice to yourselves, and to your fellowworkmen, secure a compensation for your services that has somewhat the resemblance of a reward, and thus be in a position to benefit your families? Which will be the better investment?

Are you deluded by such a circular as was sent out by the general manager, January 21st? Remember that general managers are only human, and that such appears to be part of their work. They come and go. The principles of labor unionism is everlasting.

Are you employed in a terminal or a relay office, and are you so conceited as to think that the Order can be of no further benefit to you? If you are, your blindness is pitiable. Recollect that even the mighty empire of Rome, burdened within with indifference, dissensions, greed, and corruption, fell before the onslaught of barbarians from without.

In the great strife between labor and capital, it is the inherent duty of every laborer to join the ranks of unionism, and fearlessly support his colors. He who fails to do so betrays his cause as much as did the deserters from the ranks of the revolutionary army.

Have you asked yourself, "Am I the razor back at the trough?"

Are you not manly enough to fill your place in the ranks? Do not disappoint us.

Fraternally yours,

CERT. 540.

Sioux City Division-

What have we to work for under present conditions? This, I believe, is the most important of all questions before us at this time, and one that we must deal with in the near future. Every indication points to a resumption of prosperous times, and with better times should come better wages and treatment due the men who are en-

gaged in the telegraph service, and are, as Mr. Daley says, "the eyes and ears of the railroad organization."

It is useless to go back over the events of the past few months and enumerate the deals given us, either as individuals or as an organization. Many of us are working longer hours than we ever did, and at reduced wages, with no overtime. We may get better wages during the rush reason. I believe we will, as they will do this to hold their men, but what will keep them from cutting them again this winter, should business chance to be light? We, the men who are nearer to the public than any other class of employes, must suffer the first cut in wages, and be ground down to a bare living, compelled to scrub depots, and in some cases carry switch lights, and for what reason? Because we do not get these conditions changed by going into St. Paul with a solid organization and demand a change. We are all tired of the present arrangement. We are working under conditions that are almost intolerable, and made so because we dared stand up for the nine-hour law, and the effort we made in August, 1905, to secure better working conditions, and for every concession we get on this line we are going to work for it, rest assured of that, for I doubt if money is as great an object in the eyes of the company as their hatred for a class of men who dare to try to secure a comfortable living and a competence saved up for the day that comes when they must turn the work over to younger men. Keep men down to where they can't save a dollar. Grind them down to the lowest pay, show them that their lives and the lives of loved ones are at the mercy of a soulless corporation, and a heartless official, and just so long will there be slavery.

In this struggle that is fast approaching there are but two factors with whom to reckon, the greed of a corporation and the strength and determination of American manhood, and unless we get together and stand up for our rights we will accomplish nothing.

Boys, it is up to us. What are we going to do? Are you willing to work for the wages you are getting? What are you going to do when the day comes that you will be sent to the rear? Do you expect to lay up anything for the evening of life? Do you want to listen to the complaints of the public and be a "bumping post" all your life? There is not one of us but what want to succeed. Success is the cornerstone of our organization, and it is that to which we all aspire. and only by organization can we secure better conditions. We are looked upon by many of the non-members in a wrong light, and I want to ask the members of this division to show these young men the true object of the O. R. T. There are a number of new men on this line, and we should teach them the principles of organization and secure their interest, and in this way get them into the Order.

By the time this reaches you we will be busy with grain shipments and trust that wages will be better for I believe the boys on this division will not stand for this deal much longer. We will get results by going after them. To show you that money is not considered when improvements are to be made, would show you an instance where \$46,000 was spent for a dam on this division to secure water, or at least this was the message that went over the wires to Superintendent Knelel some few weeks ago. Do you know what this means? This amount would have paid our overtime and extra calls for twelve years. Is it right that we should be denied a living and kept down as we are at present? Let some other brother give us his views and get the boys interested.

Bro. "MC," at "SX" office, has just returned from a vacation trip.

Bro. King gets Struble, it is reported.

Bro. Meck, of Garrelson, is back from Colorado, where he proved up on his claim. Agent Mackay also has a good 160.

New man at Sherman, relieving Bro. Dyson, who goes to Viborg.

Wonder what has become of the agents' meeting and its originator. How would you like to stand up and address a body of men who you knew despised your actions. You, who were a traitor to the cause and did all you could to give them the worst of it? Boys, it is better to stand up and fight for what you think is right. It is better to have the respect of your brother workers than to be a coward, even though a double pay check is given for such low work.

Bro. Enger is still busy doing the extra work.

Watch the C., N. W., Milwaukee and other roads, boys. These lines are scheduled roads and help is going to be scarce again. "Nuff said."

DOUBLE PAY.

Montana Central Division-

High water has almost put us out of business. Every one of the five districts had serious washous. The First District was the last to go and the first to get through. Lost all kinds of communication on the night of the 6th. Got wires through on the 10th, transferred and sent passengers through on the 14th, and got first train through on the 15th. The Third District went out on the 3d, and should be getting through today, the 16th. Second, Fourth and Fifth Districts out of business on the 4th. Fifth should get trains to Stockett and Armington by the 20th. Second and Fourth will still be out of business for fifteen days.

Superintendent of Telegraph E. J. Little was out on the A 24, and did some strenuous work at the key in temporary offices at Lippard and Mile Post 65.

Portage Pit is soon to be opened. A steam shovel will be cut in there and also one between Lippard and Berber. It will take a lot of work to put this division in shape again.

I had the pleasure of sending in the applications of Bros. Pittman, of Mountain Junction, and Jordan, of Woodville, since last items went in I have a lot more blanks and there is room on the books for a lot more members. If you have not received blanks from me ask for them, and if you have, get them filled out and sent. It only costs \$9.50 to get in now and be in good standing until the first of the year. It is the only way to get what is coming to us. When you are tired of this split-trick business, with no calls or overtime, get your shoulder to the wheel with us and the matters that grind now will be adjusted. We can not do it with a weak organization. We need your membership to make it strong. Get right.

On account of the washouts, no mail has been moving for the past two weeks, and I have only heard from one of the assistant local chairmen for this month. We are doing the best we can for news, and intend to keep this column huming. Let every member send his Telegrapher to some worthy non, and write him a personal letter, inviting him into the Order. Persistent word will count, and everything is in our favor.

Fourth District-

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Everything very quiet on this branch for the present on account of heavy washouts, which it will take fifteen or twenty days to repair.

Steam shovel and block jobs which were opened at Brady gravel pit, Fowler and Naismith are now closed.

Operators R. E. Merkle and F. B. Powers, who were working at Brady gravel pit when the rains came, were forced to walk forty-five miles to Great Falls. Wonder if the boys got overtime for this (?). This accounts for their being seen on the streets a few days later with their feet wrapped in bandages.

Am unable to say where Operator Graham, who has been working at Naismith, was tied up at.

Bro. D. U. Davis, who formerly worked at Chester, on the main line, is now located at Concordia, Kan., but writes that he and Bro. R. R. Skinner, now located in Colorado, intend returning to the Great Northern. Would like to see more of the up-to-date brothers return, as that is the kind of men that are needed on this road. If a few of the nons will also take a tip and get one of those cards that never fail to bring home the money, the Montana Central Division will soon shed her split-tricks, and shorter hours and better wages will be the result. I am glad to say, though, that the Rip Van Winkles on this division have commenced to rub their eyes, and the poor nons are feeling very lonely. The nine-hour law in their favor, compared with the committee appointed by the management working against them, was the medicine that did the work. It is a safe bet that hereafter the members will send in a duly-authorized and elected organization committee, and back them up financially and morally.

Have you seen Bro. Abbott's late circular. It is a hummer and one that will sure bring home the candy. It is just as plain as can be. Even a thick-headed non can understand it. If you

have not seen one, get one and then send a remittance to our worthy local chairman, and get one of those cards that raise you so high that washouts or retrenchment policies won't affect you.

DIV. COR.

Kalispeli Division-

Business has been booming out here the past two weeks, and seemed like the good times of a year ago. On account of the washouts and slides on the N. P., all their passenger trains were diverted via the G. N. Then came the same trouble on our line, and everything, both G. N. and N. P. was tied up out here for several days. We eventually got our line clear, and the blockade raised, and as the N. P. will be unable to get their line open for some time, they are turning all their passengers over to the G. N., and annulling all their trains, also giving us all their time freight; therefore we continue to be up and doing on the Kalispell Division, and the boys and girls are Johnny-on-the-spot all the time now, but the G. N. is struggling to handle the extra business without increasing either the dispatching or telegraph forces, and with the train men's sixteenhour law butting in, things are pretty badly tangled. Since the operators' nine-hour law became effective there have been so many changes I hardly knew where all the girls and boys are situated, but I ascertained that Bro. Cummings is still at Belton, but "13" he is going to leave the service, and move out to his homestead, north of Belton, soon.

Bro. Snyder is working second trick at Columbia Falls. Agent Shepherd and Third Trick Operator Terry expect to come in the O. R. T. this pay-day. This will make "CF" solid.

Bro. J. E. Hills, agent at White Fish, is practically the whole thing there, as they have reduced his forces until he is almost alone, and this increase of business caused by the N. P. routing their trains via the G. N. has Bro. Hills going some.

Bro. Watson, at Stryker, and Bro. Belfry, at Eureka, are handling their respective offices all alone.

Have found a new brother; just arrived from C., P. R. Division No. 7, named C. D. Garrity. At present writing he is located at Rexford.

One of the spongers, who has been on this division ever since the reorganization, named Connely, and who would not pay the special assessment or contribute one cent towards the support of the committee which went in and saved him a reduction of from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per month in salary, recently went over to Eureka, and returned with two lovely black eyes, and a badly beat-up head. As soon as the railway officials got wise to it, they kept him going by handing him a time-check. Such is the fate of the sponger on union labor. His initials are C. M., and he is a would-be dispatcher. All O. R. T. boys just remember him should he drop around on your line, as he is N. G.

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Up the Fernie Branch we find Bro. McCannon helping his brother-in-law, Agent Lindeck, at Gateway. Lindeck was formerly a member, and I "13" he will again get in line.

Bro. Barter is back at Baynes.

Agent McFarland at the new station, Michel, B. C. $^{'}$

Bro. McMillion is now located at Warland and Bro. Coleman is handling Jennings all alone now, Bro. Upham having been pulled off with the reduction of forces. The latter has not gone to work at any other place.

Local Chairman Sorrels and Bro, Satran are doing the first and second trick stunts at Troy now, but sorry to say that they have been tolerating another sponger there, a pal of Connely's, named Horton, also an aspirant for trick dispatching, but Uncle James has not yet seen fit to place him, and "13" that Bro. Sorrels has been making it so warm for him at Troy that he has requested relief. An article from Creston Division. C., B. & Q., in April Telegrapher, shows that Mr. Horton has been imposing on the boys where he formerly worked by representing that he was now a brother, and also by giving them the impression that he was dispatching out here at White Fish. To the brothers of that division we wish to state that he is not and never has been a brother, nor held a trick dispatching; neither would he contribute one cent to the support of our committee last fall, when almost every non, as well as members on this division, did so. He is another just like his pal, Connely, and is to be treated the same.

I wish to appoint every member on this division a committee to secure at least just one new member. If every member on the division wildo this there won't be a non to be found either working or passing through. I also wish the members would brace up, and do not hesitate to let every one know that the Kalispell Division is 85 per cent strong, also read your wire tests, and be prepared to show the goods when tested.

Would also appreciate it if you will advise the local chairman of any changes at your station, so he can keep an up-to-date line-up on the division all the time. Any news for The Telegrapher or the Order will likewise be appreciated.

CERT 471

Chicago & North Western Ry.

Gal. Division-

July 18th found us on deck at Dixon, and found many of the brothers conspicuous by their absence. What are you nine-hour men doing with that three hours that you can not get out to the meetings? Every brother at the last meeting was a twelve-hour man, and works as hard as any of you, and yet managed to get out, although none of them are getting anything out of the new law except less wages.

Bro. Alexander, agent at Wheaton, is taking a vacation of sixty days; relieved by Mr. Farns-

worth, who, we hope, will use some of that extra salary to get right.

Bro. Griffin working days at Wheaton. A Mr. Steinborn working nights. Bro. G. M. Skinner resigning Wheaton nights.

Bro. Dillingham was in Chicago over Sunday.

Mr. E. H. Crandall has resigned the agency at Union; relieved by Mr. Gorham, of West Chicago.

Gal. Division agents' meeting in June was held in Elgin, and all report a pleasant and profitable time. Party went through watch factory, and were taken on automobile rides through the city.

Bro. J. W. Hilliker, of Marengo, is off a few days to become a benedict.

L. F. Acox relieving Bro. Hilliken. Acox has been employed as conductor on the Elgin & Belvidere electric line.

Bro. F. Agnew, of Wayne, spent Sunday at Sherman hospital, Elgin, where his four-year-old boy underwent an operation.

Bro. Holcomb, who was working split-trick at Belvidere and North Yard, relieved by Bro. Smith on account of sickness.

Bro. Ed Troutman, of "WN" tower, taking a vacation; relieved by Mr. Goodman, who will be a better man when he gets that card.

Bro. E. H. Lane is taking his vacation with his family at the Sterling Chautauqua. We met him there, and he said he stepped on a nail and could not get his shoe on to get to meeting. Mr. J. M. Anderson relieving Bro. Lane at Normandy. He says he will be with us as soon as he has a steady job.

Bro. Hoffman and family took "the workingman's vacation" two days in Chicago, blowing his hard-earned money and seeing the parks; relieved by Bro. P. J. Codell, of "Q" tower.

We can now call D. Clinnen, agent at Manlius, brother. We get them in the fold if it takes ten summers.

. Bros. Larsen, of Elgin, and Hogman, of Van Petter, sent us a nice bunch of news, for which accept thanks.

If some of you brothers would take as much interest in the Order as you do in the ball games we would have to hire a larger hall. Don't you think your working conditions and wages as important as the standing of the Cubs or Sox? Wake up, and get out to all the meetings. Don't wait until you get a jolt in the neck or pocketbook, and then show up with a holler because the Order can't settle it in one day. What are you doing to make the Order a power in time of trouble? It is up to each one of you to get out to every meeting or send a good excuse. Some of you are so dead that you can't even take the time to say what keeps you away.

Bro. Webster wished to publish a list of the nons this month, but has postponed it on account of several coming in lately. Think we had better publish a list of nine-hour men that never attend meetings, also. Come out to meeting next month and say what you think about that. Say, you fellows don't know what we are up to at those meet-

ings. We may do something rash any time if

Bro. Joe Buss, of Nachusa, was called to Mc-Henry by the death of a sister. We extend our sympathy.

Bro. J. Buss, of Lake Geneva, is laying off on account of a lame foot.

Div. Cor.

Medison Division-

June 27th was the date of our last meeting. It was held, as usual, in Labor Hall, at Madison, Wis., and was well attended, and by that we can see that the O. R. T. is not in the "down-and-out" class. No; we are today the strongest we ever were. Our general secretary and treasurer, Bro. I. R. Kempke's report, shows our treasury to be in the best kind of shape, with several thousand dollars cash on hand and a semi-annual payment of dues coming in which will add several thousand more, which means that our committee can go in and take up grievances without fear of bankrupting the treasury, and you will please take notice that the schedule is lived up to in fine shape, especially on this division.

We have the largest membership we ever had, and telegraphers and telephoners are coming in right along, and only a very few who allow themselves to become delinquent; and in speaking with one of these and asking his reason for not paying up. he said some one had told him the O. R. T. was no good any more now that the company were putting in telephones. I advised him to read the O. R. T.'s constitution, and he would find that the O. R. T. represented the telephoner as well as the telegrapher. No doubt he put his money to a more noble and glorious purpose, as he attended two dances within the period of five days. Yes, he even had the nerve to send in deadhead time now that the O. R. T. is (?).

We all like to pay our money which we don't need so he may attend dances, etc. Yes, but there may come a time when we won't like it.

The other day several of us were admiring something fancy in the line of the millinery art. Some call it the "merry widow hat," and come to find out it belonged to the wife of one of our delinquent suspended members. My, that hat was a beauty, and to think it was part ours. We helped to pay for it. Are you not proud, you members? I mean that you are paying for what your wives wear as well as what yourself and children wear out of money that you have honestly earned, and not from money that by right belongs to the O. R. T. for what it is doing for every one of us. What do we consider a man to be who spends money that does not belong to him? This is not intended as a scold, but to show that there may be another side to view a case. That to spend money for dances, theaters, fine wearing apparel, etc., and then claim the O. R. T. is no good, or that they have no money, is a very flimsy excuse.

Remember that the company have given us no notice that they wish to terminate the schedule, but they have given us notice that they expect good service, and without a doubt as long as they

get good service we will have a schedule, and one that will include the "telephoner," so you see where it lays if we want a better schedule—"good service" will do it.

Bro. L. A. Teskey is now one of Uncle Sam's boys, as he has enlisted in the signal service, and is stationed near Omaha, Neb., so he will have a regular job for at least three years.

Bro. J. E. Dolbier, agent at Roscoe, has at last got a chance to get off.

Bro. A. E. Johnson, cashier at Evansville, will act as agent while Bro. Dolbier takes in the country at Onalaska and Galesville.

Bro. C. B. Adams, first trick at Caledonia, laid off a few days so he could take in the celebration at Trempealeau the Fourth.

Bro. A. C. Matzek, third trick at Caledonia, relieved Bro. Adams, and also relieved Bro. H. D. Adams as agent at Caledonia.

Bro. Matzek is now enjoying his vacation fishing in the lakes near Dausman and Wales.

J. D. Tipton is relieving Bro. Matzey. Mr Tipton is an old-timer, and a non.

Bro. T. A. Corcoran, second trick at Caledonia, has been off on a two weeks' vacation. He wanted to get off for the Fourth, but Mr. H. D. Schooff had no man to relieve him until after the Fourth, but Tom took it anyway, and has been out on the farm leading the simple life and getting a good coat of tan.

P. F. Eberts relieved Bro. Corcoran. Peter is one of those boys who did not like to part with his money, so now is minus an up-to-date card, yet they look to the boys for favors; after a while they won't get them.

Bro. Berschers, first trick at Beloit, is taking a vacation, being relieved by Bro. Van Auker, who is relieved at second trick by a Western Union telegrapher.

Bro. M. H. Hansen, first trick at Evansville, has resumed work after his honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Cleveland and other Eastern points of interest. He also visited his parents at Camp Douglass.

Bro. M. M. Zeches, who relieved him, went to Brooklyn to relieve Bro. F. S. Cain, who has been relieving Bro. L. M. Burt, the agent.

Bro. Burt was at North Freedom attending the funeral of his father. At the present he is at Rockford, called there by the sickness of his brother.

Bro. W. P. Joyce relieved Bro. Cain, second trick at Oregon. On Bro. Cain resuming work he was to go to Evansville and act as cashier during Bro. Johnson's absence.

We are glad to hear Bro. Luckfield, second trick at Afton, on the wire again after his siege of sickness.

Bro. C. Hansen, first trick at Monona Yard, "M," was off on a short vacation visiting relatives and friends. Telegrapher P. F. Ebert relieved him.

Bro. Adolph Anderson, second trick at Monona Yard, "M," is off on his vacation visiting at Tomah and Camp Douglass. J. B. Drake is relieving

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him, and having the time of his life fishing in Lake Mendota.

W. F. Degman, who has been relieving the telephoners at Devil's Lake, also acting agent at Okee while Mr. Wilson was on his vacation, is now relieving agent at Stitzer.

A. W. Gordon, agent at Lake Mills, took in the sights at Milwaukee for a few days. J. B. Drake acting agent meanwhile.

Bro. R. W. Irwin, first trick at Lodi, was off for a few days. J. B. Drake doing his stunt.

Bro. Grimshaw, first trick at Elroy, took in the ball games at Chicago for a few days. Telegrapher Drake relieved him.

Bro. C. H. Elger, agent at North Freedorn, took a rest from his duties. Here, also, we find Drake officiating. Drake is not a member, but says he will be one in the near future.

Telegrapher Canney is at Galena relieving Bro. R. G. Ginn, the regular telegrapher, who is enjoying a vacation.

Bro. F. D. Lathrop, agent at Fennimore, is on a vacation. Bro. Main acting agent meanwhile.

Bro. V. R. Harding, telegrapher in the chief dispatcher's office, is on a vacation. Bro. C. C. Hinners is relieving him.

- Bro. Harding relieved Bro. E. C. Bentley, agent at Ablemans one day.

Bro. Tom Tracy, first trick at Kendalls, is off enjoying himself; relieved by Telegrapher Hendrickson.

Bro. W. F. Sparling has resumed work after being away for several days. P. F. Ebert relieving him as agent at Trempealeau.

Mr. H. D. Schooff, our chief, is off on his vacation.

Mr. A. A. Pelnar is acting chief, and Mr. J. H. Hull is acting night chief.

Mr. A. F. Reiner, assistant superintendent, has left us to be superintendent on the Northern Wisconsin Division. The brothers over there will find him a square man to deal with.

Rob. Risley is working second trick at South Baraboo, "BY," while Bro. Hinners is in the general office.

At the present writing Bro. Frank L. Crivets is very low at his home at Galesville. He is kept up on opiates, so there can hardly be any hope of his recovery.

There are a few who have not paid the local semi-annual dues for the period ending June 30, 1908. The non-payment of these dues will suspend one from the Order the same as non-payment of general dues, and it is hoped that those still in arrears will remit so as to be up-to-date.

Probably at our next meeting steps will be taken to have Bro. L. F. Schneider, our local chairman, go over this division and see the brothers who can not come to our meetings, also the few nons there are left.

Business has picked up considerable, and with the hot weather we have now, many are taking a vacation, and our chief finds that he can keep his extra telegraphers busy, and then some. Don't forget to show your new card to the "telephoner," and no doubt he will want one, as it is a beauty. For August it will cost \$9.17 and September \$8.34.

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NOTICE.

On the approval of Bro. L. F. Schneider, local chairman, I sent out in November, 1907, circular letters to cover Madison Division, asking contributions to the relief of Bro. F. L. Crivits, who had gone to Las Vegas, New Mexico, for the tenefit of his health. He was sick with tubercu losis. The brothers and many others subscribed the sum of \$185.50. They have remitted to me \$168.50; unpaid, \$17.00. Total \$185.50.

At our last meeting, June 27th, Bros. C. W. Wood and E. W. White were appointed as a committee to check this account, and reported as follows:

"We, the committee appointed to audit the subscription account for the relief of Bro. Crivits, find them correct as per the above figures and vouchers with same. "C. W. Woop,

"E. W. WHITE, "Committee."

I have sent Bro. Crivits the lists, and those who have not remitted, and wish, can direct to him at Galesville, Wis. Fraternally,

C. E. T. HANSEN,

Local Secretary and Treasurer.

Peninsula Division-

This division had no write-up in the last TE-LEGRAPHER, presumably on account of lack of news contributions. While the Peninsula Division boys are very good on all other points, they are very poor in contributing news to our division correspondent. A few of the members were sadly disappointed by not seeing the Peninsula Division in THE TELEGRAPHER last month, but did not stop to consider that if they had contributed their little mite towards making a write-up that we would have been in C. & N. W. system write-up. Contributing news items for the division write-up is open to all members of the division, and I sincerely hope that the members will shake off the dust and send in to Bro. Moran all items of interest on the division for the next write-up.

Our last meeting was not as well attended as was expected, but we expect to show up a good attendance at our next meeting, which will be in a few days. I think all members on this division understand that men holding telephone positions are eligible to membership in the Order, and all should take an interest in assisting to secure their applications. Telephone positions are not very numerous on this division, and we should have no trouble in getting them all in. If every member that could possibly attend a meeting would do 90, they would be enlightened on subjects that would be of interest to them, and would promote the welfare of the Order. We have many important subjects to discuss at the next few meetings, and we expect a good attendance.



Bro. C. R. Plant, of Saunders, who recently obtained a six months' leave of absence, has returned, and for the present is relieving Bro. Voelker at Brampton.

Bro. Voelker, of "BN," has taken a short vacation, during which time he will visit in Buffalo, Detroit and Eastern points.

Mr. Jackway, of Carney, has been off for some time, and was relieved by Bro. Crikelair.

Bro. W. G. Sullivan has resumed work on second trick at Oconto.

Since the last write-up J. P. Richards, lately of Metropolitan, has become a brother. Bro. Richards is out of the service at present on account of depression in business.

Bro. F. O. Rochon, formerly of "CM," is now located at Foster City. Not being able to secure a house in Foster, Bro. and Mrs. Rochon are living at Felch. Ike has to pump a "pede" about twelve miles a day to get to and from work.

Bro. Kennelly, of "MN," was on the sick list for a few days, and was relieved by Bro. Craigg. Bro. Perra, of "NA," was under the weather for a few days: relieved by Bro. Craigg.

Bro. Nelson relieved Bro. C. O. Peterson at "AD" for a couple of weeks.

Bro. Mooney was one of the base ball fans who accompanied the Oconto team to Escanaba July 7th. Two games were played, the teams breaking even.

Bro. Frank Lewis, of "H," is now working third trick at Little Lake. An extra operator was put on here relieving Bro. Murray of wire work. Bro. Dagensis took second trick and Bro. J. P. Murray first trick.

Bro. Haberman enjoyed a fishing trip to the sawmill creek last Sunday.

Bros. Moran and Little, of "AD," made a flying trip to Menominee a few days ago.

Bro. Nelson is relieving Bro. Asp at Oconto on third trick.

Bro. Bakie, of "SK," is relieving Mr. Cullen at Peshtigo as agent. Operator Brown relieving Bro. Bakie on second trick.

Bro. J. E. Honeywel, of Hermansville, who recently became a benedict, and who has taken a six months' leave of absence, is spending his long honeymoon near Ingalls.

The telephone men on this division are coming in, and in a couple of months we expect to have them all lined up.

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Wisconsin Division-

Bro. C. P. Regan had a three weeks' vacation last month, being relieved by C. M. Ramey. Bro. Regan spent most of his time at Caladonia with his parents, on account of his health. Regan holds first trick at Capron, Ill.

Bro. C. R. Smallwood, from Rockfield, is on a six weeks' vacation out West, where he expects to register for a claim. Bro. Jacobitz is relieving him. Smallwood will return August 1st.

Local Chairmen Schneider, from the Madison Division; Bitz, from the Wisconsin, and Welland, from the Lake Shore, had a meeting with General Chairman Troy, at Milwaukee, Saturday evening, July 19th.

There has been no meeting called on the Wisconsin Division for the last few months, due to the men working nine hours and changing around too much, also a good many being put on the twelve-hour one-man job, and there is no way to relieve them. The boys on the Wisconsin Division are true blue and most of them are carrying an up-to-date card, and those behind will make good this pay-day.

Conditions for a good crop are splendid, and there is no question but what business will be good within a few months, and some of our stations will have to be opened for two and three tricks, which are now only working one man.

It is the opinion that the company is losing more money at some of these stations than to pay for the second man, over and over again, as parties from twenty to thirty get on without tickets and the conductor is unable to get around, and a person can hear them say, "I did not have to pay this trip," and others, "Conductor did not get a chance to get through the cars." We are nothing out and if they can stand the loss we are satisfied.

Bro. Abelman, from Poplar Grove, is off to the Lakes and city of Milwaukee for two weeks Bro. Regan, from Capron, is relieving him. Mr. Mulvanney relieves Bro. Regan at Capron.

Bro. Bernert, from "Z" office, Milwaukee, enjoyed a few days vacation, J. M. Dugan relieving him.

Mr. J. M. Dugan relieved one of the boys at Janesville yard for a week; was unable to find out which one of the boys was off.

Boys, if you have any news for THE .TELEGRA-PHER, send it to your local chairman, and he will see that it is published, as we have no regular correspondent at present. CERT. 66.

Northern Wisconsin Division-

No; the correspondent has not resigned, but he will if you fellows don't get busy and give him the happenings from your respective stations.

The operators have been put back at Manitowoc Junction. Guess the telephone business isn't such a cinch after all.

Bro. Gilbert, of De Pere, is laying off for a few weeks, Bro. Bakken relieving him. Bros. Villas and Brady, second and third tricks.

Bro. Evenson, of Neenah, took a run down to Peoria a few days ago, in view of taking the cashier job at that place, but says it did not look good to him.

Moorisey, second trick man at Neenah, is doing a little time, Bro. Bornick relieving him.

The agency at Appleton Junction is bulletined. If any of you fellows want to go crazy, just take that job for a while.

Bro. Boller, of South Oshkosh, has gone fishing for a few days.

Bro. Linsey, of "DX" tower, has been sick, but is now able to work. Bro. Burleton, of Johnson's Creek, has started a subscription to help out the section foreman at that place, who has been sick for several months. This is a time to show how much brotherly love you have in you, so "place your bet" with Bro. Hackbert or Burleton.

Local Chairman Bro. Hackbert and family spent a week at Fort Atkinson, at the home-coming; relieved by Bro. Bornick.

Bro. Ransom off a few days; relieved by Bro. Bornick.

Bro. J. B. Stark has again entered the service of the company, going to the Black Hills District as telegrapher.

Chief Train Dispatcher A. W. Labbs, from the Dakota Division, called on several of the boys while enjoying his vacation in this part of the country. He is well pleased with the West. We miss his fist on the wire.

Appleton Junction bulletined on account of Bro. Tiedke transferred, Bro. H. J. Stark being the lucky man. More help should be provided at this station during the busy time.

Have you received your new card yet? If not, you should attend to the sending in of the amount required.

The attention of the local chairman has been called to the fact that several of the men are violating the Federal law in several instances. It is the desire of this company that the law be lived up to by all concerned, and that there should be no violations. Make it a point to be on duty right on time. If you are liable to be five or ten minutes late every morning try and remedy this fault. You are making the company liable to the fine, which is quite heavy.

Another important matter, which all should bear in mind, is the wearing of uniforms at all times while on duty. Also see that they are neat and clean.

Bro. Troy called on Local Chairman Hackbert the latter part of the month and discussed the situation regarding the work of the committee.

The crop outlook is very good, and in the course of a few months this company should be doing the usual business from the Western States.

Any violation of the nine-hour law that you may hear of should be reported to the local chairman. Quite a number of the men have not read this as thoroughly as they should have done, and I would suggest that each telegrapher get a copy.

Bro. Quick's suggestion that every member try and get one non, and clean up the few remaining non-members, would be a very good plan to adopt on this division. We have several here and a number of the non-members are those dropped on account of the non-payment of dues.

Trick Dispatcher Neilson off a month on his vacation. Operator Hofman, of "WA" office, worked second trick, and Bro. Neitzel, of Fond du Lac office, relieved Operator Hofman.

CERT. 1673.

Dakota Division-

Well, it's a cinch that business has picked up some and another thing, also, there seems to be a scarcity of operators in this part of the country. By the way, the men are being turned down on vacations.

From the reports which we have received, there is going to be plenty of work for all concerned on this division taking care of the crop movement.

Mr. A. W. Laabs, C. T. D., spent a few days in July getting over the division, looking after things in general and, incidentally, taking in a few tail lights and markers.

Mr. E. M. Ericksen was relieved by Bro. P. E. Long, and he by Bro. Barber, at Tyler, while Mr Ericksen was on his vacation.

Mr. E. E. Ericksen, of Verdi, relieved by Mr. A. W. Laabs, who was relieved by T. C. Connelly, from Elkton, and Connelly relieved by W. W. Richardson, who is a new man on this division. Mr. Ericksen is relieved from any more worry over railroad matters, as far as this division is concerned.

Mr. A. F. McCarty, late of the Minneapolis Division, and most any other place where a telegraph wire is to be found, who, while on this division, worked at Elkton nights, was "assigned to other duties." He evidently thinks that nine hours is too long a day, as he slept seven out of the nine while on duty. As a boomer he takes the cake.

Mr. Leighty, agent at Brookings, was relieved by Mr. Fillis on account of sickness of the former's father.

Vern Postal, who has an up-to-date, is now at Elkton nights, having come to this division from the Northern Iowa Division. Bro. Postal is there with the goods, and we hope that ne will stay with us.

Bro. R. J. Holmes relieved Erickson at Tyler a few days.

A few are still kicking because the nine-hour law did not walk up to them and hit them with a club and reduce their hours. They can not see far enough ahead to figure out what will follow if the nine-hour law is a success. It is needless to say that it is the nons that are kicking.

Bro. A. F. Daugaard was transferred from Blunt Pit to Highmore nights; Bro. Albright going from Highmore to the night side wire job in Huron office. Seems queer to see a man in that office with a card.

Bro. R. J. Holmes relieved Bro. N. L. Cass, at Miller, while the latter took a vacation.

Bro. H. D. Harrington, of Iroquois, attended a family reunion at Watertown. Bro. Albright relieved a few days; later, he was relieved by H. A. Rodewald, who was relieved by Bro. V. Postal.

Undoubtedly, most of us will have received our cards by the time this appears. I have already received mine and, in addition, I received a copy of a letter which is sent to all members, in regard to getting new members. A new plan has been started, in addition to the prizes which were

offered some time ago, and the combination should be a winner. If each member will do as the letter requests we will be solid on this division before this is printed. Watch for the names of members who have succeeded in getting new members, and keep track of them each month. From now on you can tell easily who are doing the boosting.

In Mr. G. W. Dailey's article that appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER a short time ago, he said one thing that hits a good many of the hard-shell nons, and it is this: "A man can belong to a labor organization and still be loyal to the company." Those are not the exact words, but they carry the same meaning. Have you ever noticed that the man we look up to as a good railroad man is generally a good Order man. The enthusiastic Order man is generally a good railroad man, and is recognized as such by his fellow employes and the officials. But how about the hard-shell sponger. He generally has the idea that he is a good railroad man, but there is something lacking, and it is the same thing that keeps him out of the Order that keeps him from being "as good as the average."

Bro. Pay, at Volga, was still up on the semaphore with a spy glass at the time of going to press, looking for a man to relieve him, so that he could go on a vacation.

Bro. Breen arrived home the middle of July with his bride. Bro. Fillis, who relieved Breen, going from Arlington to Brookings.

Bro. J. C. Cole, of the C., G. W. Ry at Kidder, Iowa, was a pleasant caller at our office at Elkton, in July.

Wessington is now a night office. DIV. Cor.

Minnesota Division-

Nothing much doing this month in the shape of news. No one but my assistant handed me an item.

In one of the latest journals I made a few remarks regarding poor service at Minnesota City. I did not wish to convey the idea that the three brothers at this place were hams. They are far from being so. The work from that office sounded very much like a student, and I have since learned that a younger brother of one of these brothers has been practicing. I would suggest that they get a permit and go at it in the regulation way.

F. C. Evans is at Zumbrota this month, relieving Agent Banks.

Upon Ferris' return to Rochester, second trick, Operator Boomer went to Smith's Mill to relieve Agent Jones. By the way, this man should be in line, but it's the same old story, poverty.

V. V. Vine, agent at Meriden, is taking a month's vacation; being relieved by I. V. Furry.
D. R. Carroll did a few days' work at Winona office this month; relieved as second trick at Wasca by A. McDonald.

On account of gravel trains, washouts and general picking up of business, we have added another dispatcher in "W" office. Dispatcher Morse filling in; J. P. Beynon takes first trick on

the side table, and Operator Reach third at Sanborn, takes Beynon's second trick in same place.

Courtland telegraph office open during the gravel season; Operator Wood is holding it at present.

Third Telegrapher Zepp did his usual little stunt at St. Peter's Junction, "CK," this month, both Rice and Cotton taking a few days off.

J. C. Rice spent his Fourth at Minneapolis and St. Paul.

W. J. Volz off a few days this month.

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Sioux City Division-

The last meeting held in Sioux City, on Sunday, July 12th, although it was smaller in quantity than usual, it certainly was not lacking in quality, and the brothers who missed being there missed a treat.

Understand a few of the brothers are in arrears with their dues. Now, fellows, this will never do. Send in your dues and get after the few nons which are left on this pike, especially those who do the Hello act.

Say, those phones are getting rather plentiful, don't you think? Danbury, Blencoe, River Sioux, Modale, Lake View, Early Cuching and Stratford are the latest stations supplied with that useful and valuable instrument, with a rumor that there are more to follow.

Would like to know if the brothers who are doing telegraphing for phone stations are getting the commission for the same, and if not, why

It seems to me that making telegraphic reports and taking commissions on Western Union telegrams is one character of a telegrapher's duty, and is covered by Article I in our schedule, and any violations should be looked into.

Bro. Beck, agent at Ute, laying off attending court at Charter Oak; relieved by Mr. C. A. Pratt, operator at Mondamin, who will be with us as soon as he can get the dough.

Mr. Pratt also relieved Bro. P. Hundahl, agent at Moorehead, while he explained the reason the wind blew so hard that it blew his cars off the sidetrack.

Bro. C. E. Churchill, agent at Deloit, goes to Ricketts as agent. Bro. L. M. Ryman going to Onawa, second trick.

Mrs. J. S. Kessler goes to Deloit as agent. Mr. Geo. Hoiten, formerly caller at Sioux City, taking Orson hamlet.

Mr. Huebner, formerly agent at Herring, got Stanhope agency.

Mr. Caldwell, operator at Sargents Bluffs, promises to be with us by the time this is in print. Good for you, old man.

Bro. Tolbert, agent at Pisgah, is trying to get a lay-off. Understand Bro. Haasch, who used to work third trick at Onawa is going to relieve him.

Mr. Joe Ketterer, who has been a helper at Odebolt, goes to Arthur as agent.

Mr. E. Westerman who has been running a laundry in Sac City the past few months, has quit it and gone back to railroading, going to Valentine, Neb., as agent. Bro. O'Daniels, who has been doing the relieving stunt on this division, has also moved out to the N. & W. Division. Have not heard where located as yet.

Bro. Green, agent Schaller, is laying off; relieved by Bro. Depue, who has also been relieving Mr. Ihde, agent at Pierson.

Wish the brothers would read the last editorial, page 1097, July TELEGRAPHER, and try and help out a little in the news line. Have had assistance from one brother this month, Bro. T. M. Noe. Now, if you would all do as well I think we could make as good a write-up, if not better, than any in our journal, also remember that although some of us have been used rather rough, do not get discouraged over it, for there is a better day coming.

CERT. 231.

Northwest Division-

There have been many transfers and changes the past month, and if the boys had all kept me posted as they should have done we would have had an exceedingly interesting write-up this month.

Bro. J. F. Hurley, first trick at Randolph, was absent two weeks on a fishing expedition.

Relief Agent Chas. McCloud has secured the agency at Clarion, and has taken up the duties of that station. Bro. A. Whitcraft was given the agency at Taopi, vacated by Agent McCloud.

Bro. P. Stenslen, Randolph, second trick, is enjoying a vacation at his home in Iowa.

The depot at Sargeant was struck by lightning during one of the recent storms, and was totally destroyed.

Bro. McElrath, third trick at Randolph, worked the first trick at that point a few days during Bro. Hurley's absence, but decided that the third trick was his choice, and changed back.

Operator Kensal, a non, who has been working at Coates for some time, resigned, but "13" he is back at work again.

Operator Davis, after relieving Bro. Stenslen at Randolph, was sent to Taopi to relieve Bro. Whitcraft.

Bro. A. M. Maloney, last heard of at West Concord, has left the service. "13" he has a position on the N. P. Operator G. A. Wallace relieved him at West Concord.

Yours truly, third trick at South St. Paul, took a two weeks' vacation "dangleing" for the inhabitants of the lake bottom. Bro. Lux relieved him, after which Bro. Lux was sent to Coates, third trick, and later left the service.

The Postal has strung a fine new copper wire from Chicago to St. Paul. This gives us the use off No. 9 for local business.

Operator McGraw, for some time working third trick at Hampton, has left the service. Operator E. Rowen is relieving him.

CERT. 194.

C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.

Minn. Division-

About the most beneficial relief to be obtained these warm days is the fact that they will soon be followed by the cold northwesters this winter; that, together with a palm-leaf fan, seems to be about all there is to help us to eke out our present existence. Cheer up, boys; it is only a matter of a few months when you will be wishing those warm summer days were with us.

New man by the name of G. F. Sluke working days at Shakopee. Understand he is not a member. Won't some kind brother tell him what he is missing?

Another new man by the name of J. A. Chalupsky working second trick at Cliff. He is lately from the Wisconsin Division, and we understand he is not in line. Why is it so many men coming from Wisconsin Division are nons? Is it because they can not use a non up there, or is it a sample of the high-grade material they keep on hand? Several of the boys extended the glad hand, and a pressing invitation to Mr. Chalupsky to join us lately, but as yet no answer has been received from him.

Bro. F. E. Stolte took up his assigned position at Mendota July 6th, after spending the Fourth with his people at Elmore.

Bro. E. E. Stolte, cousin of Bro. F. E. Stolte, also spent the Fourth at Elmore, leaving the 6th for Fulton, where he temporarily acts as relief agent.

Bro. A. G. Lane has taken up his assigned position at Wilder, which he drew on the June bulletin.

Bro. L. F. Stuart, of Western avenue, is taking his vacation; relieved by Bro. J. G. Sullivan.

Bro. Glick still holds down the position at St. Paul shops. He will probably hold down this position until such time as Friend Fairfield is released at St. James. The latter received the assignment on the June assignment.

We understand that Operator Sutliff, of the "A" office, has severed his connections with the Omaha. The position was bulletined the 13th inst.

Mr. G. W. Owens, of Elmore, is taking his vacation and visiting with Mr. J. E. Welch around Spooner. He is relieved by Bro. F. H. Spatgen.

Bro. J. S. Enders, of Winnebago, is away on his vacation; relieved by Mr. Griffith, of Blue Earth. Joe will have a surprise when he returns, for, on the evening of July 16th, the depot at that place was struck by lightning and burned to the ground, together with all of its contents, including a new typewriter of Bro. W. C. Feyder. The boys are tring to put on a pleasant look from their cramped position in box-cars, pending the erection of temporary quarters. Plans are under way for a new depot.

We understand that the Long boys, S. S. and J. J., are now working in their father's lumber yard at Brainerd. It is safe to say that these young gentlemen have learned what the true meaning of a "scab" is, and how it will follow

them through life. It will be remembered that these young men figured in the late C. T. U. of A strike, working in the "2" office at St. Paul, contrary to the advice and protestations of their friends. They believed their friends were giving them a "bum steer," and listened to the advice of the Western Union Telegraph Company, who, as soon as the strike was over, were not slow in dismissing them from the service. This should be a valuable lesson to all.

Many of the boys are taking their summer vacation now, and a great number of the boys are not taking their vacation for the reason that they are unable to get relief. Methinks the supply would be greater if the division officials were inclined to treat their men with a spirit of fairness. Some of the rankest kind of decisions have been handed out to the boys lately, and now they are hollering their heads off because they can not get men.

Bro. E. E. Stolte relieved Mr. Leak at Elmore the latter part of June while the latter was taking to himself a wife.

Bro. J. H. Nelson took up his assigned position at Shakopee, days, the 11th inst.

Bro. E. C. Himley, of Magnolia, is looking over the lands in Washington with a view of purchasing.

Bro. R. A. Mann, of Mankato, has been praying continuously for the past several weeks for relief, but as yet has been unable to obtain it.

Mr. I. O. Kragness is relieving at Hadley. Several months ago Mr. Kragness gave a promise to get in line, but as yet has not made the promise good.

Bro. Richmond, of Vernon Center, took a day off the 20th; relieved by Mr. M. E. Haggerty, of Mendota. Mr. Haggerty has been out of the service for some time past, and we are glad to see him back. Possibly he will now be able to make his promise, made several months ago, good.

Mr. E. C. Callan, of Woodstock, still remains on the wrong side of the fence. He is laboring under the impression that he is saving money by holding out, possibly he is and possibly he is not. Mr. Callan may draw the same bundle that was dealt out to some of the boys on the C. & N. W., then he may change his mind.

Mr. F. Alexander is relieving at Ottawa. He says he is coming forward with his application papers this month, but so much of the present month has passed we begin to think that he is working that same old "bum steer" on us that he has worked so long.

Our old friend, and at one time brother, H. F. Hood, is with us again. He is doing the third sunt at Madelia at present.

Let us not overlook the fact that our local assessment, payable to Bro. J. H. Atkinson, Traumam, Minn., is again due, and those that have
not already done so should remit promptly. Remember these assessments have been the means
of brightening many a dark home, and have paved
the way to perfect our organization on this divi-

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We should all strive to keep up our membership in the Order, or possibly we will be like Hans was. 'Hans was a Dakota farmer, and during the panic he needed some money. He went to the bank and wanted to borrow \$10.00 for a year. The banker knew him to be good, and told him he would let him have the money for a year, but that it was necessary to deduct the interest, which would be \$2.50. He gave Hans the balance, which was \$7.50. Hans took the money and started for home. but he became so deep in thought that he sat down beside the road. A friend of his came along and asked him what was troubling him, He told him the circumstances as well as he could in his broken English. and concluded with: "If I had borrowed dat money for four years a' vouldn't got a cent." Now we may find ourselves in the same boat with Hans if we don't pay up and keep paid up.

CERT. #51.

Wisconsin Divsion, Northern District-

Having recently been appointed division correspondent of the Northern District, I will try my hand at a write-up. I would be glad if all the brethren on this district would help me out. We can not have a good showing without a good write-up. It helps us spot the "nons" and get them into the fold.

Bro. Liddane advises that all "phone operators" are eligible to membership in our Order, so if there are any working in your office or neighborhood line them up, and send their names to our local chairman, Bro. S. S. Brodt, at Clear Lake, Wis. Am advised his two phone men are going to sign the articles this month. The Omaha has maintained its place among the best organized roads in America, largely through the write-ups from the different divisions which appear monthly in THE TELEGRAPHER. It is of vital importance that those write-ups continue to appear every month, as we are now passing through the most critical period of our career. The changing of a large number of positions from telegraph to telephone has created a new class of employes in our department, the telephone operators. As I said before, those men are eligible to membership in our organization, whether they can telegraph or not, as long as they handle trains by telephone. It is the wish of the committee to include those positions in the schedule, to increase the pay and to make the telephone positions in every way equally as good as the telegraph positions, and have them controlled by our organization. This can not be done unless we have a majority of those men in our organization. Up to the present time, I am sorry to say, that not one of them has joined. This is entirely due to the apathy of the membership. I venture to assert that had the membership on this division made an earnest effort to line them up we would have a majority of them in line now. There are also several agents and agent-telegraphers on the north end who are enjoying the benefits secured by this Order, but who fail to affiliate with us. This is entirely the

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fault of the individual members on the Northern District, and in case our organization is so weakened that we can not hold our schedule, and the wages are reduced 30 to 40 per cent, which they will be should we weaken, and our conditions brought back to where we were seven years ago, there is no one on earth to blame but the members of the O. R. T. on the Omaha. The nonmembers can not be blamed, as they have never been properly approached by the members on their own district. If there are any telegraphers or agents in your locality who are nons, get after them and bring them into our Order.

In answer to a letter I sent the boys along the line, I received a few items of news.

Bro. E. W. Quinn holding down third trick at Eagle Point while Bro. Roy Bigger is spending his honeymoon with his better half at Merrillan. Roy expects to resume work in a week.

Bro. N. A. Cowing, Chebeck, Neb., is taking a needed rest during the Chautauqua; relieved by Bro. A. R. Chase. Alvin has just returned from a visit to his home at Kansas.

D. C. Fahey doing relief work at Itasca.

Bro. T. A. Berg, Deer Park, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Vincent.

Bro. Brodt, Clear Lake, off on a trip to South Dakota and Iowa; late in camp catching big fish at Marsh Lake; relieved by Bro. P. J. Peterson. Bro. Peterson goes to Spring Valley to relieve the agent on Brodt's return.

L. A. Strausberg now relieving third trick man at Barronett.

Bro. Eustice Holmes, second trick operator at Bloomer, was called to his home in Southern Illinois on account of the death of his sister, Miss Ethel Holmes, who was also an operator, being lately employed on the Rock Island Railway, in Missouri.

Mr. Ralph Cary, of Shell Lake, relieving Bro. Holmes. Cary will soon make good.

DIV. COR.

Wisconsin Division, Eastern District-

Bro. Nichols, of East St. Paul, is enjoying an extended vacation; relieved by Bro. Kanar.

Things are certainly very quiet on this division. Not a vacancy to bulletin in July.

On the June bulletin Bro. F. Gray drew Millston, second trick, and Bro. O'Hara Prince street.

Bro. George O'Brien acted as agent at Lake Elmo while Mr. Rylander was off on account of sickness.

F. J. Leiser, Hudson, has gone to Kansas for ninety days.

Bro. Judge is still holding down the agency at Augusta.

Lake Elmo and Camp Douglas are still the headquarters of our two most distinguished (?) nons.

Mr. Krauth at Baldwin, Bakula at Wilson, Boyden at Menomonie City, Straka at Mondovi, and Maddox at Black River, would look better within the ranks of the organization which is trying to

better their condition. They are all agent-telegraphers now, and have no excuse for staying outside the fold.

Again we wish to repeat the old story: "Get after the nons." The organization on this road has experienced a shrinkage during the past eight months on account of so many members being laid off, and it is up to the individual members to offset this decrease by getting every eligible non into line at once. Some of our members whose positions were changed from telegraph to telephone are blessed with great hearts. They are volunteering their services as telegraphers while they are acting as telephoners at the munificent salary of \$50.00 per month. They are adopting the most effective method to keep their positions classed as telephone and to keep them from being reinstated as telegraph offices. We hardly think the officials will think any more of a man who voluntarily assists in reducing the telegraphers' minimum to \$50.00 per month. DIV. COR.

Nebraska Division-

Bro. Hutton, the old reliable at Coburn, took a few days off, and was relieved by Bro. Buchanan.

Bro. C. A. Whitaker, agent at New Castle, was off about two weeks.

Don Crinklaw, former agent at Hubbard, bid in telegrapher at Pender, vice Bro. Slinger, resigned. Think Bro. Slinger went up into Dakota to get himself a farm. Bro. Wright, formerly telegrapher at Randolph, accepted the agency at Hubbard. Position of telegrapher at Randolph was closed, and Agent McDonald has to do the wire stunt now in addition to other duties.

Operators were also taken off at Bloomfield, Wausa, Hartington and Crofton, working quite a hardship on the boys at these points.

Bro. Anderson, from Bloomfield, bid in telegrapher at Bancroft, and Bro. Heyer, from Hartington, went to dispatcher's office as relief while dispatchers take their annual two weeks' vacation with full pay. Do not know where the other boys who lost out went to; working extra, I think.

Bro. R. B. Hatcher, late from the U. P., is with us now, and at present is working second trick at Blair, and Bro. Buchanan has the third trick.

Telegrapher Hamblin is working second trick a: North Yard at present, while Bro. Hayes lave off

Telegrapher Clifton, who was at North Yard nights so long has left the service. Do not know where he went. He never made good his word to join the Order, although many were the promises which found their way to us, but never accompanied by any money.

Bro. Carney, first trick North Yard, was laying off for a few weeks; relieved by Hamblin and Bro. Buchanan.

Have missed one or two months write-ups for this division, but it was on account of being pressed for the time to do it, not from any lack of interest in the cause. Will try and find time

for something each month hereafter, but I must again impress upon the brothers the importance of letting me know what is going on over the division. If you lay off for any length of time, or are sick, please drop me a line, and let me know who relieves, where you spend your vacation, and anything else that would be of interest to the boys. Any little item helps out, as it gives one the impression that you take an interest and want to see this division represented each month. It is a hard matter for one man to get all the news, especially when he has to work twelve hours and twenty-five minutes every day, and work, teo; not sit around with his feet on the deskthat's not part of the game here by any means. Let me hear from you, brothers, with whatever you have to say. I will see that it gets into the write-up all right.

Understand C. T. U. of A. Bro. Flias, second trick at Stock Yards, has been offered a better position with a commercial company. Operator Cooper still at first trick here, but has not seen fit to send in the required amount to fix up those papers.

Agent Wright, South Sioux City, took a vacation recently, and spent it at Fremont. He was relieved by Bro. Wise.

Operators Smith, Crandall and Hallisey, at Ferry, still on the outside.

"Father" Craig, agent at Bancroft, is taking a much needed vacation, being relieved by Bro. Anderson, telegrapher, who, in turn, is relieved by Bro. Buchanan.

Bro. Rinquist, the genial and always smiling agent at Oakland, went to the big Shriners' Conclave at St. Paul and Minneapolis recently. Bro. Johnson officiated in his absence, while Bro. Himman took the day telegrapher stunt, and Bro. McQuire, late of the Burlington, relieved second trick.

Agent Thomas, of Pender, was also a passenger on the big Shriner special for the Twin Cities, where he and Bro. "Rink," of "A certainly made a pair. He was relieved by Telegrapher Crinklaw, who was, in turn, relieved by Bro. Buchanan.

Bro. S. T. Foutts, recently from the G. N., is relieving Telegrapher Mathews, second trick at Wakefield, while the latter is rusticating on his claim at Underwood, S. D.

Bro. D. C. Leamer, agent at Wakefield, is absent on a sixty-day leave of absence in Washington State, being relieved by Agent Wright, from South Sioux, who was relieved by ex-Bro. Ayers, from Thurston, who, in turn, is relieved by Telegrapher Whitaker, from Craig.

Bro. F. W. Germain, agent at Hartington, is also taking a sixty days' jaunt into unknown fields, being relieved by Agent F. E. Strauss, from Concord, who is relieved, in turn, by Telegrapher H. I. Smith, from Ferry, first trick.

Understand Bro. A. W. Barge, agent at Hosins, is contemplating casting his lot in for a kim up in the Tripp County opening. Hope he will be successful in drawing one. Some of the other boys are thinking of doing the same thing, so there may be a colony of telegraphers on farms up there. A good farm is worth more than any job on the Omaha, all right.

As the time for remitting semi-annual dues is here, hope all will be prompt in sending in. Those new cards are hummers, and each man should have one.

Let's all work together and see if we can not round up one non apiece in the near future. Go after them, and see that they come in and help us. We need a solid front, and no more convincing argument is needed than the example we have just passed through. Where would the telegraphers of the country be now if it had not been for the efforts of the O. R. T.? Simply back where we were six or eight years ago, working for \$40.00 a month, and sixteen hours at that. I do not see how any reasonable man can say that the O. R. T. has not helped him any, and that he has no reason for joining them. Not one of you, I don't care what you are doing on the line, but that has received benefits each month, and are still receiving them, through the efforts of the Order. You are now getting many times the sum yearly in excess of your former salary than it takes to keep up your dues, and still some will let themselves drift back, and others will always have the excuse that they have no money. Can not get it ahead. Too many other ways for it when it comes, and all that stuff. Don't be a hanger-on, a mendicant; be a man; pay your way as you go, and help your brother telegrapher at the same time. You spend more than the amount every year for cigars and tobacco. Yes, indeed, many times over. Why not smoke a little less and use the money where it will help you to earn more money? DIV. COR.

Western Maryland Ry.

Division No. 83 held a special meeting in Hagerstown Sunday, July 5th, and there was a very good attendance reported. The boys were discussing the advisability of holding meetings alternately. One meeting to be held at Highfield and the other some place close to Emory Grove. By this arrangement the members from the west end could attend meetings at Highfield, and the members from the east end and the Dutch could attend the meetings at Emory Grove. I think this is as good an arrangement as could be made, as it would give every one a chance to attend regular meetings.

I understand that some of the professors have gone out of business and gotten rid of their students. We now only have one or two places where the professors are doing any business. Any member known to be taking students, which is in violation of our by-laws and constitution, will have charges preferred against him, and if found guilty, will be expelled from the Order.

On account of not having received any items from the other divisions, your correspondent is at a loss to know what is going on. If the boys would only send me a few items from their respective divisions, your correspondent could get out a better write-up.

Bro. Dorsey was off one day last month on account of changing tricks with Bro. Eiseman, being relieved by Bro. Barksdale, from the B. & O.

There are a good many new men on the line, all of whom that I have met, am glad to say, were up-to-date.

Operator Biggs was off one day this week; relieved by Operator Ornsburger. Both have promised to fill out their papers next month.

Your correspondent attended the meeting of Baltimore Division, No. 17, this week. There was a very good attendance, taking into consideration the weather being so unfavorable.

Hope to receive some items from the division west of here, and then I will be able to do better next time.

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Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

District No. 2-

Bro. Bates, of dispatching office, Bangor, spent most of his vacation at Northport with his family. Mr. Thompson, second trick at North Maine

Junction, is, at this writing, keeping time in Mr. Hallett's office.

Mr. McLaughlin, at Rand Cave, recently spent Sunday with relatives in Bangor.

"13" Bro. Leighton got Stacyville on bulletin. South LaGrange up for bid at this writing.

Bro. Fox, who holds an up-to-date card in Division 83, but now working for the New Haven at Attleboro, Mass., went up over the pike recently visiting old friends and brothers.

Bro. Matthews, from Bridgewater to Brownville

Bro. Snowman, of South LaGrange, was in Bucksport a few days recently visiting with his parents.

Bro. Cutler, of "WB," dispatching office, spent a few weeks with relatives in Lincoln.

Mr. A. S. Lutes, days at Searsport for the last two months, has gone West for the C. P. Railway at Winnipeg. One or two more of our boys contemplate going if the chance offers.

Mr. E. N. Herrick doing second trick at West Seboais at this writing. "N" has been intending to fill out the papers and send them in for some time now.

It is pleasing to note that on July 21st the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad declared its semiannual dividend of 2 per cent.

Mr. Mosher, of "B" office, Brownville, has recently been in Charleston and Bangor.

Bro. Flynt is still holding down Winterport in good shape, but it is a very welcome sound to occasionally hear Bro. Barrows again.

Bro. Gregory has accepted a position with the M. C. R. R. at Dexter.

"13" Bro. Newcomb, of Frankfort, made a flying trip to Belfast recently to attend the county convention.

Bro. B. B. Bishop bid in the freight transfer jo, at "JU," No. Me. Junction.

Bro. Goddard, formerly of the B. & A., now working for the M. C. R. R. at No. Me. Junction.

Bro. Clark, of "WB," has been visiting the scenes of his childhood, and will spend the rest of his vacation with his mother in Liberty.

Bro. Curtis, of "WB," has built a new motor boat, and is getting much enjoyment from it on the Penobscot this summer.

Our sympathies are with Bro. Drake, of the American Express Company, formerly agent at Milo, in the death of his aged father, who lived with him.

On account of retrenchment the two dispatching districts on the Southern Division are consolidated, with Bro. Bates first trick, Bro. Clark second trick, and Bro. Cutler third trick, with Mr. Tinker relief. Bros. Curtis and Kearney and Mr. Parker are filling in the gaps during vacation, and we hope to see them all back in their regular places soon.

The C. P. Railway is asking for a number of men to go West around Manitoba, with a \$65.00 minimum. Several of our boys will probably go and our earnest good wishes are with them.

Boys, the dispatchers are not having any snarwith 275 miles of wire and forty-nine stations on five different wires, so be as lenient as possible If you don't always get them on the first round, and prompt reports will be appreciated very much by them.

Bro. Sherburne spent the Fourth in Brownville with relatives.

Bro. Whipple's "KI" ball team is doing very creditable work this season so far.

Bro. Mooney has recently purchased an automobile, and is getting a good deal of enjoyment out of it.

Brothers, send in your notes to your correspondent. You can not imagine what a big belp a few notes are to a fellow. There are lots of little things going on that your scribe don't know or hear of. It is up to you to put him wise.

CERT. 90.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank all of the brothers of Division No. 83 who contributed so kindly during my recent illness. It came as a great help to us, and is greatly appreciated.

C. L. Barrows,

Cert. 47, Div. 83.

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry.

Pittsburgh Division-

Bro. F. E. Grinder is now working on the P. & L. E., near Pittsburg. Bro. E. W. Locke, agent at Shelocta, has secured a position along the big ditch. He and his wife started for the Isthmus several weeks ago. At last writing they were in sight of their destination, and report a fine trip.

Mr. R. M. Flick bid in the agency at Shelocta.

A non told the dispatcher he would not turn in overtime unless the "D— law" required it. Suppese if this man was offered an eight-hour trick he would resign. We are glad to say the boys are getting in line and nons getting scarce on this division; not a telegrapher working but who could be in line except through some fault of their own. Still they have nerve enough to reap the benefits secured by the O. R. T. boys. Brothers, get after all the nons within your reach. Do not let them give you any excuse, for they have none. If you can not get thim in line now, watch them very closely, as they are liable to do you bodily harnif you meet them after dark.

New position at East Mosgrove bid in by Bro. J. E. Mateer.

Third trick at "XO" tower bid in by Bro. D. C. Yohe.

Bro. C. R. Anderson bid in first trick at C. B. lunction.

Bro. R. H. Snyder getting position at Allegheny by bid.

Mr. M. C. Bowers, extra telegrapher, working at Cummings, third trick.

Mr. F. C. Lamison, extra telegrapher, working at Butler Junction, second trick, relieving Mr. A. W. Gepford for one week.

Mr. G. F. Bell is located at C. B. Junction, third trick.

Bro. R. F. Frampton, second trick at Punxsy Yard office, off on one week's vacation; relieved by extra man, Mr. Donahue.

Bro. Francis Vail, first trick at Clearfield, Market street, off a few days visiting relatives in New York State.

Mr. F. E. DeVoe, of message wire at DuBois, off on a week's vacation; relieved by Mr. R. O. Vail.

CERT. 149.

Illinois Central Rv.

Freeport Division-

From Bro. R. L. Shannon's check of the July seniority list he finds the following nons on this division, which is certainly a shame, most of them being old members, but have become delinquent in their dues, and therefore dropped from the membership. It should be the duty of every member to try and influence and secure as many members as possible. By this time next month let's try and see if we can not land five out of this bunch of nons:

C. A. Ayers, Rockford, Ill.; J. L. Allen, Woodford, Wis.; Wm. Delano, Heyworth, Ill.; F. T. Fluehr, Sublette, Ill.; O. L. Gillette, McConnell, Ill.; H. H. Morse, Winslow, Ill.; Thos. Hehir, Amboy, Ill.; J. V. McGinty, Irene, Ill.; W. C. Newton, Amboy, Ill.; P. H. Morrison, Coleman, Ill.; Nelson, Evarts, Ill.; W. H. O'Toole, Amboy, Ill.; F. Renfroe, LaSalle, Ill.; W. E. Boyer, Evarts, Ill.; W. C. Campbell, Kerrick, Ill.; H. A. Hopkins, Polo, Ill.; P. L. Mandler, Bloomington, Ill.; S. W. Mumma, Forreston, Ill.; G. H. Wilson, Wapella, Ill.

Bro. R. J. Starry relieved Bro. J. J. Conners at Burlington for two months on second trick.

Bro, B. E. Watson enjoyed a thirty-day vacation. He was relieved at Irene by C. G. Garner, who is back with us again, working the extra list.

Bro. Kuhlmeier was the successful applicant for Wapella for thirty days, relieving Mr. G. H. Wilson, a non.

Bro. Peterson, Cloverdale, second trick, enjeyed a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. F. B. Schlaff.

Bro. I. R. Crawford enjoyed a two weeks' vacation up at the lakes. Bro. F. B. Schlaff relieved him at Hart, nights.

The boys at Coleman are again doing a rushing business in the line of gravel. The pit is now working full blast; but I guess they can handle it O. K.

Bro. B. E. Melloan relieved Bro. Hunsicker at West Junction, first trick, for one day.

Bro. Melloan relieved Bro. H. E. Keister at Fast Junction for one day while Bro. Keister attended the Stars of Equity picnic and Band Fair at Lena.

Bro. Jno. Hayes relieved Bro. O. G. Owens at Freeport yard office for a few weeks on second trick.

Bro. G. E. Cox filled Bro. H. Granger's place at Freeport yard office on second trick for a few weeks. Bro. B. C. Barber filling Bro. Cox's place as third trick operator at Freeport yard.

The only position that has been bulletined within the last month is East Junction, first trick, for thirty days.

Bro. J. P. Haire and, wife were campers at the Freeport Chautauqua. He was relieved at Seward by Bro. Jno. Eickman.

Bro. Eickman was off a few days on account of sickness of his wife; relieved by Mr. Boyer, one of our noted nons.

Extra Dispatcher Bro. M. J. Madden relieved C. S. Pack, second trick South End, "DR" office, I'reeport. Mr. Pack filled F. A. Shillinger's place on third trick South End. Bro. Madden being relieved by Bro. S. H. Davis on the day telegrapher's position, "DR" office, Freeport.

Bro. R. Toombs, who enjoys the distinction of being the only single man in "DR" office, Freeport, has joined the Freeport Bachelor's Club.

The Freeport Division boys have been solving the matrimonial question. The following were married since my last write-up: Bro. S. H. Davis, Freeport, Ill.; Bro. Jno. Eickman, Alworth, Ill., and Bro. H. R. Aufdenspring, Minonk, Ill. The members of the Freeport Division extend their congratulations, wishing them much happiness and prosperity.

We regret to report that Bro. J. J. Connor, regular second trick at Burlington, is very sick at his home in Bloomington. We all hope for his speedy recovery.

We wish to correct our statement in last month's journal concerning Bro. H. S. Bobbitt, whom we placed among our few nons. We are happy to learn that he carries an up-to-date card.

As an evidence of the reforming influence of women on their husbands we wish to cite you the case of Mrs. S. H. Davis, who caused her husband to realize that he had long been missing the many good things that the O. R. T. has to offer, so he got busy and got an up-to-date.

Bro. A. H. Brodeur, of Tonica, is taking a few days' vacation, being relieved by Extra Agent Bro. M. C. Sutherland, who secured a new up-to-date card even before he started to work, which is an evidence that he is made of the proper stuff.

Bro. Foskule, of Bloomington, was relieved by Mr. P. L. Mandler, non, for a few days.

Bro. F. A. Carrithers and family enjoyed a day's outing at Deer's Park and Starved Rock, and reports a very fine time. Can not say who filled Bro. Carrithers' place.

Mr. W. C. Campbell, non, Kerrick, Ill., again feels like he is on earth, as the company have cut the wires back in at this station, after trying it for some thirty days without wires. Mr. Campbell has but recently become eligible for admittance to the Order, and we hope to number him as one of our members soon.

We owe Bro. O. G. Owens an apology for getting him mixed up with the nons. It happened through an error, and we desire to have it understood that Bro. Owens is to be found up-to-date at all times. "Shorty."

Dubuque Division-

Nearly makes a man ashamed of his own division to see a write-up from every other division, and not a word from his own, month after month, and so just to show the rest that we are not all dead yet, I will try and furnish a few items each month hereafter to keep up appearances.

There were so many changes after the nine-hour law went into effect that I will not attempt to go into details, but will try and give a general line-up of the situation at present:

The enforcement of the "nine-hour law" came as quite a shock to the railroads, and gave them a jolt that made them good and sore, and it will take them some time to get over it, but when they are satisfied that there is no getting around it, I opine that they will take the medicine in the same old way that they did when they first had to meet our O. R. T. committees and negotiate schedules with them, after they had tried all manner of ways to avoid recognizing the Order as a business proposition.

The "nine-hour law" is not responsible for all these reductions of expense, closing offices, laying off men, etc. They would have done it anyway, as it has been a year of "financial depression," and it is the only way that they can "keep up the dividends," etc. Of course, they tell us that the "nine-hour law" is responsible for these reductions and slashes in expenses; that the increased expense incurred makes it necessary for them to reduce expenses wherever it is possible for them to do so. They also say that they are

going to dispatch trains by telephone in order to further reduce the expense, and go so far as to say that in a few years the telegraph will be a back number so far as railroad business is concerned, and that everything will be handled by telephone. The Illinois Central has already strung a phone line from Dubuque to Earlville, but stopped work when they reached that point on account "no more money allotted telegraph department for this division." Understand they have installed phones on the Omaha and Cherukee Divisions, but can not say at this writing whether or not they are dispatching trains with them; but it is safe to say that business will have to be pretty light before the telephone will take the place of old S. B. Morse's code. Let them install phones. "If we can't telegraph, we can plow corn." None of us are losing any sleep worrying over the question.

On April 14th the Manual block system was discontinued on this division, and several small offices closed. Quite a number of night offices closed, and some day offices made "non-trainorder offices," but after all this reduction of force the salaries remain the same (thanks to the schedule), and there are still about as many men working as there was previous to March 4th.

Changes as follows: Force of dispatchers at "Q" office, Dubuque, reduced from six to three men, and the wire cut straight through Freeport to Waterloo in day time, and from 6 p. m. till 8 a. m., main line dispatcher also handles Albert Lea District.

Bros. Stickney, Smith and Mr. Harris, extrother, pulled off, and Dispatchers Hruby, Blasier (ex-chief dispatcher), and Bro. Morrison working first, second and third tricks on main line, and Bro. "Buster" Westphal working a nine-hour trick handling Albert Lea and Cedar Rapids Districts from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m. "Buster" says he likes the job, and that it beats eating dinner out of a basket. He has a full hour for dinner. Bro. Stickney is spending the summer at Warren with his folks and helping build elevators. Smith is at Charles City nights, and Harris now working extra job at South Junction Yard office, Dubuque, and doing extra dispatching at "Q" office when regular men lay off.

Two operators' positions abolished in "KB," Dubuque, dispatcher's office, putting Bros. C. A. Heath and Jack Brown out. Brown relieving Bro. M. P. Gallagher on third trick at East Cabin, and Heath took third trick at "CW," Waterloo passenger depot, on bulletin.

Bro. M. P. Gallagher is still recuperating from injuries received at East Cabin last December, when a C., B. & Q. passenger train collided with the rear end of a Great Western westbound freight which was entering the tunnel, and had not quite cleared the crossover at East Cabin. The C., B. & Q. passenger approached rapidly from the east, and Bro. Gallagher, seeing that they were apparently not going to stop, grabbed a flag and ran out to flag them, but the air failed to work on the C., B. & Q. engine, and it

struck the rear end of the C. G. W. caboose, demolished three cars and wiped the East Cabin office off the face of the earth. The C., B. & Q. engineer was instantly killed, and several others injured, among them being Bro. Gallagler, who was struck by flying timbers, and quite seriously buised.

Bros. Pierson, Hines and Reed working first, second and third tricks at Manchester.

Bros. Huebsch, Williams and Hamilton at "AR," Waterloo.

Bro. C. H. Hall, the "heavyweight," relieving Bro. II. F. Reigel as agent at Raymond, while Reigel takes a three months' vacation.

Bro. B. C. Clark off on a vacation until July 15th; relieved by Bro. C. C. Yoder at Winthrop. Unable to give list of other changes at this writing, but will try and give a good line-up next month if the brothers who are in a position to send me the news will drop me a few notes. "JN" and "N" get busy now, and keep me posted, and I will do the rest. Let's show the sister divisions that we are still interested, and as solid as ever, although we have been as "mum" as the proverbial oyster for a long space.

CERT. 1208.

Springfield Division-

We have made a start at last. The first real O. R. T. meeting of the Springfield Division was keld at Mt. Pulaski, Ill., in the I. O. O. F. Hall, July 18th. There were thirteen members present; not an excellent showing for a division like this, but considering the fact that meetings on this division have been a rare thing in the past, we have no kick coming, as this was the first meeting beld where officers were elected, and business handled in the regular way. Officers installed as follows: Bro. A. Lankford, chief telegrapher; Bro. S. Messinger, past chief-telegrapher; Bro. O. C. Nash, first vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. R. R. Hollis, second vice-chief telegrapher; Bro. W. Stone, inside sentinel; Bro. C. E. Ritchie, marshal, and Bro. J. C. Westerholt, secretary and treasurer.

Now, brothers, we have just made a start, and we ask every member on the division to help keep these meetings going, and successful. This can be done by a large attendance at all times. There is no reason why there can not be a turnout of twenty-five or thirty.

Bro. C. A. Mulhall, general chairman, was with us, and entertained all present for about forty minutes. His talk was very interesting and appreciated by every one of us. He will be with us again at the next meeting, to be held August 22d, at the same place, or, if impossible for him to be with us, Bro. R. L. Shannon, general secretary and treasurer, will be present.

Now it is up to the membership to encourage these meetings, and rest assured you will never regret it. Ask for relief in plenty of time, and our superintendent will do the rest. What more can you expect. Make up your mind that you will attend the very next meeting, and if you do not

feel well paid for your trouble, you get your money back.

Bro. A. Lankford, local chairman, has gone to Oklahoma to spend a few weeks.

Mr. R. C. Fortman relieving Bro. Lankford. Mr. Fortman promises to make good as soon as he lands a job. A desirable man, and we want him

Bro. J. C. Brown relieving Bro. Needham at "K," Kenney days.

J. C. W.

Tennessee Division-

The regular monthly meeting of the telegraphers on the Tennessee Division was formally called to order at Fulton, Ky., July 18th, with a very slim attendance.

The train service into Fulton is very good, and a number can be in attendance, returning in a very seasonable hour to secure sufficient rest to work next day, with but very little inconvenience.

Recent figures received from General Secretary and Treasurer Bro. R. L. Shannon, gives us a membership of 96 per cent, which is a net gain of 9 per cent since the first of the year. This looks pretty good, and the St. Louis Division, which has always claimed to be the banner division of the system, will have to get a gait on if they intend reaching the 100 per cent mark by 1909, for that is what the Tennessee boys intend deing. So let the few who have allowed dues to be in arrears get in the game again, and let us make it "solid" by the end of the year.

A number of men are taking their vacations, there being plenty of extra men.

Bro. Moloon, Curve, going to Georgia for a short trip. Bro. Dean, Wingo, away on a trip to St. Louis. Bro. T. J. Merchison, Gates, Tenn., spending vacation at Dawson Springs, Ky.; relieved by Bro. T. G. Marlin. Bro. P. W. Maleney, agent at Covington, away on leave of absonce. Bro. Simontor acting as agent.

Bro. H. L. Cook taking a short vacation at Dawson Springs, Ky.

Bro. Hall, at Rives, spent a few days with friends in Tennessee. His place being filled by Bro. J. E. Hoval.

Bro. C. R. Collins, of Fulton, spent a few days fishing on the Mississippi. His place as ticket agent being filled by Bro. W. H. Normon.

Bro. D. D. Murphy is spending his vacation at Pembroke, Ky.

DIV. Cor.

Chicago Division-

Chicago Division of the Illinois Central Division 93 held its regular monthly meeting at Gilman, Ill., Saturday, July 11th. Meeting called to order by Bro. Walters, chief telegrapher, at 8 p. m. Regular business transacted, and some talk of having another banquet later on. The attendance was small on account of extreme hot weather. Resolutions were adopted, copy of which appears herewith, regarding the death of Bro. Earl Morrison, whose misfortune it was to be killed by a train a few weeks ago while per-

forming his duties as agent at Pana, Ill., on the I. C. Railway.

Bro. C. E. Baugh, agent at Flanagan, has resigned to accept a position as extra agent. Bro. R. C. Madison, of Gibson, bid in Flanagan on bulletin.

Dorsey is working second trick at Gibson, extra. Bro. Boyle took a day's outing Monday, July 13th.

Mr. Jno. Tierney is relieving Sister Barnard at Ridgeville on account of sickness.

Bro. Tune, of Guthrie, was relieved for a few days by Mr. Fitzpatrick on account of his little boy being seriously ill. Understand the little one is much better now, and Bro. Tune has resumed work.

Bro. Poe, of Gilman, took a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. Wells, of Manteno.

Brothers, if any of you know of any nons on this division send their names to Bro. Morrison at Peotone.

Bro. Geo. Merea writes that he has a job with the Illinois Traction Company. Glad to hear from George, and hope he will be able to give us all a good job some day when he gets to be superintendent.

The ham factory at Cooksville is running full force now, which enables Mr. Godson to attend all the ball games. "13" he is manager of a ham ball team. Any ham with a fifty-spot can get a position on the team.

Bro. Hersher, at Hersher, is taking a thirty-day vacation; relieved by Mr. Woods, extra agent.

Bro. Harry Cline, at Cropsey, off thirty days; relieved by Mr. C. L. Harris.

Next time there is a meeting in Kankakee we ought to appoint a guide to watch over Bros. Kent and Jewell to see that they find the meeting place.

CERT. 1927.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has visited the family of our esteemed brother, W. H. Morrison, and removed therefrom his beloved brother, Earl Morrison. Be it

Resolved, That we extend to Bro. W. H. Morrison, his father and mother, our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement. Be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, a copy sent to Bro. Morrison and to Mr. G. S. Morrison, Orcana, Ill., and to be inserted in The Telegrapher.

C. O. STONE,
B. RUNNALLS,
J. F. CAILEY,

Committee.

Mississippi Division-

Regular monthly meeting held at Durant on second Sunday in this month, and Mr. J. H. O'Brien, of McCool, was initiated.

Bro. J. L. Calhoun, of Davis, was reported as having a student, but on investigation we are glad to know that it was all a mistake. His

brother paid him a few days' visit, and some of the boys sized him up as a student. "CN" is all right, and has an up-to-date. He says he is not desirous of becoming a professor.

Bro. C. W. Williams is now regular at Starkville, having secured it on bid, after fighting the extra board for several months.

Bro. Z. P. Bowers, of Durant, is "way down in Georgia" rusticating and visiting his relatives. We wish him a delightful and beneficial holiday.

Bro, F. R. Kern is "RJing" Bro, Bowers at

Bro. J. Wilbur Dodge, Jr., is doing the "stunt" on first trick at Aberdeen Junction on account of Bro. Marshall on the sick list. We hope for Bro. M. a speedy recovery.

Bro. Wall, of extra board fame, is "RJing" Bro. Dodge at "W," on the "Mud Route," while "WD" is at "RH."

Bro. Calhoun is doing first stunt at "J," on the "Mud Route."

Dispatcher Quinnelly was off for several days this month on account of serious illness in his family. We are glad to say, however, that he is now back at his post, and that his loved ones are improving.

Bro. J. M. Colson is doing the extra dispatching on the "Branches" in C. D., and as we hear no complaint, we feel like that the Order is furnishing another good official.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Bro. B. W. Robertson's sister. Bro. R. is the very efficient agent at Pope, and a few days ago was called to the deathbed of his sister. He has the heartfelt sympathy of the entire division.

We are also sorry to hear of the death of Bro. H. W. Weston's brother, of Bham. Bro. Weston was called away from his post of duty at Stark-ville a few days ago to attend his funeral. Bro. W. has our sincere sympathy.

The new members are still coming in. We hope that before December of this year Mr. Non will be a thing of the past of the Mississippi Division.

Bro. Geo. Franklin, of Aberdeen, relieved Bro. Weston at Starkville for a few days.

Boys, can't some of you rustle up some newsy items and send to Bro. Bull, who will send them to me? We want to liven things up, and the only way to do it is to every one help.

I want to see twenty or twenty-five at the meeting next month at Grenada. Let's every one go that can. It's up to you.

Vicksburg Division-

Bro. T. J. Burke, agent at Shaw, Miss., is off on a vacation, taking in New York, Niagara and other points in the East. He is being relieved by Bro. B. B. Kinard.

Bro. W. A. Mitchell is also away on a trip. Understand he is down in Louisiana visiting his brother, H. P. Mitchell, formerly an old "war horse" of the Louisiana Division of the I. C. He will also visit the "old Kentucky home" before

his return to his station at Elizabeth, Miss. Bro. R. A. Roderick is doing the relief stunt.

Bro. Davis Staples, at Hollandale, has organized a base ball club, and is ready to meet any team in the South. I'd like to give him a tip, and have him get Bro. Owen from Gunnison, who is a famous twirler, and would cover the Hollandale team with glory.

Bro. W. J. Hardin, at Redwood, has resigned, and will try his hand at "flagging" this fall. Here's hoping that "HN" gets to run a passenger train soon.

Bro. H. T. Harper, who is at present doing nothing, can't keep from smiling. Says he got a job on the Memphis Division, and after working three nights, they told him he was too light for the place. Says it's funny. Maybe if "Q" would go in the relay office at Katzenmyer, and work as messenger a while, he would get onto the way business is handled in a large office.

Bro. J. F. Jones, of Hampton, has been off on a "large" vacation. During his absence he was relieved by his brother, "Lee."

The depot at Hollandale burned down on the night of the fifth instant. Presumably caught fire from some of the rockets that were sent up on the Fourth of July, and were late coming down. Anyway, Bro. Davis Staples will have a swell time doing his work in a box-car this summer, and the temperature down here only runs to 96 and 98 in the shade every day.

There has been so many changes of late, and we have not had a write-up for so long, that it is impossible to give all the "dope" in this write-up.

There's one condition that remains the same on this division, and let's hope that it will ever be thus.

There are no nons.

The man at Wilczinski is about the only one not holding an up-to-date card in the O. R. T. He is not quite eligible yet, but he has the goods in the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, and is very anxious to get in the O. R. T. as soon as he can.

The student business is also rather on the bum. We had one or two a while back that were always "monkeying" on the wire.

There is one thing, however, that is no credit to the division, and that is this:

There is some person, or persons, on the Cleveland District that frequently amuse themselves by using all kinds of vulgarity on the wire. This is very ugly, and when we consider that there are lady operators on the line, it is certainly anything but the conduct of a gentleman, and is utterly beneath the conduct of what a member of the O. R. T. should be.

Some of the boys also do not seem to realize that the Postal strike is over, as the Postal wires are going open and closed at intervals all during the day. This is a drawback, and should be stopped. It only reflects on the good C. T. U. of A. boys at the other end of the wire, for when the wire goes open and they report trouble, it is closed before the wire chief can get to it, and it

only means a delay to Postal business, and probably results in the discharge of the C. T. U. of A. man on account of his inability to move the business. Opening the wires is not the proper way to fight the Postal Telegraph Company, and should be stopped.

DIV. Cor.

Louisiana Division-

Since our last write-up, conditions have taken a turn for the better. The boys, once more, are getting together with their fighting clothes on, consequently several of the "nons" have taken out cards, several delinquents have paid up, and numbers from other divisions transferred to the "Banner Division." However, there is much work yet to be done before the old Louisiana Division regains her tormer position at the top in the percentage column, and it is up to the individual members to get busy.

All delinquents have paid up their back dues with one exception, Mr. W. S. Gant, "V," nights, at Canton, Miss., who drops out despite the several increases in pay and shorter hours.

Bro. W. A. Cram, agent at Natalbany, La., says the dull business period as yet has not struck his station. He says there is something doing at "BA" every minute.

Manchac, La., "HA," noted for its excellent fish and large mosquitoes, is represented by a full-house. Bro. Chas. Galvani, agent, first trick, Bro. Bogue, "BO," second trick and postmaster, Bro. Olliver third trick.

Bros. L. C. Ramsey, agent at Gallman; W. P. Page, agent at Terry, and C. Gill, agent at Bogue Chitto, deserve special mention for being among the first to remit \$5.00 for a new card.

Wilson, La., "HD" office, can boast of having one of the most efficient "high schools" on the Y. & M. V. Mr. C. M. Thompson, "MX," is the principal. The latest graduates are "Y" and "RS." Should any of the Y. & M. V. boys have any good talent they wish to develop, it would be well to get in touch with Professor Thompson.

Mr. H. P. Hungate, "H," nights, at Brookhaven, has repented, and is once more a full-fledged member. Says he will not backslide any more.

Bro. M. F. Freeman has resigned his position as agent at Flora, Miss., and is succeeded by Bro. O. L. Brumfeld, who gave up the Kentwood, La., agency on account of too much grief. Bro. L. L. Chambers is day operator and clerk at Kentwood. "C" is fine business on the "pipe-line."

Sister Addison, "MR," day operator and clerk at Magnolia, is back again after a short vacation. Bro. R. S. Brent, agent, will postpone his vacation until later.

Bros. J. G. Hayes, agent at Chatawa, Miss., H. G. Hungate, agent at Tickfaw, La., and Floyd Williams, agent at Gulletts, La., are the latest to get cards. It is very gratifying to see the boys get in line.

C. E. Chaney, agent at Norfield, Miss., has done the proper thing by getting an up-to-date. Bro. Chaney is a real heavyweight, and is destined for something better later on.



Bro. B. L. Baker, agent at Anding, Miss., is off taking a vacation, and is relieved by Bro. A. C. Holt, a new member.

When it comes to feeding out of the O. R. T. trough, one Mr. W. T. Quarles, "Q," nights at Asylum, Miss., is there with bells on. His motto is, "Take everything in sight, and let the other fellow pay the freight." When any of the boys who are not next, asks him if he has a card, his modest reply is, "Sure thing; always got one" (nit). Mr. Ed. Dunning, days at Harahan Junction, is a close second. The "also rans" will get theirs later unless they get into the game quickly.

Several changes in the New Orleans Terminals. Bro. Ed. Bordages, "BO," has been assigned to city ticket office, "CO," on bulletin. Bro. Forres, "FO," coming to "BD" office, working the Chicago wire. Bro. Geo. Verges, "V," assigned to "FD" office, nights. All the boys in "BD" office up-to-date with the exception of C. S. Kleppinger, "KR," who has been promising to provide himself with a card for the past year.

Sister Ellen Rea, operator at Brookhaven, is enjoying her vacation in cool Colorado, mountain climbing.

Bro. A. Y. Tuell, operator at Hammond, La., has departed for that dear old Illinois to spend a few weeks with his parents, and is relieved by Bro. W. J. Thompson.

Mr. S. W. Kelley, agent at Arcola, La., enjoys the distinction of having the record for long promises. Here's hoping he will get that card this year.

Div. Cor.

Peoria Division-

Bro. Knight is doing the stunt at Harwood, "WD," days, now.

Bro. Riley, former agent at Martin, Ind., transferred to Parkersburg, Ill., on account of Bro. Trainer resigned.

Bro. Pleasants has returned to his old stand at Poseyville, "DI," to take care of his melon crop.

By the time this reaches the columns of the journal we should all have paid our dues for the next six months, and have up-to-date cards.

Several important changes in the new time card, No. 37, effective July 1st. The Chicago and Nashville flyer being taken off, and several other changes in passenger time.

Bros. Riley, of "MA;" Jones, of "DI;" Gladville, of "WA;" Boyer, of "NH;" Heuring, of "BN;" McClure, of "RN;" Rothrock, of "SI," and Steffins, of "W," attended the meeting held in Newton, June 14th.

This is a good showing for the south end, and we would like to see more of the brothers from the north end at the next meeting. Bros. Short, of "IN," and Land, of "DO," being the only ones present from the north end.

Recently some vacancies occurred on this division for which applications were made, and some of the brothers failed to send a copy of their applications to the local chairman, which should be done in every case to avoid mistakes which might be made in giving the position bulletined to some one younger in seniority, owing to original being lost or not reaching the superintendent. Please remember this, and always send a copy of your application to the local chairman.

Just a word to the nons on this division (of which we are glad to say we have very few). Do you think you are dealing honestly with yourself and your fellow-operators? You who have been on the division for years, and have always given the glad hand to every raise in salary which our committee has secured for you, and never so much as said thank you, much less help pay for the benefits you have received from the Order. and are now enjoying, but are still in the same old rut. You who have never given one penny to the Order that has done so much for you, please give this matter earnest and conscientious study and consideration, and by the time the next issue of the journal comes to us may every one of you have an up-to-date card, and be lined up on the right side, and wonder why you did not do it years ago, and help support the cause that has gotten for you all that you have ever gotten, and not been a sponger all this time. Come across boys, and add another link to our chain of O. R. T., and help to strengthen every link in it; always bearing in mind there is not a brother in the Order who is not willing to lend the helping hand when you show a desire to do the right thing. While, on the other hand, remember "No card, no favors."

Bro. Wilson, second trick operator at Olney. worked a few days in "N" office at Mattoon, relieving Mr. Carroll, regular operator there.

Operator Johnson, second trick operator at Evansville, "FS" office, has paid up in full, and by this time has an up-to-date card, and entitled to all the rights and benefits of the Order. "Nons" take notice. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

Bro. J. C. Carnell, from Champaign, relieved Bro. Wilson at Olney while he was working at Mattoon.

Operator Lackey relieved Bro. Caster at "XN," Sullivan, Ill. Bro. Caster taking third trick at Newton.

Bro. Bolinger, second trick operator at "NE." bid in first trick on the ninety-day bulletin. Bro. Kennett taking second trick. He, in turn, being relieved by Bro. Caster.

We noticed Bro. Bridges in dispatcher's chair a few nights ago working third trick.

Bro. Wilson has returned to his regular position as second trick operator at Olney. Mr. Carroll having returned to work.

Bro. C. J. Walker was called to Maton, Ill.. Thursday, July 16th, by the death of his father, returning Saturday.

Bro. H. A. Bolinger and wife spent Sunday, July 19th, at Calhoun visiting friends and rela-

Bro. J. B. Weems, agent at Sullivan, Ill., was home to spend Sunday, July 19th, with his family at Newton.

CERT. 1315.



A CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the members of Division 93, Centralia District, for the sympathy and financial aid to myself and family during an illness of three months, caused from injuries received while employed at the Central Ice Plant.

Fraternally,

P. D. ROBY, Cert. No. 2179.

Indianapolis Southern Ry.

It was thoroughly proven last Sunday, June 21st, that the telegraphers on the Indianapolis District were neither dead nor sleeping, even if all had been quiet for some time. Warm weather usually makes a man lazy, but Sunday's heat seemed to have the opposite effect, and the meeting at Linton was well attended.

The meeting was called to order by Local Chairman Draper, and Bro. C. J. Walker, of Newton, was unanimously elected as our local chairman to succeed Bro. Draper, who did not wish to serve any longer. We understand that Bro. Walker is a hustler, and will do all he can to keep the boys lined-up in good shape, as well as looking after our interests with our employers. He will serve as chairman for both the Indianapolis Southern and the Peoria Division of the I. C. This arrangement will in no way affect the seniority lists, as each division, in this respect, will be kept separate.

There was a general idea prevalent among the members that the seniority lists were to be consolidated, but Bro. Draper made this matter clear at the meeting.

A word in regard to Bro. Draper, who has served us so long and faithfully. We wish to congratulate him for the good work he has rendered us in the capacity of chairman, and shall continue to think of him as one of the earnest workers in the Order.

Mr. Weed is relieving Bro. Bean, at "Q" days, for a while. Bean takes second trick at "CD." E. C. R. laying off. Mr. Weed hails from the C., H. & D. A good man, but not a brother, though he talks favorable.

Bro. G. C. Sherrell, nights at "MN," is laying off. Bro. Bennet, a new man, doing the relief stunt at "MN" during Sherrell's absence.

C. A. Mulhall, general chairman, spent two days on the Indianapolis Southern, meeting the boys and looking after the nons. Understand he got several applications.

D. C. Warnick has come across the line, and is now a full-fledged brother.

Mr. Smith, another new one, to Oblong. Don't know whether he is a brother or not.

Bro. McCrillis secured his old job back, at Dieterich, on bulletin. Bro. Young returned to "Q" nights.

Bro. H. N. Wentz, at "MN," suddenly called to his home at Bluffton, Ind, on account of his grandmother's death. Bro. Glass and family took in the Indianapolis excursion Sunday, June 28th. Reports a fine time at Riverside.

"You all" on the south end. Mail your news items to Agent Frances, who will keep them in order until the proper time, and then turn them over to the correspondent at Gravel Pit.

With but two exceptions, the road is solid O. R. T., and we have the promise of those two to come across in a month or so. Each brother should keep watch on the new-comers and see that they carry an up-to-date.

Brothers on the south end were unable to attend the meeting at Linton on account of the train service.

Bro. I. E. Merrick, third trick at Dugger, on sick list; relieved by Extra Operator Guthrie. Guthrie is a non, but says he will come across next month.

Bro. W. B. Church, second trick at Linton, made third trick at Palestine on bulletin, vice Bro. W. R. Slauter, resigned.

Second trick position at Linton bid in by Bro. A. A. Howard, second trick at Bloomington.

Extra Operator E. W. Barrett, a non, has been holding down Linton, temporarily.

Bro. I. F. Harris, agent at Frances, is taking a much-needed vacation. Harris has a strenuous position to fill during the excursion season. Relieved by Operator Sherroll, of Morgantown nights.

Understand Agent Warnick, of Anita, is to be given a helper soon. This will be greatly appreciated by Bro. Warnick, as he has long needed an assistant

Bro. R. I. Wells, second trick at Dugger, off for a few days; relieved by Operator Barrett.

Understand the Vandalia is installing an interlocking plant at their crossing with the Indianapolis Southern at Switz City, and will seen have it in operation.

At the Newton meeting, some time ago, the Peoria Division men claimed they could not be induced to come over and work on the "high dry." Nevertheless we see them coming.

Wonder when Sullivan agency is to be rebulletined. Several good men waiting for a chance at it.

Agent R. W. Willmeyer, of Stoy, resigned. The agency now bulletined, but do not know who the lucky man will be.

Bro. Bean, of "Q," Indianapolis, days, is now working second trick, dispatcher's office. Bro. Young relieves Bean, Young being relieved by Mr. Weed.

Second trick at Bloomington now bulletined and open for bids.

Bro. W. T. Pemberton is soon to take a two months' vacation. Understand he will take quite an extensive trip through the States. He is to be relieved by a Peoria Division man, although the position was applied for by Bros. Milam and Smith.

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Seaboard Air Line Ry.

Third Division-

Everything seems to be coming on pretty lively with the exception of a few nons, who we must land before many days pass. Brothers, get behind them every opportunity, talk to them, piead with them, convincing them in some manner which side of the fence to be on. Another thing we must do, that is, answer our calls promptly. I often hear our dispatchers calling men, at times, five and ten minutes. Brothers, this won't do at all. We certainly have about the nicest set of dispatchers a bunch of hams ever had to contend with.

Again, boys, we must work to the interest of our chief dispatcher, Mr. Furman. He has given us a good show and always a square deal. And you must do likewise. Also show Mr. Gore, our superintendent, what we are made of. Don't handle a piece of correspondence but once. I don't believe either of them will go back on us if we convince them of our sincerity, and that we mean business.

We are glad to see Bro. Miller at "AG," who has been sick so long with a severe case of typhoid fever, back at his post.

Bro. Crisp, of Mountville, is off on a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. Hipp.

Bro. Guthrie, of Cross Hill, is enjoying a vacation around the mountains in Old Virginia and North Carolina. That mountain breeze is really mighty fine these hot days. Bro. Guthrie relieved by Mr. Wade. Can't we run Mr. Wade over the fence into our pasture? Stick to it, boys.

CERT. 529.

To Members Division 97:

It is with regret that I again call your attention to non-payment of the present semi-annual dues, which should have been paid some time ago.

To those that are delinquent, with all of your petty excuses, do you think this is just? What is to be gained by such delays?

Notice of dues was mailed to every member, to the last address furnished by them; it being entirely up to you for failure to get them. I am glad to say that our sisters do not even have to be sent for such notices, so, brothers, why should they be sent to you? If they can have the love for the noble Order and the good it has done for us, remembering that the use of the cards expires on June 30th and December 31st, why not you?

May I ask, to what do the conductors and enginemen contribute their success? Where do you find one of these brothers that allows his dues to lapse? If they also remember and keep upto-date, do you not think it time for you to do likewise?

Please pick up the June Telegrapher and carefully read "Our Birthday." May not some of those words apply to some of the delinquent?

Why delay this matter any longer? How can you approach a non, trying to secure his application, when you know that your present card has expired?

My attention has been called to some violators of the obligation. If for the sake of so-called "help" at your stations, or in any other way, you have allowed some young man to frequent your office, and you assist him in the art of telegraphy, and, finally, you see that he secures a position, in such cases have you given your obligation a minute's thought? No. To such violators may I ask the difference between you and that of Esau?

I consider the obligation taken when you enter this noble Order as sacred, and should be treated as such. Members of other orders obey the rules, why not you?

It is your duty to stop and keep down this student-teaching.

Every member should read, "An Inquiry and Answer," in June TELEGRAPHER, "What is the difference between a scab and a non."

Glad to report that we have gotten rid of one scab, and think there will be no wish to employ such any more, from all reports. Brothers in Division No. 132, you have been notified as to this man; show him no quarter. The past speaks for itself. He is in your territory.

Render to your officers faithful services. Keep an up-to-date card, be loyal at all times, ever remembering your obligation.

Fraternally,

F. O. CUMMING. G. S. and T.

Birmingham Division-

Our division is fairly well organized. We have a few, I am sorry to say, that are of the "weak-kneed" type. We hope, however, to get at least some of them into our camp before another issue of The Telegrapher, and we expect them to make members that the division will have just cause to feel proud of, once they don the mantle of the "sounder and wreath."

There are a few things that I am unable to understand with reference to organization of all sorts. One of them is how in the name of common decency, sanity and justice a non can complaently set aside and appropriate the efforts of his fellowmen to his own personal and selfish gain? And yet this is precisely what they do when they accept the raise in salary which the Order of Railway Telegraphers' Committee secures for the division without even an effort, a word of encouragement or thanks even, if you please. Ain't it funny? I have never yet been able to figure out just what sort of stuff a man has to have mixed with his gray matter to get him into this sort of a predicament.

If I were treating a case of this kind I would first prescribe a full dose of common sense, the composition of which is equal parts of manhood, honor, humanity, justice, sanity and brotherhood. If this did not bring good results, I would advise an application of hoodoos.

I believe in organization, not only because it throws protection around us, but because it is

good for men to unite in the common band of mutual feeling, one for the other. It makes us all brothers and brings us closer together.

CERT. 646.

Second Division-

Regular meeting at Hamlet, N. C., called to order by Local Chairman H. C. Booker. While the attendance was not as large Saturday night as the two last meetings, much more work was done. Some of the brothers were kept away on account of 43 being behind a wreck at Sanford. The meeting extended its sympathy to the bereaved family of Conductor Pounds, who was killed in the wreck at Sanford. Conductor Pounds was a highly respected citizen as well as a splendid conductor. A motion that we should have a regular monthly meeting at Hamlet on the third Saturday night of each month was adopted. All members on the Second Division will take notice and arrange to attend.

A communication from Bro. Carter, of Polkton, was read and approved. Bro. Carter gave his excuse for not being in attendance.

A committee of five, composed of Bro. N. C. Hines, of Cary; M. F. Helms, of Merry Oaks; W. L. Moore, of Lemon Springs; F. W. Taylor, of Vass, and Clay Penland, of Keyser, were appointed to wait on the nons of the R. & A. and render their report at the next meeting, including written excuses, if any, from such a "non."

A committee of two, composed of Bros. H. P. Miliken, of Clarkton, and W. C. Vick, of Councils, were appointed to wait on the C. C., east, nons, and render a report.

Bro. N. G. Ledbetter, of Camden, S. C., was appointed as a committee of one for the same purpose on the C. & K. Bros. J. S. Walker, of Peachland, J. C. Marsh, of Nashville, and B. G Stutts, of Lilesville, were appointed as a like commmittee for the C. C., west. Some interesting reports are expected at the next meeting.

Local Chairman Bro. H. C. Booker appointed N. C. Hines, of the R. & A., H. P. Miliken, of the C. C., east, N. G. Ledbetter, of the C. & K., and E. H. Moore, of the C. C., west, assistant local chairmen. Each assistant local chairman will receive the \$1.00 for each application and postage expenses.

Bro. Clay Pullard, of Keyser, was made treasurer for the Second Division. All contributions of money to be received by the secretary and arned over to the treasurer, which is to cover all expenses for the maintenance of meetings, etc. It also being suggested that a banquet be given this fall. A united effort will now be made to make the entire division solid. All members are requested to join the committees in the interest of the nons.

Do you know a good thing when you see it?

Do you appreciate a good thing when you get it?

Then, if you do, act that way, and show your appreciation. This notice is for the "non," as well as members. While the "non" did not help to get the good things, it is just as important for him to recognize them as it is the brothers. While I write I know some of our brothers have violated the national nine-hour law, and nearly every "non" has abused the law. Every time you work longer than is required by law you are subject to a heavy fine or imprisonment. Every time you work more than is required by law a record is made of it, and although you think it a secret so far as the superintendent is concerned. you are charged, and the evidence will be used in killing the law. There are curious eyes on your movements, and your movements will show whether or not you appreciate your present hours. If it is a fact that you had rather work long hours, you would be a better man to say so instead of trying to deceive your countrymen. A movement is already on foot in this State to start prosecution in such cases, and as for myself, I truly hope it will begin at once. A BROTHER.

I have taken the time to look at the C. C., east and west. While I can say more for the west than I can for the east, I will mention the fact that on the C. C., east, there are some good brothers. We are sorry our good C. C., east, brothers are having to stand the stale odor of Scab Hamilton for the present. The devil will get his dues some day.

Sorry, Mr. Birmingham, we could not do anything for you. You made the mistake. Always drop your card at the wrong time. This was a most peculiar case. Mr. Brooks promised Mr. Scab Dan a place as soon as his school closed. It so happened that all the places were filled when the unexpected close came, and Mr. Brooks, to keep his promise good, hunted the "non" a place filled by a man without a card. Why? Because he knew such a man could be dumped without a cause, and had no redress. Well, Mr. Brooks has been bumped, too. Where he is we do not know, but we do know he is gone, and our old chief has succeeded him as trainmaster.

Conditions on the C. & K. are encouraging. At Cheraw, Agent Smith is still encouraging the telegraph school, but the people don't care to have it back. They say if a man can take charge and run the school without disturbing the peace they are willing to encourage the institution, but don't want another Hamilton in their town. The records at Cheraw show several scraps that Professor Hamilton had while there, and that is enough.

I am sorry to note that some of the boys are doubling up. You ought to stop this at once. Take warning and each man get next to the future. Besides this, look at the law as it reads If you are found guilty of doubling, the fine will be more than we expect.

Get after the "nons," and shove the motto ahead.

Drv. Con.

Fifth Division-

The proverbial hen's teeth are not in the same class when it comes to scarcity, as compared with news on this particular "pike." Would appreciate it very much if half a dozen brothers would send me a few notes about the 20th of each month. Merely state the bare facts, and I will "set" same up to send in to the editor. Address J. C. Smith, Ocilla, Ga. Don't wait on the other fellow, but send in something. I'll wager a "dope" that the first thing you look for on receiving the journal is Fifth Division, S. A. L. Railway; then get busy and assist in making it interesting.

Understand Bro. T. E. Castleberry, the popular and efficient agent at Huntington, is off on a vacation to extend over several weeks. While away he will visit Salt Lake City, Utah.

Traveling Auditor M. H. Morris is off for several weeks, during which time he will make an effort to recover from the ill effects of long hours and hard work.

While absent Mr. Morris' work is ably handled by Mr. P. M. Southwell, traveling auditor of the Fourth Division. Mr. Southwell formerly worked at various points on the Fifth Division, and is well known as an efficient accountant.

Bro. A. Ruth DeLoach, of Pitts, has recently recovered from a severe attack of malaria fever; relieved by Bro. J. C. Smith, of Ocilla.

Notice is called to the card of Bro. F. O. Cumming, in the July number of the journal, in which he urges that delinquent members pay their semi-annual and Mutual Benefit dues without further delay. This is an exceedingly important matter, and should be attended to promptly. Do not neglect remitting immediately on receipt of notice, and no trouble will ever be experienced. As things are going now, it is just like drawing cye-teeth to get a remittance from a great many of our members. The payment of dues can not be considered as an expense, because it is not but, on the other hand, is the best investment of a small sum that any member can possibly make.

Mr. H. Griffin, agent at Hagan, is reported as conducting a "ham" factory at that point. Mr. Griffin at one time carried an up-to-date card, but it seems that he is retrograding in his old days. No doubt he is merely trying to save a little money by not employing a porter, but that is a mighty poor way to save money.

The Fifth Division is to be congratulated on having a minimum of the kind of men who cut their cwn throats by conducting "factories," and it is earnestly hoped that no one will be so foolish as to follow Mr. Griffin's example.

Let each member render first-class service to the company, and remain loyal to the Order, and zealous for its up-building. CERT. 147.

R. and C. Line-

I am glad to announce new interest on the part of a large number of the boys in our Order. We are now having regular monthly meetings in Hamlet, and very good attendance. Still the attendance at these meetings and interest in gen-

eral can be improved on, and should be. There is no reason whatever why a large per cent of the boys should not attend. Our chief is very considerate, and is doing his part loyally in giving passes and stopping No. 84 anywhere for us to get off. Now, boys, think over this and attend your meeting. Give your support to our local chairman, and to each other by your presence at Hamlet every third Saturday night of each month.

Of course, we are all elated over the eight-hour tricks along the line, and this is a great victory for our Order, but don't sit down, fold your hands and think it is all done. We have much to do to bring our working conditions, comforts and salaries where they belong. Right here on our own line many men are working split tricks—ten hours out of twenty-four—with one hour for meals and closing offices four hours, and some of our good men are working the same old twelve hours. Those who are enjoying the benefits of eight-hour tricks must not forget those who are not, and remember many of them did a great deal more towards making this a law than the eight-hour boys.

Now, a word to a few eight-hour boys: Some are sleeping on duty, and in many ways are very careless and indifferent about their work. Now, this won't do. Stop it! You are simply throwing away what we have worked so long and so hard for. Get your rest while off duty, and have a clear head when you go on duty, and make it a point to give the best service that lies in you.

I am sorry we still have some nons on the line. Keep eternally after them, and never let up until they hold an up-to-date card. Some are tough problems, I will admit, but all problems can be solved some time and some how.

There are also some backsliders; dues not paid up. Now, this won't do. You certainly can spare enough to put you in good standing again. Did you ever stop to think the average telegrapher on the S. A. L. today is drawing from \$15.00 to \$20.00 more per month than a few years ago? What did it? Our grand Order, of course. Now pay up and stay up.

One more word: Every one of us should respond promptly to call for Bro. Murphy's campaign fund. Our best friend in Congress. We must keep him there. Railroads all over the country are fighting him. You know why. We must fight for him with our dollars. Do this now.

W. L. Moore.

Hocking Valley Ry.

Toledo Division-

Business is picking up on the Hocking, and we hope in the near future to see all the boys that were laid off the 1st of April back at work.

Bro. Linden Peterson is working as agent at Pemberville during the absence of Bro. Schroder, who is off on his vacation. Bro. Peterson was one of the boys that got bumped April 1st.

Bro. Black, of Fostoria, was relieved by Bro. Jeanings during his honeymoon vacation.

I "13" we have a ham factory at Powell. Mr. A Martin as professor. Mr. Martin is an old man, and we think it a shame for him to get down far enough to teach a student. Martin has been with the Hocking Valley almost since the first rails were laid, and has taught two students that the writer is very well acquainted with, and if this one turns out as well as the others, we are very much afraid there will not be much doing when it comes to wire work for them. Now, brothers, that are working get after that non that is working with you. We have a few nons with us, but we are glad to say only a few. Mr. Joseph, of Lemoyne, is an old hardshell. We have been trying to get him in line, but it seems impossible. He is willing to take what we get for him. He can put his overtime money down in his jeans without a blust, just as though he was paying for the schedule, but when it comes to digging down and paying, it is a different story with him CERT. 256.

Soo Line Ry.

W. and P. Division-

Our assistant local chairman states that some of the boys are slow in going after a new card. Get busy.

Now get after the "nons" and you will see your name in our journal. There are only a few "nons" on the division, and we want them with us, with one exception, and we don't want him.

Anything you can do to help out our dispatchers at Gladstone will not go amiss, as they are all three ready to grant us favors, which we more than appreciate, and our chief is O. K., and always there when any small favors are wanted that are possible, and we should do everything possible to keep our and up.

The wood train has been taken off on account of slack business.

Our meeting at Manistique, Mich., was postponed. Hope to see more of the boys turn out next time we call a meeting. On account of the short notice that we had it was impossible for some of the boys to get away.

Bro. Lewis was over the line getting the boys lined-up. He advises that with two or three exceptions we have a solid O. R. T. division. Only one hardshell, and we do not want him.

Please send news items whenever you know of a change, or of anything of interest you would like published.

The following changes have recently taken place:

Bro. Parent relieved Bro. Arey as night operator at Armstrong Creek. Bro. Arey going to Garnet as agent, having drawn that station on bulletin

Bro. Carlson, regular third trick man at Hermansville, is off for a month's vacation, going to Duluth, Minn., for a short visit; relieved by Operator Lux, late of the C. T. U. of A. Hope to see Mr. Lux join our ranks soon.

Bro. F. W. Louchs, formerly of Armstrong Creek, called on the barber and storekeeper at Dunbar the fore part of the month.

Bro. E. Meckkelson is working his usual twelvehour trick at Dunbar.

Bro. Hope relieved the agent at Rexton for a short time while the regular agent was away transacting business.

Mr. Monthey was recently checked in as agent at Gagen.

Mr. Carl Stevens, regular cashier at Manistique, Mich., is back again after a month's vacation, and is spending a week in Manistique resting up. Mr. Scott, chief clerk, relieved Mr. Stevens while away. Mr. Scott will not resume his duties as chief clerk.

Bro. Griffin, of Cooks Mills, is thinking of trying one of the new stations on the new Duluth Line, just bulletined a few days ago.

Bro. Gerow, of Nahma Junction, made a trip to Manistique on the 16th, Mrs. Gerow doing the agent stunt while he was gone.

Bro. Messenger spent a day in Armstrong Creek, his home, on the Fourth.

Bro. Rose is now working second trick at Rhinelander.

We have lost a good man. Bro. Sheehan has left the Soo Line and gone to the C., P. R., getting a much better paying position. Bro. Sheehan was operator at the Union Depot, Soo, Mich.

P. I.

Wisconsin Central Ry.

Second District-

Bro. Hughes is working second trick at Stevens Point, being relieved at Marshfield by Bro. Yule.

Bro. Gerke, from south end, is working second trick at Marshfield, vice Operator Chester.

Bro. E. C. Utter, agent at Spencer, off for a week's visit with relatives at Templeton and Portage, being relieved by Bro. J. M. Phillipi.

Mrs. E. C. Utter, wife of Bro. Utter, spent a few days with friends at Camp Lake, Bro. Utter doing the "batch" act.

Just received a letter from our new secretary and treasurer, Bro. Barber, saying the semi-annual dues were coming in fine and fast. That's the work.

Now to run down a few of those nons. Try one of them. Brothers, every brother on the line make it a point to try to get just one non in line before the year closes, or better yet, by October

There are plenty of operators in the country, there is no need of running ham factories to increase the already overflowing supply. It would seem that enough has been said in the journal relative to teaching students, and still we find it is being done. The time for saying things in such cases has passed, in future let us give the unworthy one his tie-pass, with a tin can tied to it.

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M. & St. L. Ry.

Southern Division-

Mr. Cour, from Ft. Dodge, is working extra at Albert Lea, in place of the regular men, who are taking a vacation. Operator Capron taking Cour's place.

Bro. Romine, agent at New Richmond, has been laying off for a few weeks, being relieved by Mr. Rist. extra agent.

Mr. Hobson, night man at Montgomery, has been appointed agent at Greenville. Mr. Kubat now night man at Montgomery.

Bro. Pangborn, agent at Eden Prairie, resigned. Mr. F. L. Bradley is now agent there.

Mr. Beard, from Britt, is now working third trick at Hopkins.

Understand they have put three men on at Hopkins, and pulled off the helper.

Mr. C. F. Miller is now agent at St. Louis Park, taking the place of Mr. Mapes, who was appointed traveling relief agent.

Mr. S. P. Massey, agent at Lake Mills, is laying off. Mr. Rist is taking his place.

Leland agency changed hands again. Don't know present man's name.

Bro. Rouse,, agent at Forest City, now agent at Fort Dodge, taking place of Mr. G. C. Houk, who was appointed traveling freight agent.

Mr. Kruschek, from Storm Lake, now agent at Forest City.

We are pleased to note that Bro. Goethe, agent at Britt, has transferred from Oskaloosa Division, No. 71, to our division.

Bro. Van Winkle, agent at Dayton, is off on a vacation.

Mr. D. C. Wiley, agent at Pilot Mound, laying off.

Mr. Silver now agent at Burnside.

Bro. Craig at Berkeley, resigned. Some new man has the place.

Bro. Berglund now agent at Angus.

Bro. Thompson has left Rippey, being relieved by Mr. Hoppenstadt, from Leland.

Bro. Draper, agent at Boyd, is recovering from a severe sick spell.

Arrangements have been made whereby we will meet the third Sunday of each month, commencing with August, in Totuscheus Hall, Hopkins, Minn. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend these meetings, as much good will result therefrom. Hope to see all the "old guard" present who attended our first meeting at Midway, on February 16th.

Understand Bro. Vogler has the matter of transportation up with the general office, and will arrange to have as many as possible excused on these Sundays. Some of the officials will be present each meeting, and will give us a talk concerning our various duties, and I think this will tend to create a more friendly feeling between employer and employe.

Wish the Order men on this system would take a little more interest in the work. I think if all the boys would go after the nons here, they could be induced to join. I do not know of any reason why they are not in, as most of them are first-class men. All of them have been benefited, either in hours or wages, and they may thank the Order for it. I have written to several of them, and I know that blanks have been sent to most of them, and I was surprised to learn that not one of them had sent blanks in to Bro. Hamilton. If they persist in holding out we will try some other means to wake them up. Remember, "no cards, no favors."

Whenever you hear of any changes or any news of interest, drop a card to your correspondent. It is impossible for him to keep track of the doings on the line, and if you will assist him be will appreciate it very much.

Understand there is no local chairman on the Southern or Des Moines Divisions at the present time. Boys on these divisions should get together and elect some one to look after their interests.

The three operators at Hopkins are new men. Don't know if they are members or not.

The night man at Montgomery is not yet eligible.

Do not know the night men at Livermore or Britt. Can not say how they stand. Same thing applies to Leland and Berkeley agencies.

All the rest on these two divisions are O. K. Any member who has not paid his dues should do so at once, and get an up-to-date card. Keep your dues paid, come to the meetings, and keep after the nons, and we will soon be solid.

DIV. COR

C., R. I. & P. Rv.

Missouri Division-

Where are the notes you boys promised to send me? Come up with the goods. Would especially like to get news of the main line, from Cameron Junction to Trenton.

Mr. Zingerly, the first trick dispatcher, is out in Colorado, cooling off. We wish to inform him it is "dog gone" hot here.

Bro. Griswold, the handsome man, has returned to his old love, "SY" office.

Bro. Morrow is going to attend the Chautauqua at Maysville.

Mr. Carter is ably holding down the first trick, while Mr. Zingerly is in Colorado. E. E. C. is one of the nicest dispatchers we have ever been fortunate enough to work with.

Our old friend, Tom Thielen, is working a trick extra in Des Moines. Tom is a good fellow and a good dispatcher.

Did you ever stop to consider how well the boys are sticking to their jobs since we have nine hours?

Bro. Blackburn is laying off and enjoying himself, we hope.

Not to discuss politics, but as we listen to comments on the wire we think Bryan will get a majority of the votes of the operators.

We hope all the boys have remitted their dues, and are in possession of their new cards. If you know of a non get after him.

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Just for a change, some one on the main line write up the news. The writer is stuck up in the woods and the news is hard to get.

Bro. Abernathy says there is no place like Clarksdale. Of course we know Bro. Strong and Bro. Wertenberger agree with him.

Bro. Trickey is now the permanent agent at Pierce Junction. This station was the only one on the last bulletin.

Perhaps when we are all dead and gone the boys who work the keys won't have to work Sundays. What a glorious thing if we could only look forward each week to not having any work on Sunday.

We had a pleasant call from Bro. Fisher, of the Missouri Pacific. We also had a long chat with Bro. Dainton, of Everest, on the Missouri Pacific.

Wheat is beginning to move, and with the apples that will follow later, leads us to believe that you will not see so many idle box cars sitting around.

Bro. W. Gregg is again back at work at Alta

Bro. J. B. Plum, Winston, made a flying trip to Kansas City one day this month.

Agent Hanley, a brother, at Edgerton, has been trying to get off for a few days on account of his father being dangerously sick, but so far has not succeeded.

Quite a number of the boys have made arrangements for leave of absence during the next sixty days, but it looks as though some would be disappointed.

S. A. Plum, Hickory Creek nights, says he will become one of us just as soon as he can get hold of the necessary.

F. S. T.

Des Moines Valley Division-

Bro. Welsh working first trick in dispatcher's office. Bro. Tazewell is laying off. Bro. Overturff is working second trick on account of Bro. Welsh relieving Bro. Tazewell.

The night operators on the south end are only too willing to return a compliment toward Bro. Pollock, for he makes life pleasant for us.

Selma station on bulletin, Bro. M. T. Harlan resigning, going into other business.

Laurens station on bulletin. Bro. Seigle gets Selma station on bulletin.

Clyde Hunter, formerly helper at Givin, is now working for the Iowa Central Ry. as agent and operator at Eddyville, Iowa. Clyde can be called a brother now, for he has an up-to-date in his pocket.

Bro. Cross, Ottumwa, first trick, has been laying off on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Larson.

Bro. Roberts has been working second trick at Ottumwa on account of Bro. Cross being on the sick list.

The helper at Knoxville has been restored again, having been taken off last January.

Mr. E. F. Winslow, our trainmaster, has reported for duty again, having been taken off last April.

Only three brothers responded to the call for aid in the line of correspondence for THE TELEGRAPHER, Bro. Roberts, Ottumwa; Bro. Schmitt, Knoxville, and Bro. Moore, Sigourney.

Those attending the meeting of old railroaders at Des Moines, were Mr. Cox and Mr. Hynes, of Pella; Mr. Price and Mr. Monks, of Beacon; Mr. Wing, of Eddyville; Mr. Warren, of Kirkville; Mr. Finnesy, Ottumwa. All had been in service more than twenty years.

Bro. Ream, of Evans, made a trip to Des Moines the latter part of May, calling on the boys along the way.

Bro. Dane, of Atwood, made a flying trip to Beacon last week to visit friends and relatives.

The company has erected a new depot at Atwood, the old one having been destroyed by fire a few years ago.

Bro. Warner, at Monroe, is still working in his box-car, used for the purpose of a depot, the old depot having been destroyed by fire last winter. I understand that the non-telegraph office at Fairmont has a relay in the office, used for the

purposes of student work.

Be careful, boys, do not forget to "OS" your trains, and have the dispatcher call you for several hours, and in the end turn you in to Mr. Chief.

Bro. Blythen, of Evans, first trick, off a day last week, called to Des Moines on business; relieved by Bro. Boling.

Mr. Henry Merrill, fireman on work extra 352, out of Evans, was injured last week while in the act of coaling his engine. His injuries are quite severe, and we hope for a speedy recovery.

Bro. C. F. Dykstra, of Pella, made out application for ninety days, and received transportation to Los Angeles, Denver, Colorado Springs and the coast. This is only a reward for good, faithful service. Bro. Dykstra has been employed for five years as a telegrapher.

Bro. F. E. Warren, who has been attending Drake University at Des Moines, was called back to relieve Bro. Dykstra.

Bro. Warren, of Kirksville, was a business caller on friends and relatives at Pella, the 28th of June.

Bro. Fowler, of Harvey, who has been employed as agent for nearly two years by this company, has his fifth helper, which is a credit to Bro. Fowler, as he does not teach telegraphy to his helpers, for I was his second helper at Fivin, and he never taught me.

Bro. W. P. Creger, of Otley, expects to visit the State of New York about the 1st of August.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Almighty has deemed it wise to take from our worthy brother, J. F. Manning, his beloved father, and in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy for our brother, be it



Resolved, By the members of Division No. 126, that we extend to the bereaved brother and his family our heartfelt sympathy in their affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother, and a copy furnished THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

I. H. BROKAW, Local Chairman.

Cedar Rapids Division-

Effective July 15th, Gibson was made a non-telegraph station. Bro. C. A. Stebbins resigned, and was relieved about July 1st to accept services with the U. S. Express Co. as agent at Independence, Iowa. Success to Bro. S. He relieves C. S. Curtis, an old B. C. R. man, who has bought an interest in a furniture and undertaking establishment at Webster City.

Effective August 1st: Extra Man Atherton did relief work at Gibson until July 15th, when A. G. Tilton, of Nira, was transferred to Gibson. Understand a native was checked in at Nira (non telegraph).

Bro. Wright, at Hills, is taking a few weeks' vacation, being relieved by G. W. Tripp. Tripp has also relieved the man at Sunbury, and Sterrett, of Platet, in the last thirty days.

Agency at Riverside is bulletined, made vacant by the transfer of Bro. W. J. Zbornik to position as operator in yard office at Cedar Rapids. H. E. Cover is doing relief work at "VR."

Bro. G. W. Hunter, Barnes City, visited home folks at West Branch, Sunday, July 19th, returning Monday morning.

Superintendent Merrill and Trainmaster C. E. Green made a tour of inspection over Cedar Rapids Division during the first part of July.

Understand express office will be taken away from depot at Wellman, effective August 1st, owing to amount of work in railroad line. This will give Bro. Cedarburg more time for railroad work, but we hate to see him lose that commission.

J. A. Gunderson.

Colorado Division-

The big Democratic convention is now over, and the bunch of extra telegraphers who were hired for the occasion have again been cut adrift. It is too bad we can't have some kind of a big "doins" about once a week, so that we could keep some of the idle operators working.

While we are on this convention subject, would suggest that every telegrapher read the platform adopted by each party, and vote for your own interests. It isn't likely there are very many multi-millionaires among us, so it will not take you very long to see who is for us and who is against us. Politics are a thing of the past, and principles are the thing upon which every laboring man should decide his vote.

A number of day offices were closed during the time convention trains were being run to and from Denver, and the boys at those offices were put on the night shift; however, each one was instructed to be careful and not "bust" the nine-hour law.

Bro. C. R. Fletcher, of "GD," Goodland, whose heart has always been with us, now has an up-to-date card. We are very glad to welcome "F" into the fold.

Resolis station has been closed and Mattison opened days.

Bro. G. G. Widmoyer, who has been relieving at Resolis, goes to Dellvale to relieve Bro. R. D. Garber, who will take a thirty-day vacation. Bro. Garber has a fruit farm in Eastern Kansas, and we presume he is going down there to ship out a few carloads.

Bro. O. C. Carter, formerly agent at Resolia, but who has been on leave of absence for sixty days, has resumed his duties at Mattison, Colo.

Bro. D. T. Cuthbert, who has been off for three months, has resumed his duties as agent at Falcon, Colo. Bro. S. W. Potts, who has been relieving at Falcon, is now on vacation.

Chief Dispatcher M. L. Ellis went over a part of the division on the "Jerseys," Sunday, July 26th. We are always glad to see M. L. E., as we know he is a friend of the operators, which we are very sorry to say can not be said of a great many officials who have come up through the telegraph department.

Bro. F. B. Wilbur, formerly agent at Jennings, is now employed on the Colorado Midland.

C. C. Flynn, an old-time dispatcher, is now acting agent at Jennings. Can not say whether be has the proper credentials or not, but, of course, if not, we shall expect him to get them.

H. A. Hill is the new car clerk in Goodland office. He carries the right colors.

We notice that a few on this division have not yet remitted dues for the current term. All who have not done so please attend to it at once, and do not allow yourself to become delinquent.

If you know of a non, get after him and stay after him until he will be glad to get a card or get off the job; if everyone will push we can get the division solid and keep it that way.

If any of you have an item for the journal send it to your local chairman before the 25th of the month, and help to get a good write-up each month.

CERT. 295.

Nebraska Division-

Bro. C. E. Temple has taken sixty days off, and is putting in the time working in "F," Fairbury office, seeing if he is heavy enough to hold it down.

Operator Roy Showers is working third trick at Belleville for the present.

Operator Schindeler is working third trick at Smith Center.

Bro. Homan, who has been holding down second trick at Phillipsburg for some time, has left there, and Bro. E. C. Hoch, from Jansen, is holding it down now.

Bro. J. M. Crosbie, agent at Smith Center, is taking fifteen days off, visiting in Colorado; Bro. Yocum is acting as agent during his absence.

Bro. Arpke back to Mankato again, working second trick.

Third-trick operator put on at Scandia during the Democratic rush, and has not been taken off up to the present time. Operator A. L. Saunders is holding it down.

"13" Bro. Cowan has bid in the agency job at Bern.

Operator T. J. O'Brien is working third trick at Phillipsburg, vice Operator Jones, deceased.

Bro. S. D. Blakely, at Mahaska, is visiting in Missouri. Operator Vining is doing the relief stunt. Mr. L. F. Brillhart back at Alvo, after being off for about six weeks.

"13" Bro. H. W. Parker goes to Bellaire to do the relief act for a while.

Mr. J. P. Burke, a C. T. U. of A. man, was put on at Hallam during the Democratic rush to Denver, to assist Bro. Fountain. Bro. Fountain is working as a class "B" telegrapher.

During the night of July 5th there was a cloudburst in the vicinity of Lincoln, causing the water to flood the city, and all roads running in there were out of commission for several days. No. 8 was tied up in Lincoln for thirty-six hours; No. 7 and a "Tom Johnson special" were turned back from Havelock, and sent to Omaha, to be detoured to Denver over the U. P. E. M.

Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry. Elkhart Division-

A bad wind storm, June 23d, blew down some thirty telegraph poles between "WG" tower and Osceola.

Bro. Chafin, who resigned his position in the telegraph department to accept one in the signal engineer's department, is now working with a gang at Millers, where they are installing a new

Operator Andrews, at "B" office, Elkhart, was off sick a week; relieved by Bro. Rowe, who holds a card in M. C. Division.

Operator McKinley, who worked sometime ago at "KY," Toledo, is now pounding brass for the U. P. at Denver.

Bro. Therman, who gave up "B" tower when the new interlocker was installed, is now located at Swanton.

Bro. Gangwer, the night owl at Millersburg, took a short lay-off and went to Coldwater, where he put in his time fishing.

Bro. Baker, of "JK," was off a week enjoying a well-earned vacation. He was relieved by F. M. Britt, an old-time Wabash dispatcher, at Ashley.

Bro. Hastick, of "RT," off duty a few days on account of sickness; was relieved by Mr. Weir, of White Pigeon, a back-slider.

Mr. Stotts, a C. T. U. of A. man before the strike, located at Kansas City doing press work, and who accepted a position as brakeman on the Michigan Division, has resigned and gone back to his first love, pounding brass.

The Elkhart shops and the carpenter and repair yards have been placed on fifty-four hours per, week working schedule. Since last November they have been working but thirty-two hours.

Business is picking up a little, but is still far from normal.

Operator Snyder, "BC" office, has gotten him a mecograph. Hadn't you noticed the strange fist? Have you got your new card yet?

"Hoosier."

Michigan Division-

Items are as scarce as hen's teeth this month. Not because there has not been plenty doing, but simply because the brothers will not send them in. Items should reach the division correspondent by the 25th of the month so we can consolidate them and get them to St. Louis by the 28th.

Bro. Gangwer, second trick at Millersburg, relieved Mr. Fritz, agent at Ligonier, a few days last week. Bro. Gangwer relieved by Bro. Gary, who has been bumping extra list since the reduction in force.

Hillsdale, Jonesville, Coldwater and Sturgis were the last ones to receive reduction.

Bro. Eagle, who got the ax at Hillsdale, went to White Pigeon, second trick. "13" he has since left the service. He was relieved by Mr. Haas, the man who gives as his reason for not joining the Order that he does not expect to railroad long.

I am sure all the boys were sorry to have Bro. Eagle leave us, and the good wishes of us all go with him.

Bro. Donahue, of Jonesville, got second trick at Ft. Wayne Junction.

Bro. Shrimplin, of Sturgis, went to "CX" tower. Goshen.

Bro. H. H. Mecklinburg, who had been working third trick at Sturgis, taking the second trick.

Our genial local chairman, Bro. Walker, of Hillsdale, is taking a vacation, spending part of his time at Lake George, Ind., and visiting in New York State.

There seem to be operators galore at present. About fifteen on the extra list, with about enough extra work for two, but these conditions can not last long. Quite a change since March 1st, when there were no operators to fill the nine-hour jobs. It was a good bluff, but didn't stick.

I wish every member would try to get one new member. In order to be successful we must have a good, strong membership, and we should stand by our motto, "No card, no favors." Just the other day I heard of a non asking one of the brothers when No. So-and-so had passed. Said he was sick, and went to sleep, and they got by him. The dispatcher had been calling him for an hour then. Might have been a good idea for him to give one of the extra men a day or two if he was so bad as that. But not much. They want it all, and for nothing. Not even good service.

Mr. J. N. Fillinger, agent at Shipshewana, has been discharged. Mr. Brining, of Ottawa Lake, relieving him. Can not say if Mr. B. is up-to-date "Sox." or not, but hope he is.



C., B. & Q. Ry.

C., B. & Q. System-

On June 28th I had the pleasure of attending an agents' meeting at Centerville, Iowa, at which about 100 agents, operators, conductors, engineers, etc., were in attendance for the purpose of talking over the matter of handling shorts, overs and bad orders, claims, etc., in order that there might be a curtailment of same.

There were two sessions. One in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. This was the best attended meeting that I have ever attended where agents and operators were afforded an opportunity to be present. The company ran trains so as to accommodate the employes.

Interesting papers were read by several of the old agents, and short talks were made by Super-intendent Hamm, of Centerville, and A. N. Willsie, of Hannibal, which were instructive as well as entertaining.

Meetings are held every three months on that division, and it affords the men a great source of instruction.

Bro. W. A. Henry has been making a trip over the lines east during the latter part of July, and he hopes to go over all the divisions as soon as he can arrange it, and touch as many points as possible. Bro. Henry has been secretary ever since we organized on the Burlington, and this is his first trip out on the line. He is meeting a great number of the boys, and is getting an insight into what the general chairman has to contend with all the time.

The local chairmen of the system have voted to put the general secretary and treasurer out on a salary so he will do nothing but handle the work pertaining to the secretary and look after the interests of the Order generally as his time will permit. This puts us on a footing with the other large roads, and affords us an opportunity to line-up with them, which we have not been able to do heretofore.

A rousing meeting was held at Aurora on July 11th, at which a large number were present, and a very enjoyable time was reported. It was stated that some brothers went to Aurora, but never showed up at the meeting; but they were young men who had sweethearts in that city, which accounts for their absence.

Bro. Henry's weekly report for the last week in June was the largest report he has ever made. This shows that the members are active, and want to get a new card before they wear out the old one. Are you in this class? A great many prefer to delay the payment of dues until the close of the term. It should be the desire of every one to get a new card so as to have it by the first of July and January. Why delay it? Bro. Quick is sending out a letter with each new card, which should be carefully read, and every one should make a great effort to follow his suggestions, and each member get a new member. If you would all try and do this, how easy it would be to perfect organization.

I am greatly surprised to find members working by the side of nons on different parts of the system, and to see so little effort apparently used to secure the application of these nons. I wish men could be induced to do their part in this matter, and help to thoroughly organize the system, but it seems that the work is left to a few who are active. Brothers, this is not right. If you would take hold of the matter and do what you could, it would be a great help, and I am sure it would not injure you.

So many treat their own affairs with such little indifference that it is no wonder they never get out of the rut.

Now, in order to give every man a square deal, the telegraph instruments are being cut out of offices, and phones are being installed, and salaries are being cut from \$5.00 to \$12.50. This, of course, is done to cut down the amount of work and responsibility, and in the meantime make you feel as though you were getting rich (?).

It was reported that a certain general superintendent made a statement in public a short time ago to the effect that "all classes of labor were too well paid." God pity the poor. What next?

I am informed that the sliding scale is being used to a good advantage in relay offices. It is a good thing, boys; push it along. As long as you have no schedule agreement, what can you expect? This is not being done on roads where the relay positions are in the schedule, and it would not be done here if they were scheduled.

I notice that when the force was cut in the relay offices, and the men were sent out on the read to work, mighty few got back in the relay offices. It seems that it was preferable to hire men from out of the Western Union offices in preference to men on the line who had relay experience. This is another one of the so-called "square deals." Stay out of the schedule and take your medicine.

It is announced by those who gathered at Aurora a short time ago to test the "successful phone," that it was an "absolute" success, but any man who ever has used a phone to any extent knows that it is impossible to test the efficiency of a phone by using it a few hours. The only way in which it can be tested is to use it for several days; as it is certain that a phone hardly ever works twice alike, and it is an utter impossibility to be accurate on a phone at all times. They are not to be relied on at any time, and are unsafe. Any one who thinks that the phone will be a decided improvement, and will supersede the old reliable telegraph, will be doomed to disappointment. Mark this down now, lest you forget, that the phone will be a complete failure. The only parties who will not be disappointed will be those who sold the instruments and wire. How much better it would have been to have put in better telegraphic equipment, and used a part of the amount expended to pay operators and agents living wages. But then that would not have been agreeable to the men, would it?

I hope every man will take the time to read the hearing had before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, in March, which will appear in THE TELEGRAPHER from time to time. The first installment of which appeared in the July TELEGRAPHER. Note that part of the statement of Mr. Daniel Willard wherein he stated that the efficiency of the service could not be made any better by complying with the "Hours of Service Law." His reason seemed to be that it would be necessary to employ a large number of operators, with but very little experiencemen who were not capable of doing the business. This however, must have been lost sight of, as irresponsible phone men are being put into positions of great trust. Men who have only a tew days' experience, with the desire of making the service more efficient, and make the travel upon railroads less hazardous. But can any man believe that this is the way to make travel upon the road safer? I can not believe that to take a reliable operator out of a position and put in his place a cheap, inexperienced phone man is going to enhance the safety of travel upon railroads.

It is certainly amusing to read the statements in the press to the effect that the phone is a complete success, and is preferable to the telegraph, and those who use the phone prefer it to the telegraph.

The operators and dispatchers who use it will not confirm the statements made by officials that the phone is better, and they would rather use it. Nearly every one prefers the old reliable Morse; and, mark you, inside of one year the phone will be a huge joke.

I notice, in going over the line, that a great number of men have grievances which have never been filed for adjustment. Men who have grievances and do not take them up according to the schedule, have no kick coming, if, perchance, they do not get what is coming to them.

Now, let every member on the division get busy and get a new application each week from now until the close of the year, and assist the division in capturing the large prize offered by the Grand Division.

All who have not paid dues should do so at once, and get a new card. Regular meetings should be held where it is convenient.

I hope every local chairman will see that a good write-up is put in THE TELEGRAPHER each month. Let us know that every division is alive. I hope this sultry weather will not make you feel so old that you can not do some rustling among the nons.

M. J. Johnson.

LaCrosse Division-

Operator Jim Lienlokken, of Savanna Depot, is now working third trick at North Yard.

Operator Olson, of Glen Haven, is now working third trick at Savanna Depot.

Adams, of "NA," was on his vacation.

Operator Lindner, of South Junction, is holding down third trick at Glen Haven.

Bro. Hickey, of Yard Office, "JD," went home for a day.

Operator Kemp, of Curry, worked at "JD" two days. He certainly had his hands full on account of the washouts at "BC" and "B."

The dispatchers at "CX" office are having their annual vacation now.

There were two bad washouts. One at Charme and the other at Bagley, which tied up the trains for a day. The passenger trains used the Milwaukee and the Great Western tracks until the damage was repaired.

Bro. Miller, of "RH," has left the service. He was once our local chairman. "13" he is going in the real estate business. We all wish him good luck in the future.

Agent Harville, of Cassville, to Grand Crossing Depot. Agent Clark, of DeSoto, to Cassville, and Agent Duffy, of Stoddard, to DeSoto.

Bro. Gibbons, of "RH," is doing the day stunt at "JN," with Bro. Kreuger doing one of the owl tricks.

Ried, of Cassville, has left the service. "13" he is going into the jewelry business.

Business is beginning to pick up now. The stock rush will be here soon, and we don't want any sleeping on the third trick.

Be sure and pay your dues at once. "No card, no favors."

Alliance Division-

The picture in the front of the May journal, showing the farmer feeding his hogs (all members but one poor razor back-a non), is a good illustration of the non. Did you ever notice how quickly he runs up the pay-car steps, grabs his check with the members? And, mind you, he don't hand back that little increase the O. R. T. got for him, but sticks it in his pocket, thinking the company is paying him more wages for his good service. I should say not! He knows as well as we do how he got his increase, but, generally speaking, is too "darn stingy" to pay his dues. Like the razor back, he never gets full. There are cases where the boys have met with a run of hard luck, and will square up as soon as they can, but there are a lot of hard-shelled ones whom the picture sure represents, and it will require a lot of "condition powders" (requests and invitations to join) to get them straightened out and fat.

Bro. J. W. Thompson, night operator at Seneca, to agency at Minnekahta; relieved by J. R. White. Bro. F. D. Sanderson from Minnekahta to Halsey, permanent, and Bro. I. Allstatt from Englewood to Dunning, permanent.

Bro. H. P. Fagan, relief agent, taking a few days' vacation.

Bro. E. C. Reed, formerly agent at Hill City, has accepted the position of cashier at Chadron for the C. & N. W.

Chief Dispatcher Gavin spent a few days' vacation in the East. Dispatcher McClees held the chair during his absence, and Gregory filled the third trick.

Bro. W. E. Herncall moved from Ellsworth, nights, to Whitman, nights.

What is this world coming to, anyway? I hear they are going to close up Ardmore now, leaving only an agent (not an operator), at that point, cutting out two more of our old pals. That makes the phony business all the better, in spite of the storms and the phones burning out, and in other ways making themselves the nuisances they always are.

Understand there are permanent changes being made at Pluma, Rochford, Mystic, Hill City and Minnekahta, with a new man already at Pringle.

The High Line is pretty busy in making transfers, anyway. Whether other business will warrant this or not, remains to be seen.

One of the big compound helpers has been pulled off the Crawford hill, putting all the work on the 400 t.

Coleman, our amiable second trick man at "DA," returned from his vacation the other day, and has set in again, leaving Mifka to take Marvin's place while he is on an impromptu visit to Hastings. Expect him to return in a few days, though, giving us the same old line-up at Deadwood.

Understand we are solid from Alliance to Edgemont, with two exceptions, Belmont and Orella, with a good show of landing them before this term is out. Wonder if all the other divisions of the "Q" can show as clean a pair of heels?

Helper Clark McIntyre, of Mullen, spent a few nights as night agent at Hemingford.

On account of high water, business has been "all shot to pieces" the last month, but is picking up in fine shape.

Bro. J. W. Bollinger, working second trick at Ellsworth, an old-timer, and belongs to the Grand Division. F. E. McCormick, who, I understand, has not been working for some time, holds third trick.

"Baldy" Brown, of Hecla, off on sick list; relieved by Mr. J. R. Tippens, who was at Seneca a short time.

Bro. W. D. McIntyre, of Mullen, is taking a lay-off for a few days, being called to Chadron, Neb., on account of his wife taking sick there while visiting relatives.

Operator A. J. Nelson back in "J" office. He being one of the first ones laid off last winter.

Bro. Bert Darrow, of Mason, took sick after going to work, and had to be taken home without waiting for relief. Bro. J. C. Haney, of Ansley, relieved him. The doctor said Bert's sickness was caused from overwork, and would not permit him to go back to work until he had a couple of week's vacation.

The company has placed quite a number of helpers on this division, but no one has yet had a request to teach them telegraphy, or allow them to practice on the main wires, or, in some cases, use them; so if you are doing it, why? Some day he'll take your job, as one helper had the au-

dacity to tell me "Sure I'd take your job if I could get it, and at less wages, too."

A. D. Williams, night operator at Halsey, is wearing a big smile, and incidentally the wreath and sounder, and has an up-to-date card in his pocket.

What? Haven't you paid those dues yet? No wonder Bro. Henry needs seventeen clerks and a barefooted boy to help him out, so get "25."

Bro. N. E. Brown, of Edgemont, pulled out and left us; relieved by M. R. Cox, from Ansley, who came here from the U. P.

Bro. B. R. Ness, from the Northwestern, relieved Mr. A. G. Wheeler at Crawford. This makes Crawford solid.

Bro. H. W. McNamara relieving Bro. F. Doolittle at Anselmo. Bro. Mac holds membership in Division No. 77.

Understand we are to have another set of dispatchers at Alliance. C. D. Conn, present night chief, formerly a conductor on the east end local, goes back to his old run. R. C. McClees, third trick dispatcher, takes the night chief chair. H. E. Marvin, from Deadwood, takes third trick, and Joe Mifka goes to Deadwood. Main line boys will all be sorry to see Joe go, but the boys on the High Line will sure give him the glad hand.

What do you think of a man who says the Order is no good when he is enjoying in the neighborhood of \$25.00 per month increase over what the position paid before the O. R. T. got in their work? Looks like a case of all hog. Understand this man is working for promotion. If "gall and nerve" will get it, it's a "lead-pipe cinch" for him.

Mr. L. F. Taylor, Orella, has decided to try the Black Hills climate, and is lined up for Rochford, Bro. F. M. Vincent going to Minnekahta. Mr. Taylor will be with us in the near future. He organized the Lincoln Lodge of the C. T. U. of A., and is yet secretary and treasurer of our sister organization.

Mr. F. J. Ellsbury has been assigned Hill City, permanent. Do not know where Bro. Smith, now temporary agent there, will go. Roubaix closed.

Bro. Perrin, of Nemo, to Mystic. Mr. E. E. White to Englewood, his old "stamping ground." Bro. Perrin tells us the Homestake mine furnish the agent for their business at Nemo. Mr. G. Fredrickson now there.

Mr. Ormsby recently returned from his vacation, but understand he had to run down to Denver to help nominate Nebraska's favorite son.

Mr. Potter, a new man from the Western Union, worked a few nights at Ansley.

Bro. Ernst, formerly of this division, now employed on the D. & R. G., in Utah. Sister Ernst on the C., R. I. & P., in Kansas. Glad to learn of their success.

Western Union Manager Toohey, of the Alliance office, was away on a vacation. Shields looked after business during his absence. He did not like it very well, but could rake up no good excuse, so lit his pipe, put on a big smile, and got busy.

Owing to vacations and extra dispatchers Mifka, Gregory and Litty relieving the regular trick men. "J" was somewhat short-handed, so three extra men were sent to help them out. F. S. Mann, from the East; A. G. Wheeler, from Seneca, and E. H. Wells, also and Eastern man; all high-grade operators and good fellows. Wells never did any railroad work before, but is fast learning the business, and will soon be a giltedge railroad man. Mann was sent to "NI" office, Lincoln, to help them out there, and Wheeler was hast heard of at Crawford. W. A. Nickle is night wire chief, and don't like to be called "strawboss," so visitors please make a note of it when calling on the "J" office. The present office is sill the same old box-car, but the new depot is growing every day, and the boys are looking forward to the time when their genial chief, J. B. Kennedy, will extend the courtesies of a new "J" office to all visitors. Joe Mifka and Arch Gregory, Fred Litty and Frank Pearson are the beavyweights. The first three being extra dispatchers who were put in "J" at the time of the hig reduction. Mifka has been dispatching at Deadwood for a few days.

Want to thank the brothers for helping me with this write-up, and hope you will continue to do so, that we may do this well each month.

To those who are being forced to violate the Hours of Service Law, it seems to be the company's intention to live up to it, and if they do, so should we. In my opinion it is as much a violation to write up a balance-sheet or deliver freight or express after hours as it is to telegraph. We get our bread and butter from the company, and if we can not work for them, why should we for the public? Any custom with the public soon becomes a law, and we can soon educate them to doing business the same as our banks do. The company will back you in so doing; at least, they did me in a case of this kind.

Did you hear the latest snap in connection with the new law? Officials claim they made a rule the 4th of March that no operator would be allowed to leave his station, even outside of working hours. They claim this breaks the rest period. Have any brothers seen this rule in printed form? Of course you have not, and I hardly believe you will, either. It is simply a dodge to hand it to us for passing the nine-hour law. It is a pretty state of affairs to have some rule in effect not published, and then tell us about it after it has been violated. Figuring on this basis, the Book of Rules and current instructions are not at all necessary, and are superfluous. What do you know about that?

There is a dispatcher, not a thousand miles from here, who is earning a reputation among the boys that will be hard to eclipse. His trick does not begin during daylight hours, either. If the name were to be published I believe "Mr. Write'em-up" would be the correct one to use. This man seems to forget that he was ever an operator. If he would stick to the truth when making reports, same as the rest of the dis-

patchers, there would be very little "holler" coming. It has been proven beyond a doubt that his reports are greatly exaggerated, and many times the result of malice rather than an idea of bettering the service. It is a cinch that a man can not use profane and indecent language over the wire and apply the same to men under his charge without injuring the service. This thing of swearing over the wire should be entirely cut out both by operators and dispatchers alike. It is superfluous. We are told by our chief dispatcher that this dispatcher is one of our best men. Well, so far as getting the trains over the road, this may be true, but the other dispatchers get the trains over the road, and don't give the operators a whole lot of abuse and write-ups while they are doing it. We are also told by our chief dispatcher that our word does not amount to a pinch of snuff when staked against a dispatcher's complaint, and there is no reason to doubt this statement when we look at some of the letters and reprimands received by some of the boys at the instigation of this particular trick dispatcher. This is a pretty state of affairs. It would seem that investigation of a complaint is unnecessary when but one side of the question is to be considered. This is quite an idea of justice, but is an actual fact that can be proven. Regardless of what the circumstances may be and how poor may be the grounds for complaint, you will invariably find that the correspondence will be directed, in the end, so as to throw all the cause of the trouble your way. Any one who has been up against one of these propositions is in a position to know the truth of this statement. It is a cinch that the men who are working here now. and have been for some time, are the last ones who are looking for trouble with the dispatchers, and if Mr. Gavin will take the time and trouble to consider, he will have no trouble in ascertaining that there are always two sides to every story, also that we are not getting a square deal at the hands of this particular dispatcher.

This is not written by a crank or a kid, but is written by one who has been in the business for a long time, and can truthfully say, that for a rotten deal along the lines mentioned, we are getting it here. If we should have this man as chief, what could we expect? This is not written in the interest of the professional "boomer," who is here today and away tomorrow, and is a curse to all of us, but in the interest of men who are steady, and feel that they are of as much value to the company as the man who is doing so much to make life a burden for them, and entering so many marks against their records.

It does not seem to be realized here that times have changed. Men will not always stand for this kind of treatment any more than the company will stand for infringement of their rules and poor service. The sooner that all concerned sit up and take notice, that much sooner will peace, harmony and good will prevail.

Bro. C. M. Burton, third trick at Crawford, resigned to return to the "Sunny South;" re-

lieved by Bro. B. R. Ness, formerly of the Sheridan Division and C. & N. W. Railway.

Operator A. J. Nelson transferred to Alliance; relieved by Operator W. O. Shay.

Bro. H. W. McNamara has resigned. Bro. Doolittle returning to his old position as night operator at Anselmo, and Bro. McIntyre and wife returned to Mullen. Operator Lamphere from Anselmo to Edgemont.

The third operator has been put on at Anselmo, Halsey and Whitman. Am unable to say who is holding these positions at this time.

Line gang busy putting in telegraphones on the west end. Div. Cor.

Sterling Division-

Unable to report any new members for the division this month. Let us hope for better success next write-up.

Bro, E. A. Broughton has resumed duty after enjoying a few days' vacation visiting Kansas and Colorado points.

Bro. A. L. Reynolds, agent at Moorfield, off a few days for a rest; relieved by Bro. W. E. Call, relief agent.

Presume by this time you will all be carrying a new card for the last half year. Get in the band-wagon, and speak to your friend, the non, about this.

There are some new bulletins out for two or three changes on the High Line. Wallace station is said to be among the changes, but we have not scen the bulletin, and can not give the particulars this time.

Business has been very quiet and but few changes being made on this division for the month, and some changes made of which we have not received notice, hence our news is a little shy this time. Every one must keep up their part of the work, and help us get the news.

J. T. MADDOX.

Sheridan Division-

Six work trains suddenly pulled off on the west end on account, we understand, that the fiscal year is to be closed up, and the company did not want their expense account to show up too much. This puts several crews back in the pool at Sheridan.

The rush of business that was expected from the N. P. when that road opened up, did not come, although it is a trifle better than before the recent floods in Montana. About all the extra conductors are running again. Hope it will keep up. Several of the boys laying off for the Fourth.

Bro. Mason has been relieved at Cowley by a new man. We have not learned his name.

Bro. Mills, recently transferred to Crow Agency, was relieved by Bro. Mallison, and Mills goes to Dietz as night man, while Bro. McMillan is on leave of absence. Bro. Dodge relieved McMillan

Operator Avery relieving third trick man at New Castle.

West end, Dispatchers V. J. Smith and W. H. Johnson will take six weeks off soon, and will be relieved by two men from "SA" office. Understand a brother of the chief dispatcher will hold down one of these tricks.

Ranchester has been made a two-man job, and Bros. Gould and Cooper certainly have their hands full.

Bro. Diltz, agent at Parkham, is enjoying a few days off.

Bro. Vasek is at Basin helping Bro. Ross get caught up with his work. As soon as this is done Bro. Ross will take a rest for thirty days, and look after his cattle interests up in Montana.

Quite a bad wreck occurred three miles west of Garry Owen, on June 25th, in which Engineer J. J. Mullen was instantly killed and Fireman Geo. Dukeshire badly injured. No. 42 was the number of the wrecked train, and was late leaving Billings. Engine No. 803 turned completely over, and fell on Engineer Mullen. It was some little time before he was discovered, and dug from under the engine by section men. Nearly all the passengers received a severe shaking up, and the baggage and mail cars were so badly damaged that they could not be used, and had to be ditched with the engine. Cause of the wreck is supposed to be on account of Japanese section foreman having a rail out and no flag. Another example of employing foreign labor.

Every brother should read the little booklet gotten out by Bro. Henry. It is chuck full of truth. Do not fail to read it.

It is surprising how the nons keep hanging back. Of course, there are two or three on this division that could not join the Order if they wanted to. Then there are some that we would like to see come in. They are good sympathizers, but that don't get them a card. Some claim they can not afford to join the Order, but we know that if these parties would drop some of the luxuries that are not doing them near as much good as the O. R. T. is, they would, in the future, see how easily it is to keep up-to-date.

Bro. W. H. Garwood and family, of Oriva, have returned from an extended vacation through the Northwest. He relieved Mr. E. M. Holcomb. the unconvinced, who was relieving Bro. Garwood at Oriva.

Bro. R. W. Maris got the third trick at Toluca on bulletin.

Quite a few good jobs on the bulletin this month.

Bro. R. W. Maris was relieved by Operator Avery, extra operator.

Bro. W. C. Elder, formerly of Osage, transferred to Ballantine as agent, relieving Bro. D. Brown. Have not learned where Brown went.

Some of the conductors on this division are under the impression that they are compelled to take orders over the telephone whether there is an operator on duty or not. It seems that they have some kind of an affection for this little piece of nuisance and trouble-maker, and can not keep away from it when they enter the office-

Wonder what they would say if some of us jumped in and done them dirt like they do us? They say it is compulsory, and that they can not do anything. They certainly must be weak in the knees, and are afraid they will lose their big job. That is all rot. It is only a bluff on the railroad company's part.

Div. Cor.

McCook Division-

J. S. Douglass, an up-to-date trainman, recently re-entered the telegraph service as third man at Culbertson, with Bro. G. L. Spahn as second trick. Mr. Douglass was offered Oberling, Kan., cashier's job after the reduction. Unable to say whether he accepted or not. Spahn now on nights.

Bro. Cadman, an old-timer on this division, but lately with the Santa Fe, in New Mexico, Trenton, third trick. Mr. Fredrickson second trick. After reducing, Fredrickson got Roggen station on bulletin. Cadman off until something opens up. Bro. Wyel, Stratton, third trick, to Trenton nights.

Bro. A. R. Jones, "FH," Denter, to Stratton, second trick. Later, takes night job.

George Allen, second trick at Parks, recently from the Philippine Islands. C. B. Holgate, from Chicago, has third trick. Both belong to the C. T. U. of A.

Sister Harding, second trick at Haigler, off on a week's pleasure trip. Took in the convention at Denver, also visited with friends at Lincoln; relieved by Bro. Wm. Jones, from the N. P. Bro. Jones goes to Omaha to work for the Union Pacific on Sister Harding's return.

Bro. A. V. Anderson, extra agent at Roggen, goes to Funk to relieve Bro. Cobb, who is off on a short vacation. Bro. Marley, second trick, relieving Bro. Stayner, off for fifteen days. Bro. Hasty, of Yuma, to Roggen, third trick; relieves Bro. Greenough, who goes to Sterling. Bro. Greenough recently from the Big Four.

Bro. A. R. Jones, Benkelman to Akron, relieves Mr. Byerly, second trick, off for fifteen days, visiting with relatives in Lincoln. Mr. Byerly returned, worked one day, second trick, was bumped by Bro. Sandberg, who, in turn, was bumped by Bro. C. M. Morgan, from Fort Morgan. Rather than take third trick Mr. Byerly got on No. 2. Do not know what became of him.

Bro. Gilbert, recently from the Union Pacific, third trick at Akron, relieves Bro. Avery, who takes second trick, Thirty-first street, Denver. Later, Bro. Gilbert goes to Brush, third trick; relieved by Mr. Filmore. Bro. Sandberg off for a few days; relieved by Mr. Holgate, from Parks. At present Bro. Gilmore, from the B. & O., is third trick at Akron.

Bro. S. M. Showalter, third trick, relieves Bro. Marley, second trick at Brush.

Bro. Alexander, a C. & N. W. man, Fort Morgan, third trick. Later relieves Bro. O'Donnell, who was called home to his mother's funeral in Illinois. Alexander relieved by Bro. Church, another C. & N. W. man. Bro. Jno. Niemann, first

trick and cashier at Fort Morgan, recently spent Sunday at the White City, in Denver, "riding in the tickler."

Bro. Thelkeld, Wiggins, nights, off a few days on account of his wife's illness. A. R. Jones relieving. Bro. Jones goes from Wiggins to "FH," Denver, for a few days, relieving Mr. McCarty, resigned.

The line-up last month was pretty short on account of correspondent working in Denver at the time the write-up should have gone in, and did not have time to gather the news.

Quite a number of new men on this division during the convention rush. Unable to learn their names. Most of them went to Omaha after the reduction in help. Most of the offices are two-men jobs again.

Bro. J. G. Chambers, agent at Stratton, off on a six weeks' or two months' vacation. He expects to visit in California and Washington before returning; also his farm, near Greeley, with a short stay in the North Park country, in Colorado. Bro. Paul Jones, extra agent, relieving.

The new members for July, so far, are L. T. Harding, Mrs. Harding, agent and second trick at Haigler; Extra Agent A. V. Anderson, Floyd Stayner, third trick at Roggen. We welcome them in, and hope before the next issue there will be one or two more along here, then I think the McCook Division is about solid. There are only about two between McCook and Denver. They promise to join before the next issue.

CERT. 1137.

Lincoln Division-

Each and every member should now have a new card.

Lincoln Division was not represented last month owing to high water and rush of business following.

Brothers, are you enjoying the nine-hour law? We have plenty of time for work and plenty of time for play, and this "hay" business must be cut out. Do the best work possible, and the company will feel more like meeting us half way. Keep our offices clean and O. K., and be ready to answer our calls, and show them how we appreciate a good thing.

It seems to be the general opinion that business depression is about over. Passenger business is better than ever before at this time of year, and all indications point to an early resumption of a heavy freight traffic.

With the number of members of Lincoln and Ashland Divisions we should have at least fifty at each meeting. With a little effort on everybody's part we should soon be able to have rousing meetings. These meetings are for the purpose of getting acquainted and talking over business pertaining to our Order. When our local chairman advises us of another meeting let us all be present.

M. McShane relieved Bro. Paulson at Louisville a few days while Bro. Paulson visited with friends at Omaha.

Second trick operator at Gibson relieved by Bro, Jones a few days.

A. V. Rhines, first trick at "DA." Omaha, is visiting with friends in Illinois. Have not heard who relieved him.

Operators are very scarce. Our chief informs us he is short seven on this division.

The new depot and signal tower at Lewisville is about ready for service.

The Milford Line has been out of commission for some time for heavy trains. All trains are being run via Germantown.

Bro. F. J. Stephens worked second trick at Germantown a few nights; relieved by Bro. Pe-

Third trick at Milford closed until business is resumed on that line.

Bro. H. F. Outlaw, Milford to Seward as third trick, relieving Bro. Peterson, who, in turn, drew Milford, third trick.

Bro. J. F. McLaren, operator and cashier at Columbus, transferred to a similar position at Freemont. Have not learned who relieved him,

Bro. O. E. Rogers, third trick at Denton, transferred to Berks as regular agent. Bro. Rogers was relieved at Denton by Bro. Stephens. Bro. Stephens on sick list for a few days; relieved by Bro. McClure.

Bro. McClure transferred from Denton to Fairmont as third trick man.

Sister Hicks, second trick at Denton, off a few days; relieved by Mr. McShane. Mr. McShane has since resigned from the service and returned to Chicago to engage in theatrical work.

Mrs. Himes, wife of Bro. Himes, at Crete, is visiting friends at Alliance. F. F. MILES.

Wymore Division-

We have been informed that a certain brother on the south end has a fancied grievance against the O. R. T. because they have made his station a freight job only, and reduced the salary. He seems to think the Order could have prevented this, which is, of course, all rot. I presume this brother will admit that the company has the right to discontinue running trains at any time it sees fit, so why not close stations, if they feel that way, without consulting the Order? When they discontinue running trains and thereby cause the passenger conductors, for instance, to go back on freight, do you hear of the conductor getting sore and dropping his Order? Not on your life, and that accounts for the fact that they have such a good schedule. Whenever telegraphers get out of the notion of dropping out every time something displeases them, and will stick to the Order through thick and thin, just so soon will we have a schedule second to none among the other railroad organizations. Now is the time when every man should stick, and these fellows that are dropping out because they can not have everything just as they would wish it, will be the first to discover the fact in the near future. When they awaken to their errors, we trust they will not blame us for their downfall.

We trust that all will have an up-to-date card ere you read this. If you have not done so, send your five iron dollars to W. A. Henry, Ericson, Neb., and your M. B. D. assessments to Bro. L. W. Quick, St. Louis, Mo., at once.

I understand that we have a few telegraphers with us who are carrying cards in other divisions. Hunt them out and obtain their certificate numbers, from back of card, together with their division number, and mail this information to your local chairman at once. We need and should have their money to help us run this division as long as they are reaping the advantages obtained through our schedule.

We still have a few nons with us. Can not some of the brothers bring them into the fold? Trv!

Bro. T. A. Majors, agent at Endicott, was recently on leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Zettle.

Mr. Samsell, agent at Thompson, has been on vacation; relieved by Bro. Reneau. Wonder when Samsell expects to find the coin to come in with us again?

Bro. Roscoe Zink, days at Table Rock, recently spent a few days on his farm in Western Kansas. "13" that Bro. Olmstead, agent at Rosemont, has resigned to ge into business for himself.

Bro. Hartzell was recently doing the agents' stunt at Byron, while Bro. Greenlee looked after his farming interests.

Reported that dispatchers frequently take an "OS" from helper at Chester. Better look out for the fire.

Bro. F. W. Black transferred from agent at Johnson to agency at Belvidere, Bro. Jessup, from Sparks, transferred to Johnson.

Bro. F. W. Quick has resigned as agent at Belvidere, and, we are advised, expects to go on a ranch for his health.

Bro. Jesse E. Gum, second trick at Table Rock, was recently on the sick list; relieved by Bro. Grimes.

Bro. C. L. Bush, who was recently holding down a trick at Superior, has resigned to work for the Missouri Pacific; relieved by Bro. C. B.

Bro. H. S. Grimes, nights at Humboldt, was recently trying to enjoy a short vacation, but was picked up and put to work at Roca, nights, on account of bad track, caused by the flood, making it necessary to put a night man at that point,

Bro. A. T. Perkins, recently nights at Firth. has decided to go into other business at Manitowish, Wis.

J. F. Ford, who resigned as agent at Firth last fall to go in train service on the Lincoln Division, was recently killed at Louisville while discharging his duties as freight brakeman; being crushed between two cars.

Bro. M. Louderback, formerly nights at Humboldt, is again with us; recently holding down third trick at Chester; the third man having been put on temporarily on account rush of business.

Bro. Dempsey, of Chester, was recently in Colorado attending the Democratic Convention. Bro. Butler, of Geneva, relieved him.

Bro. L. P. Zettle is back with us after an absence of more than a year. At present on the extra list.

Bro. Anderson, agent at Preston, has been on leave of absence doctoring a bad tooth.

DIV. COR.

Ottumwa Division, East End-

Considerable changing going on, so have not been able to keep track of all of it.

Bro. R. A. Sandburg, third trick operator at Lockridge, went to Burlington Yard office lately, vice, Bro. Becker. Bro. Becker resigned, I "13," and went to New York.

Operator J. M. Carr relieved Bro. Sandburg at "H." He is a non, but he sends in his papers this pay-day. He was formerly at Danville.

Bro. Peel, agent at West Burlington, was off one or two days lately on account of a brother being sick. Bro. Sandburg relieved him. "13" "RS" also went to Gladstone, second trick, for a day or two.

The wires were taken out of Glendale phone office lately. Mr. Strailey there, sent in his papers some time ago.

Business seems to be picking up some. Some new steel being laid between Ottumwa and Burlington.

"13" Mr. Thompson, third trick at Biggsville, is going to quit railroading and devote all his time to his farm. Operator Rector is third there now.

That little write-up last month looked good. Hope some other brother sent something in for the journal we will get in a few days.

"BILL"

Creston Division-

Bro. C. D. Risdon, of Western Union office, Red Oak, was visiting relatives near Villisca Sunday, July 19th.

Bro. Lamb, of "K" office, Red Oak, off two days attending the funeral of his niece, Mrs. Hoyle, at Murray, Iowa.

Mr. C. H. Lacey, of Elkhart, Ind., is assisting Bro. Lamb at Red Oak during the strenuous times of construction work, etc. This makes two operators on duty at "K" office from 8 a. m. until 4 p. m., and is what has been needed there for some time, as the lever work, along with the wire work, was more than one man could attend to.

W. E. Reynolds and E. S. Hill, both resigned at McPherson, Iowa. Mr. Reynolds goes to Hamibal Division, where he will still be in the service of the Burlington, while Mr. Hill goes to the C. & N. W.

Mr. D. P. Fagerstrom, of Essex, Iowa, is taking a vacation of thirty days, being relieved by Bro. C. A. Reynolds, of Maryville. Bro. Reynolds was relieved at Maryville, Mo., by a Mr. Damp, from the Western Union at Chicago, who, in turn, was relieved a few days after by Mr. J. C. Overnier, an old-time Burlington Route boy. Can not say if Damp remained on this division or not.

Elmore, the new office opened between Stanton and Villisca, is still doing business. Operator J. L. Vale is doing the twelve-hour stunt alone; the office being closed nights. Operator Angle, who was working second trick, is relieving Operator Berry at Corning, and Bro. Wilkinson, third trick, relieving Bro. J. A. Bollman at Stanton, who, in turn, relieves Bro. A. M. Bollman. Bro. A. M. B. goes on a pleasure trip to Bussalo, and several points in the East, where he will remain for thirty days.

Bro. Hale, of Malvern, Iowa, off a few days visiting his folks at Lenox.

Bro. Burton, of Villisca, enjoyed the Fourth of July celebration at Stanton, and carried off the first prize in the fat man's race.

There will be a meeting of the Creston Division at Creston, Sunday, July 26th. Broa. Johnson and Henry both expect to be with the bunch. We will tell you all about it next month.

Agent Whipp, at Farragut, is laying off and taking a hike out through Sunny California seeing the sights, being relieved by A. M. Gleason. We would suggest to him that it woud be good policy to save at least the amount of initiation from the pile he was going to see the sights with and come into the Order. If it was not for the Order, and what they are doing for us, Mr. Whipp could not afford this trip to California.

We understand that Agent A. J. Johnson, of Elliott, is making a little on the side teaching students at \$50.00 per. This is a nice business, and we are sure that when some of these same students take Mr. Johnson's place some day, and the company tells him to go back to the woods, he will surely feel highly elated over his work.

Do not forget that Bro. G. E. Burton, of Villisca, is our regular correspondent, and send him some news at least once a month.

Bro. O. A. May has resigned his position as agent at Henderson, Iowa. Can not say where he intends to locate.

Nodway station bulletined.

Bro. Alva May, formerly of Macedonia, Iowa, has bid in Lenox, Iowa, station, and is now hitting the ball in that lively town.

Bro. Chas. Belding, of Lenox, Iowa, has resigned his position as agent at that place, and, we understand, he will go West seeking another location. We are all sorry to see Bro. Belding leave this division, as he was our local chairman here for two or three years, and worked hard to secure better conditions for the operators and agents on this division. We extend to him our very best wishes, and trust that he will get something better than he had here.

How many of the operators on this division have had a talk with their State Senators and Representatives? If you can not see them to talk with them, write them and let them know your views on the telegraphers' eight-hour law.



Also tell them what organized labor is expecting of them, and that the man that works for our good will secure our support. Our honorable Representative from this district was the only man that voted against the nine-hour national law. Of course, we have our hatchet out, and we are going to work it overtime. It may do him no harm, but it's a dead cinch that it won't assist him very much.

We are very sorry to note that a great many of the operators and agents on this division seem to be afraid to take hold of the O. R. T., and help push it along. There is no necessity for this feeling, as the officials of the road are admitting every day that the Order is a good thing for them, and also ourselves. With the second vice-president, Mr. Willard, stating that the stations, operators and agents were in better shape than ever before, and that they are receiving a higher class of service from their operators and agents, I can see no reason whatever that a man should be afraid to come cut and join, the Order and help bring our Order up to the full limit.

Out of a possible seventy-eight that we should have received items for the journal from we heard from only two. That is a very fair representation. I don't think. Every man should take an interest in the doings of the division, and send a few notes each month. Make the write-up interesting.

With the heavy rains, slides, etc., the officials of Creston Division have had a very hard time these days.

Help us out on news next month, and then you can not say there is no news from Creston Di vision.

DIV. COB

Burlington Division-

Well, boys, it is harvest time, and we should be grinding our old rusty sickle and get into the field, and see how many of those nons we can get put away before the season is over.

Our worthy local chairman, Bro. Oliver, has just completed a trip over the lines of the Burlington Division, and writes me a letter of encouragement, and I will endeavor to tell you some of the best news that you ever heard.

He said that the Albia Branch was solid with the exception of the day operator at freight of fice, at Des Moines, and the man at Pleasantville, Iowa. But Mr. Mickle talked of coming in soon. The operator at Des Moines is one of the Western Union strikers, and has had hard luck on that account, and was just about ready to give us his application when his father died, and he had to pay the funeral expenses, which almost benched him again.

How would some of you boys like to help with 25 or 50 cents apiece and put our "will-be" Bro. Davis in good standing up to December 31, 1908? I am sure he does not feel right in having to work on such a solid branch as the Albia Branch is without a card. But as the case is, he can not help it.

C. V. Funk, at Yarmouth, is about landed, and we are looking for him this month, sure.

Mr. Beck, of Hedrick, told Bro. Oliver that he was thinking of sending in his application soon, but the train did not give him time to land him then. Go after him, all of you, and then you can light your old corncob and smoke, if you want to.

Mr. F. C. Crane, at Carman, Ill., gave Bro. Oliver his application, and is now one of the bunch. Mr. Romick says that he has not thought much about going into the Order. I wonder if he had thought very much about the increase in his wages?

Mr. I. P. Bowlin, at Colusa, promises to come in just as soon as he can square some honest debts. That is right, pay all we owe. and it must not be forgotten that the O. R. T. has an account against us, and it should be paid as promptly as any others.

E. L. Logan promised to send his application soon. Mr. Logan has worked at Dallas, Ill., a long time, and he is one of the jolly red-faced Irish class, and I wonder how he has stayed out so long. Talk to him, boys, for you know "it takes the Irish to beat the Dutch."

Mr. Geo. Severns, a* Adrain, Ill., has been having some trouble with the Western Union Company, and they are trying to hold him up for \$375 in some kind of a claim.

Mr. R. Munsell, at Carthage, could not stand the fire of our local chairman, and, of course, had to hand him the money to put up to December 31, 1908.

Bro. Oliver also reinstated Bro. Steffin, at Basco, Ill., and Bro. W. G. Barnerd, at West Point, Ill., on his trip over the line. Hurrab for Oliver!

Mr. J. O. Ripley, at Stilwell, Ill., says that he is too old to join, but Bro. Oliver soon convinced him that he never got too old to do good, and secured a promise of his application some time in the near future.

Mr. Culligan, at West Point, Iowa, told Bro. Oliver that he would think the matter over very seriously, and would very likely go in some time soon, but wanted time to consider the matter. I honestly believe when a man runs so near out of an excuse as that, the best thing he could do is to do something.

Mr. Henderson, at Libertyville, Iowa, promises to come in this summer. He said that he knew that he owes the Order his membership, and is only out on account of hard luck. Talk to him.

Mr. Berry, at Brighton, lowa, is rather indifferent on the subject, but with some hard work, we may be able to land him. We will have to try some other plan than to raise his wages; for this has been done, and did not affect him in the least.

Mr. McKay, at Packwood, Iowa, is out of the ranks, but he has, of late, talked favorably toward us, and with a united effort among the older class of O. R. T. members we should not be without him much longer from the way he talked to Bro. Oliver.

Mr. McConahay, at Washington, Iowa, is some relation to Berry, I think. He should have his wages cut in order that he can see where he is. Don't waste postage writing to Mrs. Casto, at Cedar, Iowa. She belongs to the railroad company.

This shows us the way the none stand at the present time, and all of you members should not let a good chance go by to land on any one of them that you can.

Bro. Otter relieved Mr. C. V. Funk at Yarmouth, Iowa, for a few days while he was visiting at New Canton. Itl.

Bro. Mose Brown was seen at Martinsburg, lows, with his sweetheart. "MO" is working at Abingdon, Ill., on the Galesburg Division.

Bro. J. Vannoy, of Fremont, Iowa, went to Orkaloosa, and took in the night session of the carnival.

Bro. Hadley and wife, of Pekin, Iowa, spent the Fourth of July in Martinsburg.

There are plenty of big scares published nearly every day in the papers about the telephones taking the place of the telegraph in the railroad work. And it may look discouraging to some, especially one who does not know anything about railroading. The thing we must do is to get every telephone man in the Order as fast as they are put to work, and it is to be remembered that the skill of telegraphing is not by any means the only thing that is necessary in being a first-class station man. It takes longer to learn the station work and how to handle the business of the station than it does to learn the telegraphing. It will not be near so bad as they picture it if we only do our part; that is, stick together and all be as one man.

We hear our old pal, Coker, doing the third trick at "DE" of late, and our other friend, Orbin, on the second trick. Mr. Temple is probably laying off.

A letter from Bro. Johnson, G. C., states that be was in St. Louis a short time ago, and was looking over the work of the different divisions, and found the Burlington Division 130 in the lead in getting new members. Let us keep our little pike up with the rest, and as far ahead as possible, for it will not hinder the rest, but will encourage them if we are solid. So keep agoing.

Bro. M. E. Stout, at Birmingham, Iowa, has armed himself with some application blanks, and will probably land some of those old heads on that division soon.

Mr. A. Henderson, of Libertyville, Iowa, is visiting in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for a week or ten days. Mr. R. H. Stout is relieving him.

The local chairman, G. A. Oliver, has been off on a ten days' vacation.

Bror. J. V. Datine, of Bussey, is off for thirty days.

Bro. Mock, former operator at Knoxville, was relieved by Bro. Gassaway for some unknown cause. The management claim his application for work was not approved. This is a very poor excuse, as Mock is a good clicker, and puts up some

very fine work. His case is under investigation, and we hope Bro. Mock will soon be back.

Mr. Mickle, at Pleasantville, takes thirty days off in the month of August. We are trying very hard to get him to see the need of a card when he goes for his western trip.

Bro. M. E. Stout and wife visited Bro. M. C. Mott and wife at Stockport, Iowa, the evening of the Fourth.

Bro. J. M. Miller and wife, of Crawfordsville, Iowa, celebrated the Fourth in Mediapoliis, Iowa. Bro. Roy Alston, of Noble, Iowa, has one of

Bro. Roy Alston, of Noble, Iowa, has one of those new-fangled telegraphing keys, and the way he piles up the dots is something fierce.

A brother from the Fort Madison Branch writes that Bro. G. A. Oliver, our local chairman, from Hamilton, Iowa, was over the line a short time ago, and reports the outlook as being favorable, as several, or, in fact, all the boys, promised to make good at an early date.

We have several who are very slow to see that it will be to their interest to do the right thing instead of staying out and going the battle alone. It is to be hoped that Bro. Oliver made this matter plain to this class of men that we have on our lines. And we hope that all the boys that promised will "make good" as soon as possible. It is only a matter of a short time when it will be necessary for them to have the protection that the O. R. T. affords.

I just received a letter from Bro. Oliver, stating that he was in possession of application papers from Mr. H. C. Ellis, of Hillsboro, Iowa. This makes five new members for the Burlington Division in the month of July so far, as follows: Mr. F. C. Crane, of Carman, Ill.; Mr. R. Munscil, of Carthage, Ill.; Mr. Steffin, of Basco, Ill.; H. C. Ellis, of Hillsboro, Iowa, and Mr. R. L. Hadley, of Pekin, Iowa. And I know of one more that is sure: Mr. R. H. Stout, extra agent, will come in some time this month, which will make a total of six new members for July.

The Adams Express Company is working a smooth game on the Iowa Central boys, and I expect they will do likewise with us if we do not watch. This is it: They are raising the bonds of all agents from double to three times the amount we are now holding. I only know of one case on the Burlington Division at the present. Bro. Vannoy, of the Iowa Central, of Martinsburg, Iowa, said that the I. C. boys were going to turn down the monster steal in a bunch. This, I think, is the proper thing to do, and if we are sent a new application to fill out and return to them for a raise in our bond, I would suggest that we all refer the matter to Bro. Oliver before we throw up our hands and allow them to rob us.

Let us have the news from all branches as fast as they happen, and then we can have a good letter for each month, otherwise it will be short. This month has been a good one for news, as we have been doing some good work among the nons, and there is no reason why we should not do so every month until the non timber is wiped out.

Div Cor.

Galesburg Division-

Boys, we have several nons on the Galesburg Division yet, and it is impossible to do anything with them other than talking to them personally, as there are very few of them who will even answer a letter when you write them. I suppose every member received the circular from Bro. Quick when you received your new card? You shoud read it over carefully, and if you have a non working at your station, get after him, and stay with him until he has come across with the necessary. Of course, he will give you the usual old plea: "I am up against it now," but if you will stay with him I am sure you can explain to him how he can help along the good cause.

It seems very strange that our union men generally have a few spare dollars, and the nons are always busted. It must be that we have a much better class of men among the union meathan there is among the nons, as it is always considered that where you see a sober, industrious and energetic man you always see a man with a few dollars that he can use at any time. But as the nons are aways busted, it looks as though they were far from this class of men. It could be easily judged which the railways would prefer when they want sober, energetic and efficient men to handle their stations and trains. I am afraid the always busted class would be compelled to fall in the rear rank.

Every man on the Galesburg Division should use his greatest care and not abuse the nine-hour law in any way. Any union man that is unable to keep awake eight or nine hours should be turned in to the general chairman at once, and I will assure you there will be a vacancy bulletined in a short time.

We have a very good line-up on the greater number of nons on this division now, and their reasons for not being with us. We expect to give them another chance to show their appreciation for what we have done for them by giving us their support, and those who are still handing us the old plea: "I'm busted," their names will be shown in these columns in order that the boys who have got their salaries raised and hours reduced for them may know who they are and what they are.

Bro. John Foster spent Sunday in Galesburg the first of the month with Bro. Malone.

Bro. Johnson, our general chairman, passed over the Quincy Branch early in the month looking after the affairs of the boys.

Mr. Tomkins is working first trick at Avon; relieving Mr. Ryan, who resigned.

Mr. Easton, wire chief, "GT" office, Galesburg, enjoyed a short vacation about July 1st.

Bro. O. J. Cunningham, second trick at Barstow, was off a short time the first part of July. We understand that Mr. Hill, at Saulda, has that joint permanent.

There seems to be some interest lacking with some of the boys regarding the write-up. I know the first thing you look for when you get your journal is the write-up of the Galesburg Division. I know I do, and I have always done my best to have something there. Now, if you would help a little there is no reason why we could not have a fine write-up each month. Any changes you hear of, even if you are not changing yourself, let me have it, or give it to some one who will. It is only a matter of a two-cent stamp to get it to me.

Bro. Steve Bollon, formerly operator at Prairie City, is now agent for the Santa Fe at Monica.

Bro. C. R. Martin, of Colchester, was off for fifteen days this month, during which time he attended two big ball games in Chicago, and also the Democratic National Convention at Denver, at which he was an officer.

Bro. L. Flake, formerly of Sand Cut at Quincy, to Plum River tower a few days. Did not hear who relieved there.

Bro. Harlin from Seminary street, Galesburg Yards, to Edwards; relieved by Bro. Flake, from Plum River tower.

Bro. Harlan, from Edwards to Elmwood. Did not learn who he relieved there.

Mr. C. R. Holton relieved Bros. Burford and Martin at Colchester during their vacation.

Bro. Chapman, of Yates City, is taking a thirty days' vacation. Did not learn where he is spending his time, or who relieved him. We also have another new man at Yates City. Did not learn his name, but "13" he is a back number.

Mr. E. R. Terrill, a freight clerk from the Frisco, in Oklahoma, returned to his home at Colchester after an absence of about two years. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

Mr. James H. Wier, day operator at Plymouth, is a candidate for representative from the Thirty-second District, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries, August 8th. He is not a member of the Order, and is one of the few that the boys have spent lots of time on trying to persuade to come over, but in vain. It is not very likely that he will take well with the boys along the Quincy Branch, especially.

Bros. Johnson and Henry, our general chairman and secretary, passed over the Galesburg Division a few days ago, en route to Chicago, stopping at Quincy and Galesburg. They also gave Bro. Foster a call at Abingdon.

Bros. Harlan, of Elmwood; Flake, Brothers. Sample, of Galesburg; Root and Mr. Ramp, of Knoxville, and Mr. Chittendon, of Galesburg, were all callers at Bro. Malone's July 20th, where they had the pleasure of meeting Bros. Johnson and Henry.

Bro. Malone, of Galesburg Yards, has in his application for a thirty days' vacation. He expects to visit his people in Michigan.

Bro. Erickson still on the extra list, working a while at Yates City and Abingdon this month. Have not heard where he went from Abingdon.

Account of Bro. Flack's time being taken up with other duties, he asked me to act in his place as division correspondent. I will do my best to show up the Galesburg Division every month.

and I ask that each member assist me a little in this work by sending me such news as they might hear of. I wish to thank Bros. Flack and Cox, also Bro. Erickson for their assistance this month.

Bro. Bodkins, of Abingdon, visited Bro. Malone at Galesburg Yard office, July 22d. We have not had any news from the north end since Bro. Bodkins left Briar Bluff. I wish some brother on that end would assist us a little with the write-up.

Dry. Cor.

lurora Division -

Mr. A. H. Canham, first trick at Neponset Cabin, is now the proud possessor of a card, and can be called brother.

Bro. Richard, of Buda, is off on two weeks' vacation; relieved by Telegrapher Crosset, of Wyanet.

Bro. Wicks, at Neponset Cabin, keeps a supply of blanks on hand, and whenever a non lights a his territory he pins a button on him.

Mr. E. W. Hedburg, of Earlville tower, visited with his Galva friends recently.

Bro. E. N. Swanstrom, of Buda, spent the Fourth in Princeton.

Bro. James, assistant local chairman, of Polo, Ill., is taking a two weeks' vacation and visiting friends at Dayton, Ohio.

Ex-Bro. Brower, who has been working extra at Earlville tower and Leland depot, bid in Downers Grove tower, first trick.

Bro. Butterfield, of Earlville, has been laying off on account of being sick. He bid in Downers Grove tower, but, after looking it over, refused.

Bro. Pratt, agent at Sandwich, Ill., spent Sunday with Shabbona friends.

Bro. McNamara, agent at Plano, called on friends in Aurora one day last week.

Bro. Johnson, of Big Rock, Ill., was a visitor at Sandwich last week. He is now in the Northwest. Have not heard whether he expects to stay

Bro. Johnson, G. C., and Bro. Henry, G. S., made our local chairman, Bro. Todd, a visit July 22d.

Bro. Butterfield, formerly of Earlville Depot, has bid in one of the tricks at Naperville Depot. Bro. LaCure, formerly of Naperville Depot, bid in third trick at South Aurora, Tower 38.

We had another big crowd at our meeting, which was held at Hotel Arthur, Aurora, Ill. There were twenty-one of the boys out. We were very sorry to not have Bros. Johnson or Henry with us, but they will certainly be in line next time, August 15th. There is one thing the Aurora Division can brag of. It can get the boys to come any old time. That shows we have some good O. R. T. stuff on this division.

Bro. Cull, of Tower 38, Aurora, Ill., was an Earlville visitor last week. Div. Cor.

Hannibal Division-

I have been wondering how many more years it would take for some of the operators along this line to open their eyes, and realize what they are doing by teaching telegraphy. We evidently have some operators along this line that have plenty of nerve. You will find one working the third trick at Foley, Mo., his name is Rex Foley, and he is trying to teach one by the name of King. It would be well for Mr. Foley to learn the art of telegraphy himself before he tries to part with any of his intelligence. I suppose he gets the princely sum of \$5.00 per month for doing this. I hope that this student will eventually get his job, and that Mr. Foley will have to look elsewhere for a position. Could it possibly be that he was promised a position in the Hannibal office for doing this. I understand that such a promise was made to a man on the Mexico Branch, not far from Old Monroe, that if he would drop the Order a position would be given him in Hannibal. What would he get even if he did get a job in the Hannibal office? There is no honor attached to that.

I wonder what some of these old heads would say if they had to go back to \$40.00 per month and twelve hours per day? I will guarantee you that if something is not done by these stingy fellews to help the O. R. T. along, that in the. course of time they will have to face the above preposition. Some claim they do not want the O. R. T. officials riding around in automobiles and smoking cigars at their expense. All sane people know that, as an official, one must keep up with the times, and while no O. R. T. official does this, if it were the custom to ride in automobiles and smoke cigars, the O. R. T. officials must do the same. Did these kickers ever hear of the general manager meeting any set of men who stop at a ten-cent house and bought a fivecent bed? No; and you never will.

CERT. 1356.

St. Joseph Division-

We are in receipt of a letter from our old friend and brother, C. C. Hubbard, at one time agent at Nodaway, now conducting a cleaning and pressing establishment at Chariton, Iowa, and doing a flourishing business. Bro. Hubbard is cleaning up about \$15.00 worth of work per day. This beats the position of agent at Nodaway, or any other position in the telegraph line we have heard anything about. He is conducting a strictly up-to-date union shop, as he is the whole works, and carries an up-to-date card. If any of the boys need anything in Bro. Hubbard's line it will be well to throw your business his way. We are sure he will give you a first-class job.

Following is a line or two in his letter: "It does me good to see the boys in line over there, and just as soon as our Telegrapher lights my wife and I fight to see what you fellows are doing. It seems like a letter from home to us."

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We wish to add here that not one single item has been received from the boys on this division this month. You have all been advised time and again that all items for The Telegrapher should reach the local chairman not later than the 25th of each month. But it seems you are expecting him to get out and look up these things himself. Perhaps you are right. He has nothing to do, and his pay for attending to this is a mighty big thing. Wish some of you would try to get up a write-up once without any assistance, if you think it is easy.

Now, we want every one of you to do something this month and keep it up. We do not want to sit down and see other divisions lined-up with a good account of themselves each month and us making no show.

Only one new member this month. That was C. Z. Roe, at Waldron. Get busy on these nons. We want to beat this next month.

Atlantic Coast Line Ry.

Waycross District --

We will have only a short note in for July, but we expect to have something from this, the banner district, each month from this time forth.

The company seems determined to have some students on this district at any cost. The wires being cut in at non-telegraph stations, and used as schools. Two at least of this kind appears to be open at present. One man who at one time carried an up-to-date card, now teaching at \$40 "per head."

We are sorry to report that Bro. Pearce, of Albany, is off sick at his home in Sumner.

With a few exceptions, on the B. & W., this district is practically solid. There are some hard workers on the district, and their work has been counting, and will continue to do so. Would not be at all surprised if one of the prizes offered by Bro. Quick comes to this territory. If one does not, it will not be on account of lack of work on the part of some of our hustling wide-awake members.

About the usual number of changes have taken place this month, but not having them down, we will not attempt to give them this month. In future, however, we will try and give them, as we believe the members on other districts like to see what changes are being made, and who are the lucky or unlucky ones, as the case may be.

Let's all pull together and make this district 100 per cent strong again. We did not have the B. & W. when it was 100 per cent strong before, but we can make it 97 per cent with the B. &. W., and when we get it that close, we believe the two or three over there will be ashamed to stand out against such overwhelming odds.

D. C.

Richmond District, North-

We have a full-fledged telegraph school in our midst. It is located at Petersburg, Va., and an old A. C. L. man, one Lee Rogers, is the professor. From the information obtainable he has

several suckers on his string. They will be sadder but wiser men before they are through.

Since last we had an article in THE TELEGRA-PHER we have had a large number of offices closed. but the nine-hour law used about all the men that were put out on account of closing these offices.

Our members appreciate the shorter hours and are doing all they can to improve the service. We hear of troubles on other districts on account of third-trick men going to sleep on duty, but not so up here. And we don't have any mosquitoes to keep us awake either.

We want to see a line from this district in every copy of THE TELEGRAPHER from now until the convention meets in Atlanta. By that time we will be so accustomed to seeing our names in print that we will not let it stop. The Richmond District, north and south, being the largest in number of telegraphers employed on the system, it is our duty to set the pace in good work, and we must get up and hustle or some of those little fellows in the South will get ahead of us, in fact they are now ahead, but we stand a fighting chance.

By the time this appears in print, we hope every non on the district will have a set of blanks filled up and forwarded to the general secretary and treasurer.

I will try and get two applications for each one gotten by any other member on the district. Who will be the first man to send in an application?

Line-ups are not in order any more, so we will cut them out on this end.

Let's hear from the district each month hereafter.

TAR HEEL.

Lakeland District-

The following changes have been made this month:

Bros. S. E. McCutchen and W. H. Rountree assigned to second and third tricks at High Springs.

Mr. W. J. Weathers installed as agent at Hernando, vice Bro. W. H. Fortson, assigned to other duties. Mr. Weathers is not up-to-date, having been out of the service for some time, but will renew at once.

Mr. F. S. Pate, agent at Inverness, has been kicking for relief for some time, but there seems to be a scarcity of relief agents on this district now.

Bro. J. L. Stewart has been assigned to second trick at Croom, with Bro. F. E. Henry as agent and first trick operator.

Bro. T. C. Howell has just returned from a month's vacation, and takes second trick at Dunnellon, on account of Bro. Brantley, local chairman, being assigned first trick when his office at Homosassa was closed. This necessitated other changes as follows: Bro. J. G. Griffis, from Dunnellon, second, to Trilby, and Bro. T. C. Campbell let out on account of reduction in forces. Understand he has gone with the W. U.

Mr. J. L. Brandon relieved Bro. W. E. Tucker, agent at Kathleen, for a few weeks, Bro. Tucker taking a much-needed rest. Mr. E. P. Jackson assigned second trick and ticket clerk at "KD," Lakeland, vice Mr. P. M. Browning, transferred to "DI," Lakeland dispatcher's office. Both of these positions being bulletined, but without any applications. Some one has suggested that the men on the line are as near the officials as they wish to be. It looks that way when two good positions like these are not asked for.

Bro. A. J. Barnwell, of "CD," Lakeland, off on vacation, headed toward Washington, D. C.

Bro. G. B. Walker, wire chief and first trick operator in "CD," is an example that the very best men are found to be up-to-date, as his ability and attention to his duty proves this.

We have had some conditions forced upon us that we don't think are just and right. The telegraph service has been discontinued at Fort Ogden, Gardner, Nocatee, Zolfo Springs and Homeland on the Charlotte Harbor Division, and Homosassa, on the Homosassa branch. The wires being detached at all points except Fort Ogden and Homosassa. On account of this change these places were taken from under the schedule. Our members who were filling the positions were given preference, but at a reduced salary. At Homosassa, the wires were not disconnected, and the man now filling that place voluntarily accepted same at a reduction of \$15 per month, and wants to continue handling telegraph business. These things do not create any kindlier feeling for the policy at present pursued by the company. We hope all these stations will be speedily restored as telegraph points, and eliminate the friction that has been caused.

Our district is showing up very well as to membership, and we hope by the end of the year to have it as solid as any on the system.

DIV. COR.

Hontgomery District --

The watermelon rush is about over, and I presume that some of the brethren are opening their purses and counting their cash, especially those who bought any melons. It was hard luck this year.

Bro. Aligood, of Iron City, is back at his post of duty. Mr. Hodges, who relieved him, is now working at Brundidge, while Bro. Pauncy is off for a few days' vacation.

Bro. W. T. Mathis, of Climax, has gone to Savannah to work for the S. A. L.

Bre. Mathis, of Ansley, is now taking his vacation, also Mr. Hardwick, of Lapine. Mr. M. A. McFadden is holding Mr. Hardwick's place while he is away.

Most all of the boys who were delinquent with their dues have come across. I presume salt and rice went down. That is about all us poor creatures are able to buy.

The writer is up from a long spell of slow fever, but has not gained his strength yet.

Bros. H. M. Dykes and Strain had business at Robinson a few days ago. It does the boys good to visit around a little.

If you will let me have one line from your station about the 15th or 20th of each month, I can write up the district, otherwise I can not know the news.

W. L. GRISETTE.

Savannah District-

Bro. W. R. Barnett and wife, first and second trick at McCullough, Ga., are off on a thirty-day vacation, visiting relatives and friends at Melrose and other points in Florida.

Mr. W. W. Henry is working first trick, John Davis second, and Bro. C. L. Harper third tricks at McCulloch during their absence.

Bros. Barnett and Frazelle, who formerly worked "Q" office, Savannah, have left the A. C. L. for positions with the Seaboard in Savannah, with tetter pay attached. We are sorry to lose these brothers, as they always carried up-to-dates, and were both good men.

After a few days' vacation, Bro. M. C. Owens has returned to third trick at McIntosh.

Bro. E. C. Lytle is now working second trick at "Q" office, Savannah, with Bro. Brooks first, and Mr. Murray third. We would be glad to prefix Brother to Mr. Murray's name, and make it solid at "Q" office again.

Mr. Chas. G. Murray, first trick at Callahan. announces that he will send in his papers soon. Bro. F. L. Butler, at that point, will leave the service about September 1st, to engage in the naval stores business, if nothing intervenes,

Bro. C. R. Shuping, formerly agent at Fleming, who has been away from the A. C. L. for some time, has returned to us and accepted the agency at Burroughs, effective July 1st, relieving Mr. H. N. Morris, who had some trouble with the S. A. L. Ry. and returned to White Oak to adjust matters with them. We are glad to welcome Bro. Shuping back with us once more.

Bro. Clark, first trick at "Z" office, Jacksonville, has just returned from a ten-day vacation, visiting friends and relatives in Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, Md.

Bro. Meals, second trick at Burroughs, Ga., has gone on his vacation trip to Philadelphia, Pa., and other points in the East and North.

Bro. Porter, local chairman, requests me to call your attention to the fact that the Grand Division meets in Atlanta next year, and he wants Savannah District lined up solid by December 1st of this year to swell our representation in the Grand Division. All the officers of Division No. 132 are working hard to have the A. C. L. the banner Southern division in the Atlanta meeting, and we hope for the active assistance of every member in the effort to make it so.

CRACKER JOE.



Big Four Ry.

NOTICE.

All Members P. & E., Cleveland, Indianapolis, Cairo, Chicago and Michigan Divisions:

The following local chairmen were elected:

Peoria and Eastern Division, Edgar Scotten, Jamestown, Ind.

Cleveland Division, R. E. Rafferty, care Big Four, Galion, Ohio.

Indianapolis Division, R. B. Cook, DeGraff, Ohio.

Cairo Division, H. L. Settlemoir, Carrier Mills, Illinois.

Chicago Division, W. O. Brinkman, Sunman, Indiana.

Michigan Division, Geo. Lavengood, Alexandria, Indiana. C. A. Burton,

General Secretary and Treasurer.

St. Louis Division, East-

Business seems to be picking up slowly. Everybody seems satisfied as to conditions of things.

We hope that long before this appears in print the revised schedule will be in the hands of all, and that after considering conditions, that all will be satisfied, and resume their battle on the mossbacks.

Don't be a knocker. Hide your little hammer, and try to speak well of others, no matter how small you may really know yourself to be. When a non drops in, jolly him. Tell him this is the greatest thing on earth, which it is, for its purpose. Don't discourage him by speaking ill of your fellow-workmen. There is no end of fun minding your own business. It makes everybody like you. Nobody gets stuck on a knocker.

Bro. C. S. Byrd, second trick Reno, has been off on vacation; relieved by Bro. W. K. Denham.

Bro. Riffle, of Lena, has taken a three months' vacation, and is traveling with his show in his auto. "13" he is having great success. Could not learn who relieved Bro. Riffle at Lena.

CERT. 258.

Sandusky Division-

Business seems to be getting better on the Sandusky Division at present.

Mr. C. R. Wilkins, third trick at Kenton, is now one of us. Give him the glad hand.

Mr. A. K. Smalley, who worked at Huntsville for the past three months, has left for parts unknown. No tears were shed on his departure, as his views on unionism were in the wrong direction.

"BR" tower, Huntsville, was opened some time ago. R. M. Carter, third trick, Huntsville, working first trick, Stokes second trick, and J. M. Scanlan, new man, working third trick.

Glen Echo has been closed as a telegraph office, and third trick at West Liberty and second and third tricks at Wharton and Huntsville have been discontinued.

Bro. Hickman, first trick at Glen Echo, was given "YK" tower, Springfield, after the closing of Glen Echo. Unable to say where second and third trick men went.

Bro. Carter, of "BR" tower, is filling in as cashier and operator at Findlay during the absence of Mr. Gibbs, who is sick.

Mr. J. I. Broyles, new man, working Bro. Carter's trick at "BR" tower, Huntsville, during his absence.

The new electric line through Huntsville is now in operation on a four-hour schedule, making things lively for the boys at "BR" tower.

Bro. McCune, second trick at West Liberty, has purchased a new motor bike.

It is reported that the new office at Bellefontaine will be ready for service in a few days.

Bro. DeLong, at Wharton, has rather a long day, 7 a. m. until 8 p. m., since taking off second and third trick men at that point.

Quite a number of train men, operators and agents were called into Springfield on July 3d to take the annual eye examination.

Meeting at Springfield on July 21st and a good attendance is expected from this division. As it was rather unhandy for the boys on this division to go to Dayton and get back in any kind of shape for duty. Trains not running so they could make this trip.

Indianapolis Division-

I overheard a wire conversation a few days ago between a good, staunch brother and a nonwhich was something like this:

Non-"Good morning. How you feeling?"

Brother—"Fine. Had a good sleep today."

Non—"Say, by the way, could you lend me a couple of bucks. I want to get my laundry. Went to Cincinnati pay-day; out among the boys, and, say, we had a fine time."

Brother—"Sure. Will send it down in the morning."

And if you mention the fact to these nons: "No card, no favors," you will get the ha-ha, and they tell you they can get more favors from brothers than from non-members.

Bro. Martin, "YD," just back from vacation. Bro. A. J. Paramor spent his vacation at New

Point.

Have heard no kicks about our new schedule, so everybody must be satisfied. If so, brothers, we are not showing the right kind of spirit. If it had not pleased you there would have been a vig orous howl. So walk up and pat Bro, Harnung on the back, and we will all join in the chorus, singing: "He's a dandy good fellow," then, if you wish to treat cigars to the brothers, very well, providing you buy the right brand. But us ladies will take soda.

Understand the train men are considering very seriously the presenting of a grievance to the management with reference to the pertinent tonof messages that are sometimes sent them, and your correspondent says: "Step in the right direction," and this also might apply to the operating

separtment in very rare cases. We are all working for the same company, and if you are fortunate in stepping into a better position, we all rejecte with you, and as you ascend the ladder to make room for others who are at the bottom, say a word of encouragement. Make our feelings mutual. It has been said "if the ties of love held all men bound, how beautiful this world would be."

Brothers, don't the white flags on trains look good to you again? Business growing better every day, and old Indiana is harvesting one of her boomer grain crops in the face of a presidential campaign.

Brothers, we compliment ourselves. Not a ham factory on this pike, and a good bunch of telegraphers working.

We have about concluded that Operator Cunningham, who has worked at "BR" for eight or ten years, is lost to us forever. He states he is too wise an old wheel-hoss to join the O. R. T. As to being wise we have his testimony. He has the knowledge of a Solomon, and as for stubbornness, we have it from the operators who have worked there, he has the government mule beat seven ways. And as he thinks the O. R. T. never benefited him, we bow to his submissive will, for the Good Book says: "As you believe, so shall it be."

Brothers, Indiana is going to be a political hot bed this fall. Candidates will be thick as hops, and they will all give you the glad hand. Don't sit still and take in all their ghost stories. Show them you are interested in them, find how they stand on the labor question. If they are all right, 'tell them so, and they will spread it broadcast, and if they are not, it's all over but the shouting, for organized labor is in politics, and will be heard. Let's give a good account of ourselves. Don't go to the polls and stamp the eagle or rooster because grandpa does. I was born a preacher, but have not worked at it since.

The full dinner pail is full of wind.

Several new members this month.

Understand there will be three or four new interlockers built this fall.

Operator Jim Buchanan has gone to Colorado for his health

Bro. Newfarmer has accepted Raleigh days.

Bro. Thatcher has returned to Fortville.

Bro. Kautzman, who has been sick for some time, is slowly improving.

Bro. Reiter, Harper, is laying off.

Bro. Harry Hess is visiting in Degruff and Bellefontaine.

Be a union man and buy union goods. It's no trouble to look for the label.

As I write this the "boiler-makers" at Bellefontaine and Beechwood are out because of the company wanting to put on piece-work, which they won't stand for. "Good luck, boys."

GEE WHIZ.

Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Ry.

The first write-up that I ever saw from the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway was in the July issue, but I hope he will come again. Anything to let the boys know that there are O. R. T. men on this road, if it is not mentioned very often in our journal.

The Orient is a comparatively young road, with a very bright future, and the man that stays with it until the surveyed route is all put into operation, will surely have good picking. Nearly all the men that have been with this road any reasonable length of time have pretty good positions for this country.

We are under pretty good management. Mr. A. H. Dickinson, our division superintendent, at Wichita, Kan., is a very pleasant official, and will do the square thing for everybody. The dispatchers also are very nice fellows to work with.

There are quite a number of O. R. T. boys on the division. Wish I knew them all so I could name them.

Bro. C. R. Blakeslee, former first trick telegrapher at Fairview, is off on a thirty-day vacation, and will take the agency at Thomas, Okla., on his return.

Bro. Maddox is now working third trick at Ewing, junction with the Frisco.

Bro. Frank Cuykendall, first trick telegrapher at "FA." I call him brother, for he will be as soon as he receives his card, as the application papers have already been forwarded to Bro. Quick.

Bro. W. G. Oldham, third trick man at Fairview, is taking a vacation.

Understand the agent at Lone Wolf is one of the M., K. & T. scabs. I hope he won't stay on this road long.

Here's hoping that the day is not far off when every telegrapher on the Orient will own a card that we all love so much. We can get them if we all work for it.

CERT. 1690.

Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry.

Southern Division-

Some worthy brother from the north end broke the ice by giving us a short write-up from the Northern Division. There are a few good brothers on this end, but there is also some material to work on, and I think that if each member would go after the nons individually we could get the majority, and would see what could be done. "In union there is strength," so let's all get together and see what can be done. Did you ask the next man up the line if he belonged, and to what division? Did you tell him you would send him a set of papers if he was not a member? Do you know if the other trick mer in your office belong? Our brother from the north end says we have a minimum salary of \$50.00 per month. They must pay more north of Grand Rapids, for we see several \$47.50 positions on this end.

Operator Burnett, from dispatcher's office, Fort Wayne, after some trouble, landed the summer



position of operator and ticket agent at Rome City, and puts in his thirteen hours.

Business is pretty fair on this pike. In fact, it is one of the best north and south roads in the country.

Look after the students, and get all the nons in line you can, and see what a show we can make in a short time. We can not command a higher salary until we are better organized, and therefore get busy and round the nons up.

I trust somebody else will take this up next month and carry it along, as I am not in the service of the road now. CERT. 191.

Pennsylvania Ry.

Conemaugh Division-

The few lines that appeared in last month's journal from the east end of the division were the first that we have seen for a long while. A volunteer has set a good example. Thus encouraged I will try and give a few notes of interest to the brothers of the west end.

Bros, Turner and Stitt from first and second trick "ON," are still "slinging it" at "AC." They are being relieved at "ON" by Bro. Bentel and Mr. Anders.

H. H. Hamilton who has been assigned to third trick, "ON," has filled out the necessary papers. The cherubic Harry will soon be one of us.

T. K. Telfer, third trick at "CQ," has also filled out the papers. We will soon be able to call Teddy brother.

Bro. L. J. Rebel was away for three days; relieved by T. H. Drakeford.

Bro. H. Steffan, second trick at "PC," was away making the eagle scream on the Fourth of July; relieved by T. H. Drakeford.

Mr. Drakeford is a scab of the first water. During the recent commercial operators' "unpleasantness" he remained "loyal" to the Western Union for the consideration of double time and his meals. He should receive no consideration whatever at the hands of any of our brothers.

CIRT. 548.

Delaware & Hudson Ry.

Champ, Division-

The nine-hour law has finally been complied with on this division, and is the outcome of the membership doing the right thing; that is, paying their dues and attending meeting. The D. & H. knowing that our division would come under the law, did not put it in effect until the members took same to the Interstate Commerce Commission, through their representative, Bro. T. M. Pierson, who has worked hard and faithfully for the telegraphers in the East. All hats off to Bro. Pierson. It seems almost impossible for the non-members to now stay out of the fold when their eyes have been opened, and they have seen the benefits derived from our noble Order. It certainly is worth double the emoney to gain the point which every telegrapher has fought for, and now being filled as per our schedule. The company has put all positions coming under the law on an eight-hour basis, and now it is up to us to do the trick just as we informed the commission. Let every member attend faithfully to his duties, answer the wires promptly, get the necessary hours of rest, and when you come on duty you are prepared to put in eight hours' service without any kick from the management. Some of our agents, who are members, are doing a trick, and this seems to be better for them, besides it gives them more time to fully attend to their home matters.

Brothers, we are far ahead of any sister organization on our road, and in time, if we stick together, we will be on top. Our Order is something so big that every railroad manager is dealing with us fairly and squarely, and not looking at us through a microscope, as in former years, and by each other's help we will be the coming Order. Our Grand officers are the most conservative in any organization that I have seen or heard about, and with your help they will guide us toward the goal for which we are striving, \$75.00 and six days per week. I wish to thank the local chairman for all the work they have given Division 122, especially Bros. Kemp and Nicholls, of Division 78.

Now that we are on solid ground let us keep united until we secure that which we started out to get.

Bro. Well's hours are reduced. According to new special order the trains from South Junction having to throw the switch after 12:30 p. m. until 7 a. m.

Telegrapher Bentley, of Fort Edward, will be with us again soon. We all understand his luck, and a harder worker can not be found.

It is very odd that Telegrapher Grey, of Whitehall, should not join us. He is working in one of the best positions covered by our schedule, and he has been working in all of our good positions, and knows that the members are working for every telegrapher, and if he enjoys these benefits he should show the right spirit, and send his application along. Apparently, for a few, it will be necessary to pass the "No card, no favors' deal.

Bro. Hayes, formerly of Corinth and Whitehall, now at Saratoga, first trick, having secured same on last bid.

Understand the officials have reduced the hours at Gansevoort, Smith Basin, Fort Ann and Comstock, letting telegrapher go after No. 13, account No. 15 being flag train, and very few people take this late train.

Last meeting not very large, as the members can not get away so often now, being on eight hours. But the first trick men should try and attend, and could inform the other men. It may be necessary to hold meetings at Plattsburg to keep all interested. Yours truly would be glad to see meetings held at this point occasionally.

Telegrapher Little, of Corinth, is working second trick during the summer. Telegrapher Ramsdell filling Saratoga, third trick, temporarily.

Bro. J. E. Sullivan, an old-timer, on this pike, now at Lake George during the summer. Bro. Coty, of "CW," Lake George, doing the freight work.

Bro. Snow is resting at Hydeville after an illness of three weeks.

Bro. Williamson, Whitehall, has been a little forgetful and let his dues run over the limit, but he informs us he will be in good standing by August meeting.

Our student school at Whitehall begins to turn out (?), and it's a show to hear them work and see some of their work. Our local chairman ran across a couple of them recently, and I guess by what he says they will not do much damage. One has resigned already, and before spring, it sothing serious happens, they will all be gone.

Am glad to say that the members have responded to the notice of dues, and if there are any who have not remitted as yet, they should do so at once. Bro. Stevens is only too glad to send you a receipt.

The hall matter has not been decided as yet, and last meeting held at Arlington Hotel Bro. Kemp again with us, also Bro. Merritt, of "JC," Chary.

The R. & W. members are right on the job. They certainly keep that end solid, even if they can not get to meetings. Maybe we could hold a meeting at Castleton. That would help them out. It is hard to say how they are fixed out, but if they will write Bro. Kemp, Glens Falls, he will see what can be done to make their hours, etc., better. Let us hear from you, brothers.

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Saratoga Dinision-

A railroad magnate, when about to sail for Europe the other day, was interviewed by a reporter of one of the New York daily papers regarding the present industrial conditions of the United States. The published report represents the gentleman as having said, among other things: "It is relatively a heavier burden on persons who are accustomed to incomes of \$200,000 a year to have their incomes reduced \$50,000 a year-a reduction of income which he said has generally been experienced by very wealthy families during the past few months-than the burden would have been on persons who are working for \$15.00 a week, had it been distributed by reducing their wages to \$10.00 per week," and that this disproportionate burden is due, to a great extent, to the excessive wages paid to railroad employes."

In other words, the gentleman said: "Now, rawlly, my deah fellahs, dontcherknow, it is hardah for a gentleman to have to close one of his many palatial cottages during the summer season when society expects them to be open, even if he is touring Europe in his auto, than it is for you to have to remove to smallah apartments than yourah present cramped ones. It is hardah for a Newport hostess, who has been accustomed to \$200 bouquets on her table to have to put up with cheap \$0.00 bouquets, than it is

for yourah wife to reduce the size of that inferior cut of meat you have on yourah table, though you have paid the 'beef trust' the highest price for it, dontcherknow. Caawn't you understand how unreasonable and unjust you are in not accepting a reduction of wages? You have become coarse, tough and hardened by yourah conditions of life, and don't feel additional suffering, while we have been reared delicately, and any obstacle in the way of the gratification of our slightest whim grates on ourah aristocratic sensi bilities, and causes us to suffer-to suffer so poignantly, dontcherknow-especially if any restraint whatever is put on the annual destruction of millions of dollahs' worth of wealth by the wild extravagance of ouah class."

Now, brothers, are you so ungallant, if you have not already done so, that you would contribute to maintaining of your present salaries by remitting the dues for the period of the last half of 1908 to Bro. Nicholls, thereby contributing toward the maintenance of an institution that has done its part to check the social ambi.ions of a society belle, if it were proved conclusively to you that the different Orders of railroad employes were the direct cause by raising and maintaining the amount of wages of railroad employes, and thereby causing a corresponding limit on the size of the fund available to purchase a husband for the society belle which resulted in her having to be contented with a lord when otherwise she would have landed a duke? Shame! I have already done so, but then I am only an ignorant working man, who does not know any better. Would you even go farther, and see to it that as soon as the graduates of the Whitehall school are eligible that their coats are adorned with the O. R. T. button?

The above are mere incidents in the course of a policy that aims at high ends. Truly, America is no fit place for a gentleman to live.

Kindly send me some notes. Div. Con.

Twin City Telegraphers' Club.

The meeting of the club for July was held the evening of the 11th, at Midway. A very few of the members turned out, so were unable to have the installation of officers, as planned. The dull times seems to have affected our members in more ways than one.

R. D. Lytle, who is remembered as the assistant local chairman of the St. Paul Division of the Northern Pacific, has moved to the coast, locating at Kelso, Wash.

Bro. Lapham, of Mississippi street, was at Anoka and other points for a few days; relieved by Mr. Herberg, who was, in turn, relieved by Bro. Guernsey, of Clear Lake. On Bro. Lapham's return, Mr. Herberg spent ten days visiting at Green Bay and Duluth. Bro. Guernsey is at Big Lake at present writing.

The ball game between teams of the G. N. and U. P. resulted in a victory for the G. N. boys.

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Assessment No. 118 is due AUG. 1, 1908. Time for payment expires SEPT. 80, 1908.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$ 300 00 (Series A)......

Of # 500 00 (Series A)	
On 500 00 (Series B)	30 cents each
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BENEFITS PAID DURING JULY, 19	908.
CLAIM NO. NAME. CAUSE. DIV. 755Harry B. FarrellLobar Pneumonia and TyphoidGrand	
FINANCIAL STATEMENT-MORTUARY	FUND.
RECEIPTS.	
Received on Assessment Account to June 30, 1908	\$662,436 16
Received on Assessment Account July, 1908	12,461 09
	\$674,897 25
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Death Claims paid to June 30, 1908	\$439,331 47
Death Claims paid in July	
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	
Assessments transferred to dues	
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, July 31, 1908	233,308 79
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- meeting will be a day meeting at 10 a. m., and every third meeting thereafter will be a day meeting.
- NO. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambright, S. & T., Landisville, Pa.
- NO. 11, OLD TOWN, ME.—Meets 4th Sunday each month at 1:30 p. m., Royal Arcanum Hall, 116 Main st., Bangor, Me. Burton A Brackett, Chief Tel., 32 Coombs st., Bangor, Me.; E. E. McPheters, S. & T., Great Works, Me.
- NO. 12, SUNBURY, P.A.—Meets 3d Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts. Sunbury, Pa. Bruce McCrocken, Chief Tel., Riverside, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.
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- NO. 21.—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; A. C. Bushwaw, Gen'l S. & T., 55 Samuel st., Dayton, Ohio.
- NO. 22.—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System, R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.
- NO. 23.—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. O. W. Renshaw, Gen'l Chairman, 2 West 14th st.. Minneapolis, Minn.; G. E. Soyster, Gen'l S. & T., 1554 Bever ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- NO. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, P.A.—Meets 2d Friday evening of each month in Red Men's Hall. 112 West Fourth st., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Friday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. Thos. R. Hepler, Chief Tel., 423 Park ave., Williamsport, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.
- NO. 25.—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Texas.
- NO. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 265 W. 144th st., New York City. F. J. Ryan, Chief Tel.; 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. L. McBain, S. & T., 265 W. 144th st., New York City.
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- NO. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormack, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.
- NO. 31.—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. L. M. Nance, Gen'l Chairman, 4039 Castleman ave., St. Louis, Mo.; W. M. Holman, Gen'l S. & T., 7210 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.
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NO. 33.-Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to cail of the Chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. Districts, meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10, Smithfiel! st., Pittsburg, Pa. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at . Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. H. W. Mason, Local Chairman, Eastern District, 1314 Arch st., N. S., Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Lanning, Local Chairman, Western District. Celia. Pa. Cleveland Division meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall. Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, Local Chairman, Massillon, Ohio. Chicago Division meets on third Friday nights of each month, in B. of L. F. Hall, Garrett, Ind. O. J. Prouse, Local Chairman, East District, 303 North Union st., Fostoria, Ohio. A. P. Webster, Local Chairman, West District, Kimmell, ind. West End Baltimore Division meets third Friday of August, November and February, at Washington Junction, Md., at 8 p. m. Third Friday of September, December and March at Typographical Hall, 423 G st., N. W., Washington, D. C., at 9 p. m. Third Friday of October, January and April at Woodstock, Md. D. M. Wright, Jr., Local Chairman, Brunswick, Md.

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- NO. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.
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- NO. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. John Heusted, Gen'l Chairman, Clifford, Mich.; Charles I. Mead, Gen'l S. & T., Smyrna, Mich.
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- NO. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon, ave., West Somerville, Mass.; John A. Tuck. S. & T., upper station, Wakefield, Mass.
- NO. 42.—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. Frank N. Hall, Gen'l Chairman, 35 Clinton st., Salamanca, N. Y.; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.
- NO. 43.—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; E. G. Skelding, Gen'l S. & T., 531 Victor st., Winnipeg, Man.
- NO. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. F. Heller, S. & T., 1441 Bushwick ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- NO. 45, WOODVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Plymouth, N. II.

- NO. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. F. Hemminger, Gen'l Chairman, Guyton, Ga.; O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atianta, Ga.
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- NO. 51.—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Eric Railway System. Meets 1st Friday evening after 16th, each month, in Eagles' Hall, Greenville, Pa., after the arrival of trains 2 and 13. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshall st., Conneaut, Ohio.
- NO. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
- NO. 53.—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway. Lines. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., 1220 12th ave., East Oakland, Cal.
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- NO. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall. 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. H. W. Kennedy, Chief Telegrapher, 305 N. Van Buren st., Wilmington, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.
- NO. 59.—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; A. L. McDaniel, Gen'l S. & T., Forest City, N. C.
- NO. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift. S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.
- NO. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; R. A. McMillan, S. & T., Charlo Station, N. B.
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- NO. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.
- NO. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 289 St. Valier st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.; Ed Roy, Treasurer, Aston Junction, Que.
- NO. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; G. F. Berry, S. & T., 453 Main st., Biddeford, Me.

- NO. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- NO. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. E. O. Sherman, Chief Tel., 331 S. River st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.; J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
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- NO. 70.—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Hotel Foley. St. Paul, Minn.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.
- NO. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA.— Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Trainmen's Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.
- NO. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., Box 432, South St. Joseph, Mo.; W. E. Reese, S. & T., Box 682, St. Joseph, Mo.
- NO. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets 21 Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- NO. 74.—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. J. M. Peck, Gen'l Chairman, Farmingdale, Ill.; A. W. Morrow, Gen'l S. & T., 425 Jefferson st., Greenfield, Ohio.
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- NO. 76.—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell Junction, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central avc.. St. Paul, Minn; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

- NO. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Tuesday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., rooms 38-40, 1427 Stout st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.
- NO. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S Pearl st., Albany, N. Y. Chas. H. Kemp, Chief Tel., 128 George st., Green Island, N. Y.; B. M. Nichols, S. & T., Altamont, N. Y.
- NO. 79.—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, McHenry, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Box 69. Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.
- NO. 80.—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. T. E. Cooper, Gen'l Chairman, Bay Springs, Miss.; W. C. Longmire, Gen'l S. & T., Union, Miss.
- NO. 81.—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.
- NO. 82,—Division covers Western Maryland Rail way System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsburg, Md.; C. E. Marker, Gen'l S. & T., Smithburg, Md. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman.
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- NO. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Friday at 8 p. m., at Morgan's Hall, Fourth and Market sts., Camden, N. J. J. W. Diffinderfer, Chief Tel., 610 Park ave., Collingswood, N. J.; I. W. Newkirk, Sec'y, Pitman Grove, N. J.; T. J. McCabe, Treas., 1014 Spruce st., Camden, N. J.
- NO. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Fri lay at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. Chas. R. Carty, Chief Tel., 308 Wood st., Bristol, Pa.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., 494 West Hanover st., Trenton, N. J.
- NO. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.
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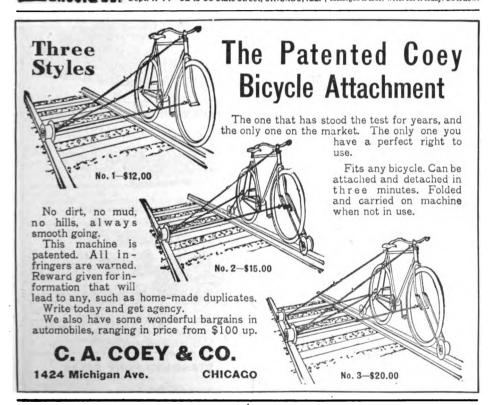
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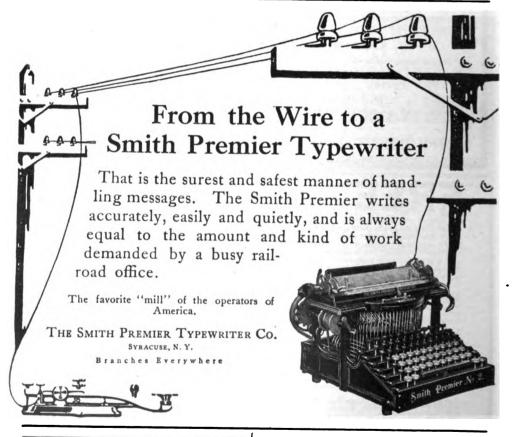
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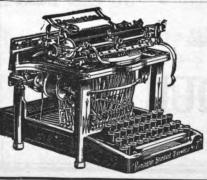
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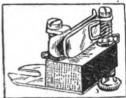
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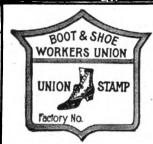
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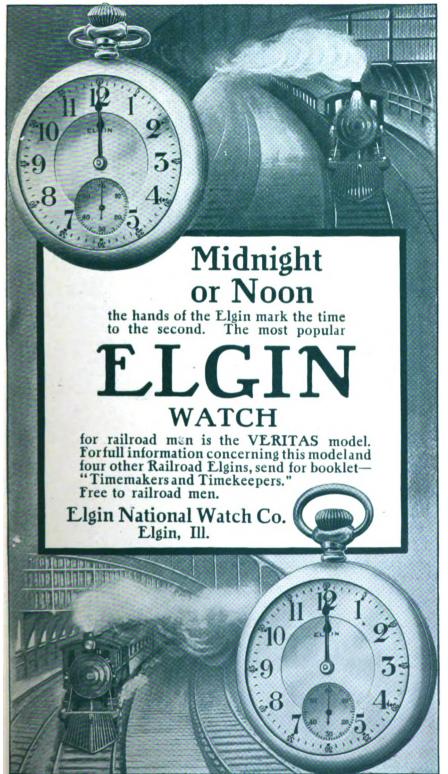
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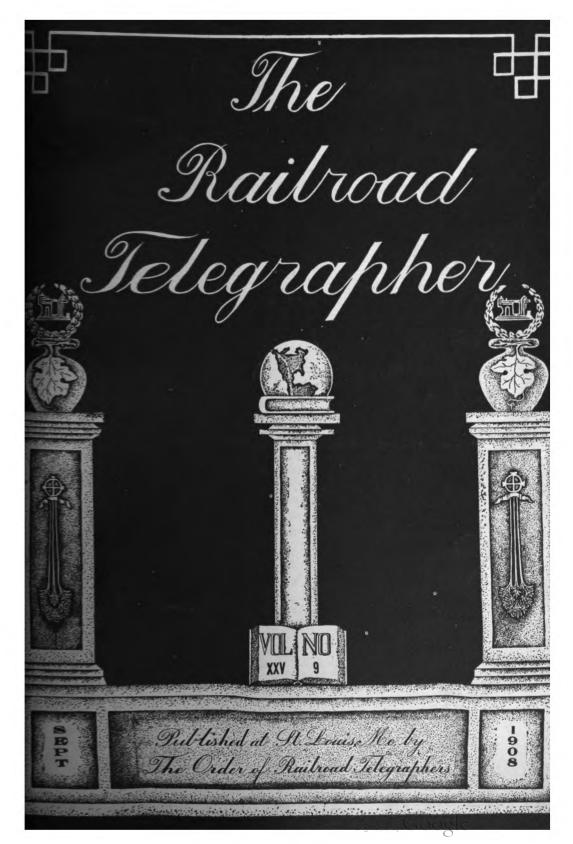
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American Federation of Labor Issues Address to Organized Workers of United States.

A S has been generally known, the American Federation of Labor has persistently refused to allow itself to be drawn into politics in the past, contenting itself with merely opposing now and then some candidate for Congress who had made himself particularly obnoxious to organized labor, but changed conditions have forced a change in policy on the part of organized labor, particularly on the part of the American Federation of Labor as the legitimate and actual representative of the great labor movement of the United States

The injunction question has become a burning issue with organized labor; the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in declaring that labor organizations came under the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law, and other decisions of like character and tenor, have brought about a condition that forced action on the part of

organized labor for its own protection. Therefore, when the two great political parties of the country held their conventions the President and other officers of the American Federation of Labor went to those conventions to insist upon each declaring itself in its platform for the enactment of legislation that would relieve the serious conditions now confronting the organized workers on account of recent court decisions. What transpired at those conventions and the treatment that was accorded the representatives of organized labor is best told in the report of those officers to the workers of the country, which is as follows:

"Washington, D. C., August 1, 1908. "To All Organized Labor:

"DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS—In accordance with the instructions of the Executive Council of the American Federation of

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Labor we, its officers, desire to call to your attention the attitude—as expressed in their platforms—of the two great political parties in regard to Labor's demands.

"The president and members of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor attended both the Republican and Democratic conventions for the purpose of presenting Labor's demands and asking their incorporation in the platforms in a manner which should clearly affirm the position of the workers, especially in relation to the abuse of the injunction and the right of the workers to organize and carry on the legitimate business of organization without being classed as trusts under the Supreme Court interpretation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

"The two great parties have nominated their candidates for President, for Congress, and other places. They are appealing to you for support. It is most important that you should know at first hand and officially what treatment was accorded Labor in their great conventions where their official policy was formulated.

"The national convention of the Republican party, at Chicago, refused to incorporate the demands of Labor in its platform, and instead inserted a plank on injunctions which indorses the existing abuse of the injunction as applied to labor disputes.

"The Democratic convention, at Denver, on the other hand, made Labor's demands a part of its platform.

"The members of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, acting as your representatives, formulated Labor's demands and (with the exception of the preamble) offered them in exactly the same phraseology to both the Republican and Democratic conventions, as follows:

"'We therefore pledge the party to the enactment of a law by Congress, guaranteeing to the wage-earners, agriculturalists and horticulturalists of our country, the right of organized effort to the end that such associations or their members shall not be regarded as illegal combinations in restraint of trade.

"'We pledge ourselves to the enactment of a law to prohibit the issuance of injunctions in cases arising out of labor disputes, when such injunctions would not apply when no labor disputes existed; and that in no case shall an injunction be issued when there exists a remedy by the ordinary process of law, and which act shall provide that in the procedure for the punishment of contempt of court, the party cited for contempt shall, when such contempt was not committed in the presence of the court, be entitled to a trial by jury.

"'We pledge the party to the enactment of an amendment extending the existing eight-hour law to all Government employes, and to all workers, whether employed by contractors or sub-contractors doing work for or on behalf of the Federal Government.

"'We pledge the party to the enactment of a law by Congress, as far as the Federal jurisdiction extends, for a general employers' liability act for injury to body or loss of life of employes.

"'We pledge the party to the enactment of a law to the extent of Federal jurisdiction granting women's suffrage, and to submit a constitutional amendment for ratification to the States for the absolute suffrage of women co-equal with men.

"'We pledge the party to the enactment of a law creating a department of labor, separate from any existing department, with a secretary at its head having a seat in the President's Cabinet.

"'We pledge the party to the enactment of a law for the creation of a Federal bureau of mines and mining, preferably under the proposed department of labor, and the appropriation of sufficient funds to thoroughly investigate the cause of mine disasters, so that laws and regulations may be recommended and enacted which will prevent the terrible maining and loss of life in the mines.

"'We pledge the party to the enactment of a law for the establishment of United States Government postal savings banks.'

"In response to Labor's demands the Republican convention adopted the following alleged injunction plank:

"'The Republican party will uphold at all times the authority and integrity of the courts, State and Federal, and will ever insist that their powers to enforce their process and to protect life, liberty and property shall be preserved inviolate. We believe, however, that the rules of procedure in the Federal courts with respect to the issuance of the writ of injunction should be more accurately defined by statute, and that no injunction, or temporary restraining order, should be issued without notice, except where irreparable injury would result from delay, in which case a speedy hearing thereafter should be granted.'

"At a glance, the plank adopted will be seen to be an evasion of the issue. It is an indorsement of the very abuse against which Labor has justly protested, and would, if enacted by Congress, give the authority of law for the issuance of injunctions in labor disputes, an authority which does not now exist. It is a pro-injunction, not an anti-injunction, declaration. It would make more acute the wrongs by which the toilers are forced to bear the unjust, judicial burden of injunction discrimination.

The Democratic convention placed the following planks in its platform in response to Labor's demands:

"LABOR PLANKS ADOPTED BY DEMOCRATIC CON-VENTION.

"The courts of justice are the bulwark of our liberties, and we yield to none in our purpose to maintain their dignity. Our party has given to the bench a long line of distinguished judges who have added to the respect and confidence in which this department must be jealously maintained. We resent the attempt of the Republican party to raise a false issue respecting the judiciary. It is an unjust reflection upon a great body of our citizens to assume that they lack respect for the courts.

"It is the function of the courts to interpret the laws which the people create, and if the laws appear to work economic, social or political injustice, it is our duty to change them. The only basis upon which the integrity of our courts can stand is that of unswerving justice and protection of life, personal liberty, and property. If judicial processes may be abused, we should guard them against abuse. "Experience has proven the necessity of a modification of the present law relating to injunctions, and we reiterate the pledge of our national platforms of 1896 and 1904 in favor of the measure which passed the United States Senate in 1896, but which a Republican Congress has ever since refused to enact, relating to contempts in Federal courts, and providing for trial by jury in case of indirect contempt.

"'Questions of judicial practice have arisen, especially in connection with industrial disputes. We deem that the parties to all judicial proceedings should be treated with rigid impartiality, and that injunctions should not be issued in any cases in which injunctions would not issue if no industrial disputes were involved.

"The expanding organization of industry makes it essential that there should be no abridgment of the right of wage-earners and producers to organize for the protection of wages and the improvement of labor conditions to the end that such labor organizations and their members should not be regarded as illegal combinations in restraint of trade.

"'We favor the eight-hour day on all Government work.

"'We pledge the Democratic party to the enactment of a law by Congress, as far as the Federal jurisdiction extends, for a general employers' liability act covering injury to body or loss of life to employes.

"'We pledge the Democratic party to the enactment of a law creating a Department of Labor, represented separately in the President's Cabinet, which department shall include the subject of mines and mining."

"Compare these planks with those submitted by the A. F. of L. for adoption. They are substantially all that we asked.

"On the question of the injunction abuse the Democratic platform declares for the principle which the workers have maintained, viz:

"That injunctions should not be issued in any cases in which injunctions would not issue if no industrial disputes were involved.

"Equally clear and satisfactory is the declaration in favor of exempting Labor from the operation of the Supreme Court deci-



sion (Danbury Hatters' case) under the Sherman anti-trust law.

"The expanding organization of industry makes it essential that there should be no abridgment of the right of wage-earners and producers to organize for the protection of wages and the improvement of labor conditions to the end that such labor organizations and their members should not be regarded as illegal combinations in restraint of trade.

"The other declarations in the Democratic platform include things which the workers have demanded for many years.

"We earnestly urge the workers and all good citizens to consider most carefully and thoughtfully the attitude of the two great political parties toward the fundamental rights and principles embodied in Labor's demands. Study their respective platforms, and then vote as your conscience dictates.

"On the one hand we have a Republican Congress absolutely refusing to enact the demands of the workers for right and equitable legislation and boasting that it is willing to take the consequences. Following this action of Congress we have the convention of the Republican party scorning Labor's demands and adopting a so-called 'injunction' plank, which is an insult to the intelligence of every voter in the land. A plank which declares for the continuance and perpetuation of the abuse of the injunction process in its arbitrary application to labor disputes.

"The Republican party definitely lines up with the corporate interests of the country and defies the people to help themselves.

The Democratic party indorses Labor's demands and pledges itself to carry them into effect if it is put into power.

"We earnestly ask you to make the choice which is in accordance with the best interests of yourselves and of all the people. If the men of labor and our friends fail to do their duty, they will have to reckon with even a worse condition of affairs than now obtains.

"We feel that we need not do more than state the facts above outlined. The workers and their friends have had experience in the past year of what the party now in power can do and intends to do. The very feeling of outrage and indignation which prompted the decision of the workers to use their political power to protect themselves will guide you as to how to cast your vote.

"ELECT YOUR FRIENDS AND DEFEAT YOUR ENEMIES.

"We urge the workers to take up this campaign with the utmost enthusiasm and energy. Scan every candidate's record; study his party platform. Be not deceived by vague, unofficial, plausible assurances of friendship. Let partisan affiliations be cast aside in the great struggle to preserve the rights and the freedom, not only of the working people, but of all the people.

"Already the campaign of lying and misrepresentation is in full swing. Labor's attitude and that of its representatives is falsely stated. Wrong conclusions are purposely drawn in order to mislead Labor and its friends from the concerted action which will tend to protect and preserve our industrial and civic rights.

"Wherever a man decries and discourages the effort of the workers to unite and use their political power, scan his motives—they will not be difficult to discover.

"We trust that the perception of the motive behind such statements and the application of ordinary common sense on the part of the people will be sufficient to render harmless the lying attacks from any quarter.

"Conscious of an unswerving purpose to serve our fellow-workers, our fellow-men, in all things which will safeguard and protect their just rights and interests, which will promote their constitutional liberties and freedom, we shall in the future, as in the past, endeavor to do our duty and render service to the best of our ability, without regard to flattery on the one hand or browbeating and bulldozing tactics on the other. We shall rely on the earnestness, honesty, and intelligence of our fellow-workers and count upon their loyalty to the great cause of Labor, which, in the last analysis, is loyalty to themselves and their country.

"We now call upon the workers of our common country to stand faithfully by our

iricads, oppose and defeat our enemies, whether they be candidates for President, for Congress, or other offices, whether executive, legislative, or judicial.

"Stand by your unions; let the spirit of unity, fraternity, justice and love of free-dom guide you.

"By order of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor.

"Fraternally yours,
SAMUEL GOMPERS,

"(Seal) SAMUEL GOMPERS,
"President, A. F. of L.

"Attest:

"Frank Morrison,
"Secretary, A. F. of L.

"EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

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dent.
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dent."

IMPORTANT MEETING OF LABOR EDITORS.

A LARGE and enthusiastic meeting of editors of official organs of international labor organizations was held in Fraternity Hall, Chicago, Illinois, on September 1st. The purpose of the meeting was to consider present conditions, brought about by recent court decisions, as affecting organized labor, and to ascertain if it was not possible for editors of official organs to co-operate along certain lines that have for their purpose the relieving of the unjust conditions now confronting the organized workers of the country.

L. W. Quick, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, was elected temporary chairman, and J. E. Mulkey, of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes, was elected temporary secretary of the meeting.

A Credential Committee was appointed consisting of H. J. Conway, of the Retail Clerks' International Association; John F. McNamee, of the Brotherhood of Lecomotive Firemen and Enginemen, and John W. Skemp, of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers.

Upon report of the Credential Committee, seating all those presenting credentials, the temporary officers were made permanent.

After a general discussion of the subject in hand, a Resolution Committee was appointed consisting of Owen Miller, of the American Federation of Musicians; Samuel L. Landers, of the United Garment Workers of America, and M. Grant Hamilton, of the Typographical Union.

On Motion a Press Committee was named, consisting of the chairman and secretary of the meeting, and Jno. B. Lennon, of the Journeyman Tailors' Union of America.

Then followed an informal expression of opinion regarding the attitude to be assumed by the conference, which discussion was participated in by some thirty or forty of the delegates present, at the conclusion of which a recess was taken until 2 p. m. in order that the Resolution Committee might be given an opportunity of performing its work.

At 2 o'clock the conference reconvened, and the report of the Resolutions Committee was presented, and immediately taken up for consideration.

The discussion on the report covered a wide scope, and the consensus of opinion expressed was to the effect that while the statement of facts was clear, the language of the statement was less vigorous than the circumstances warranted, but the resolution was adopted with only one dissenting vote.

The report was as follows:

The decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Hatters' case, the multiplied frequency by which injunctions are unlawfully, unfairly and without the slightest warrant of law, being issued against labor, warrants the labor press of our common country in at least sounding a note of warning. The highest court in the land, having recently decided (Hatters' case)

that labor organizations come under the scope and operation of the Sherman Antitrust Law, it is only a step to a more drastic decision which shall sweep away all vestige of remaining rights commonly supposed to be within the sphere of trade unions' activity. In view of the apparent tendency of the courts, we assert that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" has a much greater significance today than ever before. History records that in the past rights and liberties of the people have been taken away from them one by one, and that in some countries which were formerly in full possession of many political rights and liberties, and whose peoples enjoyed the fullest scope in the exercise of self-government and a limited democracy, by this process now find they have been stripped of all such rights and liberties, and are living under limited monarchies, and in some cases an absolutely despotic form of government.

"In the Constitution of the United States, framed after the Revolution of 1776, the right of trial by jury was incorporated. It is known as part of the 'Bill of Rights' which the colonists enjoyed under the British Government. The trial by jury is guaranteed by the following articles in the Federal Constitution:

ARTICLE VI.

"In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district where the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law; and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense."

ARTICLE VII.

"In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 2. "The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury, and such trial shall be held in the State where the said crimes shall have been committed, but when not committed within any State, the trial shall be at such place or places as the Congress may, by law, have directed."

By reading carefully the articles of the Constitution as above quoted, providing for trial by jury, we find it can not be denied in any case, except in cases of impeachment. The words, "in all criminal prosecutions," admit of no exception.

We aim not to exaggerate nor to unduly alarm, but we are at least convinced that unless labor protects and then acts by exercising its political heritage, the evils against which we so justly complain will not only increase, but finally all political and civil rights will be abridged, or so curtailed by "judge-made laws" that practical and useful trades unions will become outlawed and rendered wellnigh useless. We have unlimited faith in the trade union movement, but see in passing events that their usefulness and growth will be retarded for years unless we arise to the occasion and apply proper remedies before it is too late. We do not want to fight the good fight all over again. We protest against inactivity and apathy. We warn you of impending danger, and earnestly urge the man of labor to carefully study the situation, to cast aside partisanship for the time being, and so vote that labor may be reinvested with its natural rights. We feel that we would be untrue and unfaithful to the cause we represent, if we did not at least give public expression to honest convictions and sound a warning to our fel-·low men.

The workers did not create the present situation, it was forced upon us by the selfishness of unscrupulous manufacturers of the Van Cleave-Post stripe, and the avariciousness of grasping corporations and high financiers.

We have resolved to close our eyes to all except the well being and best interests

of the trade-union cause, which, after all, should be the greatest concern of all.

We do not approach you as partisans, nor as strictly trade unionists, but, rather, as wage-earners, with no thought in view except the best interests of the toiling masses of our common country, and the trade union movement in particular. We feel that the trade union official organ, which is free to act, and will not do so in this crisis, will be guilty of shirking a bounden duty. Those papers which are tied by organic laws excepted, of course.

We should go as far as possible in the direction best calculated to terminate the steady encroachment of judges, who, acting independent of positive laws, gradually establish a judicial oligarchy for our republican form of representative government and our boasted democracy. There should be none who are so blind that they can not see that entrenched capital will not yield an iota. We know that they will boldly follow every advantage they have gained by recent court decisions and add to it as occasion may present itself. We are convinced by the plain logic of passing events that unless labor asserts itself in the coming election, further encroachment will be made on the rights of the workers.

Do you think for one moment that Van Cleave, et al., will voluntarily give up unfair advantages gained by judge-made laws which were rendered in defiance of the Federal Constitution?

We do not deny the right of capital or manufacturers to exercise all the rights guaranteed them by the laws of our common country. We are willing to take our chances and abide by results honestly achieved, but we do object, as citizens, as working men and women, and as trade unionists, to being robbed of our constitutional rights by judge-made laws over the injunction route, or by the application of laws which Congress never intended should apply to industrial organizations. We ask for simple justice and the right to continue business without molestation by the unlawful application of judge-made law.

If we transgress the laws, we invite punishment, but insist that it shall be in accord with the principle of the law for which this republic was conceived and established by human sacrifices. We warn the trades unions, the workers generally, and, indeed, all liberty-loving people, against the growing tendency of government by injunction, and the flagrant attempt of the courts, in some instances, to fasten upon all the people, regardless of affiliation, an application of law that was never intended by the law-making powers.

Labor, through its chosen representatives, has petitioned Congress for redress until patience has ceased to be a virtue. As a last resort, an appeal was made to the two great political parties. One of the great political parties added insult to injury, adopting a plank which will legalize existing illegal practices, and against which we so justly complain. It follows:

INJUNCTION PLANK ADOPTED BY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

"The Republican party will uphold at all times the authority and integrity of the courts. State and Federal, and will ever insist that their powers to enforce their processes and to protect life, liberty and property shall be preserved inviolate. We believe, however, that the rules of the procedure in the Federal courts with respect to the issuance of the writ of injunction should be more accurately defined by statute, and that no injunction or temporary restraining order should be issued without notice, except where irreparable injury would result from delay, in which case a hearing thereafter should speedy granted."

The other one adopted a platform which, if enacted into law, will, in the opinion of those competent to judge, give us the tardy justice for which we have so long petitioned in vain. It follows:

I.ABOR PLANK ADOPTED BY DEMOCRATIC CON-VENTION.

"The courts of justice are the bulwark of our liberties, and we yield to none in our purpose to maintain their dignity. Our party has given to the bench a long line of distinguished judges who had added to the respect and confidence in which this department must be jealously maintained.

We resent the attempt of the Republican party to raise a false issue respecting the judiciary. It is an unjust reflection upon a great body of our citizens to assume that they lack respect for the courts."

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"Experience has proven the necessity of modification of the present law relating to injunctions, and we reiterate the pledge of our national platforms of 1896 and 1904 in favor of the measure which passed the United States Senate in 1896, but which a Republican Congress has ever since refused to enact, relating to contempts in Federal courts and providing for trial by jury in case of indirect contempt.

"Questions of judicial practice have arisen, especially in connection with industrial disputes. We deem that the parties to all judicial proceedings should be treated with rigid impartiality, and that injunctions should not be issued in any cases in which injunctions would not issue if no industrial disputes were involved.

"The expanding organization of industry makes it essential that there should be no abridgment of the right of wage-earners and producers to organize for the protection of wages and the improvement of labor conditions to the end that such labor organizations and their members should not be regarded as illegal combinations in restraint of trade.

"We favor the eight-hour day on all Government work.

"We pledge the Democratic party to the enactment of a law by Congress, as far as the Federal jurisdiction extends, for a general employers' liability act covering injury to body or loss of life of employes.

"We pledge the Democratic party to the enactment of a law creating a department of labor, represented separately in the Pres-

ident's Cabinet, which department shall include the subjects of mines and mining."

Under these circumstances can we taniely and supinely submit? Or shall we, as men worthy of our cause, exercise the inherent right of franchise and show by our votes that we are capable of self-government? We call upon the workers to rise to the occasion, to cast aside party feelings and to vote for that which, in your opinion, guarantees simple justice and equality before the law. The labor movement, despite all that may be said to the contrary, is face to face with a serious crisis. We feel that we would be recreant to our duty if we did not at least call attention to the situation as it exists, leaving it entirely to you to act as your conscience, self-respect and duty to your union and your fellow-workers may dictate.

Resolved. That we pledge ourselves to carry out the principles and objects set forth in the foregoing; be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor be, and is hereby requested to send to the labor press such matter as in its judgment will be best calculated to accomplish the desired end, and that we urge upon the labor press to publish same; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to all labor papers.

The Resolutions Committee also presented the following resolution which was also adopted, with only one dissenting vote:

WHEREAS, The action taken by the American labor movement, as expressed by the American Federation of Labor, in an effort to arouse the wage-earners to the necessity of exercising their political franchise, that labor may be protected in its constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, The opposition to labor is conniving in every possible way to cast odium upon the leaders of our movement, and especially President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, that our efforts may be nullified; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the representatives of official labor journals, do hereby affirm our

confidence in the integrity of Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, and the members of the Executive Council, in that they are carrying out the instructions and mandates of American Federation of Labor conventions and protest meetings held to register the desire of the rank and file of wage-earners against the legislative and judicial discrimination of our Government and courts; and be it

Resolved. That it is significant that every accredited labor representative is using his greatest effort in support of Labor's programme, which augers success in our undertaking.

The conference adjourned at 6 p. m.

Just prior to the adjournment it was voted to form a permanent organization of editors of official organs of international organizations, and to that end a temporary organization was formed, of which L. W. Quick was elected President and J. E. Mulkey, Secretary.

The permanent organization will be formed at its first convention.

THE ROLL OF HONOR.

URING the month of August the following named members of the Order secured one or more new members by individual effort:

W. A. Albaugh (2), G. L. Allison (2), A. J. Andrews, O. L. Alspach.

J. O. Bolton (7), Clyde H. Bean (3), V. L. Burns, C. S. Byrd, J. R. Burgess, W. E. Rurkholder, W. E. Blow, L. R. Brooks, T. L. Butler.

G. E. Chance (3), H. M. Clay, J. J. Collins (12), J. A. Cross, A. W. Cue (3).

D. R. Dunning, C. E. Dodge.

L. Finn (2). .

F. E. George (3), R. G. Gardner, P. C. Gardner, R. W. Geer (2).

L. Hockett (3), Wallace Hagaman, T. P. F. Haine, E. H. Hanley, A. E. Haley, W. O. Heuring, F. G. Hart (2), H. C. Hamm. C. E. Hosler (4), T. F. Hurst, A. R. Hüber, J. D. Hinds, O. A. Humbert (2), G. W. Holt, Z. R. Hook, F. L. Howard, N. C. Hines, E. W. Jette.

J. F. Karl (2), E. H. Kauffman (2), Walter Kelly, J. F. Knox, E. G. King, C. H. Kemp.

L. M. Lytle, E. H. Lung (4), C. C. Larson.

W. Z. McCoy, J. E. McDermott (2), Mrs. A. H. Mayes, R. H. Merchant, J. W. Martenis, Jno. Martin, M. H. Martin, J. T. Maddox, G. W. McCreary, H. B. Morey (4), W. H. Morrison.

L. D. Newhart (2), H. P. Osborn, E. Neumuller.

L. H. Pritchett, E. L. Porter, J. R. Pinchback, J. F. Percy.

D. M. Rogers, C. H. Russell, J. R. Reville, A. R. Rogers, J. E. Rickenbrode, J. G. Rickels, A. F. Ritter, A. F. Retzlaff.

F. E. Sidener (3), E. C. Skinner (2), Thos. Sasser (3), J. A. Shields, C. D. Sill (2), B. D. Stone (2), H. W. Stabler, T. J. Stafford, Wm. E. Stevenson (2), L. E. Smith.

T. J. Tedder (2), G. T. Temple, D. H. Turner (2).

W. R. Van Deusen.

E. Frank Webb, E. H. Webster, E. B. Wilcox (2), M. J. Wood (2), A. G. Youst, W. L. Wilmarth (2), O. M. Wood, Wm. Wood, Andrew L. Williams.

J. H. Young.

In order to secure credit in the Roll of Honor for new members secured, members should promptly notify the Grand Secretary and Treasurer by postal card or letter of each application secured.

HEARINGS ON NINE-HOUR LAW.

(Continued from August issue.)

The Chairman: You require that bond to protect you against mistakes in the transmission of commercial messages?

Mr. Gray: No, sir; we have never collected it, that I know of, for a mistake.

The Chairman: What is it?

Mr. Gray: Just simply for the reporting and remittance to the company of the revenues collected.

The next is an affidavit from the chief dispatcher and operator at Francis, Okla.

The Chairman: You have there an affidavit from the chief dispatcher of each division?

Mr. Gray: Yes, sir.

The Chairman: All to the same purport?
Mr. Gray: All of similar purport. I
would like to file them, if the Commission
wishes, without reading them.

The Chairman: Yes; it is hardly necessary to read them.

(The affidavits filed by Mr. Gray on behalf of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company are attached hereto, marked "C. R. Gray, St. L. & S. F. Ry. Co. Nos. 1 to 15 inclusive.")

(Nos. 7 to 15 then follow, being affidavits of Wm. Hathaway, chief dispatcher, Central Division; O. D. Lewis, division operator, Fort Scott, Kan.; E. W. Flinn, division operator, Amory, Miss.; Thos. J. Cronin, chief dispatcher, Southwestern Division; O. J. Grimes, chief dispatcher, Third District; M. A. Gassette, chief dispatcher, Rolla District; R. C. Reid, chief dispatcher, Ozark Division; T. B. Lyons, chief dispatcher, Lebanon and Clinton Districts; E. E. Harlow, chief dispatcher, Creek and Sherman Districts; practically all of the same tenor.)

Commissioner Clements: How many divisions and affidavits have you?

Mr. Gray: I have filed two, and I have nine additional. We have about fourteen or fifteen of these, and there are one or two that are not here, that I have misplaced.

Commissioner Clements: How many stations would your application affect?

Mr. Gray: I want to answer that in this way, if your Honor please: We believe that if we were given a moderate length of time, and the Commission should designate in its order a percentage of the employes that should be brought under this law—I mean now of the continuously operated omces—for the large proportion of our offices we ask no exemption. We are ready to comply with the law, and when the time of service under the law at the single-man office is reached, it will be closed for that day.

Now, as to the operation of that law to our line, we petition that we be allowed to have three months in which to equip twenty-five per cent of our offices under this law. I have shown by these gentlemen who employ telegraphers that up to the time these affidavits were made, which was within a week, they had not anticipated this avalanche of applications; but those men must know, in the interest of public safety, the safety of the employes themselves, that these men are capable. They must be put through an examination as to their efficiency in telegraphy. They must be put through an examination as to their efficiency in train rules. They must know. before they put a man to work, that he is capable of handling that work. We want three months, if the Commission please, in which to equip twenty-five per cent of our offices under this law, and we will undertake then to carry into operation, at the end of six months thereafter, its entire application, as originally contemplated. unless, very deplorably, it is necessary for this company, or any other company-I am making no exception of ourselves-to approach this Commission before that date and be able to show conclusively, by a further and equally unexpected diminution in our revenue, that we are financially unable to comply with it.

That was my thought, gentlemen, and it was only my idea that we be given a time in which to equip a proportion of our offices, and further time in which to equip the balance.

Commissioner Clements: Twenty-five per cent in three months, and the balance in six months?

Mr. Gray: Yes, sir.

Commissioner Clements: And how many of them would be affected by it?

Mr. Gray: There are 158 offices in which we ask exemption.

Commissioner Cockrell: 158?

Mr. Gray: Yes, sir.

The Chairman: What is about the total number of offices on your system?

Mr. Gray: There are about 830 telegraph offices, but that would mean a day and a night office figured twice.

The Chairman: Now, what percentage of that number would be, as a practical matter, affected by this law?

Mr. Gray: Of the 830 offices?

Commissioner Clements: Suppose the law went into effect on the 4th of March and nothing was done. How many offices would you have to do something in respect to in addition to what you are doing now?

Mr. Gray: We would have to do something, Mr. Commissioner, at a great majority of our offices, in order to adjust ourselves, because if taken promptly, with this situation, we would have to close a number of offices which we later on would probably open up. We would have to adjust that condition. At the present time we have 464 day offices and 158 night offices—that is, by night offices I mean some that would be continuously operated.

Commissioner Cockrell: Continuously open, day and night?

Mr. Gray: Yes, sir.

The Chairman: The question to my mind is this: At how many of the stations on your system are you now practically complying with this law?

Mr. Gray: We are practically complying with the law and can comply with it—

The Chairman: No; as you have operated and managed your road during the last year, at what percentage of the stations were you employing men not more than the hours fixed by this act?

Mr. Gray: Mr. Chairman, I find difficulty in understanding just the question, for this reason: Do you mean the continuously operated offices or only the stations where the one man is employed?

The Chairman: Well, both.

Mr. Gray: What percentage?

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Gray: I would say that percentage would easily approximate 65 or 66 per cent.

The Chairman: In the case of the Southern Railway, the reply of Mr. Ackert to the corresponding question was 50 per cent. You say 60 or 65?

Mr. Gray: Pardon me; I have no interest in that case, but I really think you misunderstood Mr. Ackert, and I think at the time he did not include only the continuously operated offices in his answer. The offices which are equally covered by this law, and where the exemptions not

sought, will approximate 65 or 66 per cent of our offices.

The Chairman: Take it the other way. Your offices that are now open all the time, let us say. At how many of them have you been observing hours which practically come within the limitations of this law?

Mr. Gray: Only at the division points, which would approximate not more than probably 5 per cent, I should say.

The Chairman: And how many are there of those day and night offices?

Mr. Gray: 158.

The Chairman: Only 158 on your entire system?

Mr. Gray: Yes, sir.

The Chairman: All the rest are either day or night?

Mr. Gray: That, Mr. Chairman, is under the present depressed condition. There were originally 186.

The Chairman: Now, as to how many of those stations do you ask an extension?

Mr. Gray: We ask an extension for three months for 25 per cent of those offices, and we ask an extension of six months for the balance.

The Chairman: As to the other 75 per cent?

Mr. Gray: Yes, sir.

The Chairman: That is, you practically want an extension of this law as to nearly all of the day and night offices on your system?

Mr. Gray: As to the continuously operated offices.

The Chairman: The particular cases, then, on your system are practically all the cases?

Mr. Gray: No, for the simple reason that the particular cases of the one-man station have been eliminated.

The Chairman: Yes, but the one-man station is not a station that is operated continuously.

Mr. Gray: No; that is true.

The Chairman: Now, take the stations open continuously, where presumably you have two men, at least. You are asking an extension as to practically all of them?

Mr. Gray: Yes, sir.

The Chairman: In other words, your particular cases are practically all the cases on your system?

Mr. Gray: Yes, sir, and we have shown by affidavits of the men who employ these men that they could not have secured that number at any time in the last year.

The Chairman: That is virtually asking a suspension of the entire law as to your system?

Mr. Gray: As to a certain period; yes, sir, which period bears relation to the period made by Congress in the first place.

The Chairman: And the names of all those stations appear in your application?

Mr. Gray: All names.

The Chairman: Does that substantially complete the proof you want to offer?

Mr. Gray: No. sir; it completes that feature of it. I ask to present for the consideration of the Commission, this thought:

As to the earnings of this company, as I say, this railroad is one which has endeavored to develop a large portion of the country where there were no transportation facilities. We have been conspicuous in that regard. One of the affidavits which I have filed without reading, shows that in the far western part of Oklahoma we have had very great difficulty in keeping the day offices filled, and we believe in coming before this Commission that we will be accorded this consideration. The revenues of this company have decreased since October and into January in the neighborhood of one million dollars. Of the first six months' operations of this company, the increase in wages alone, of which your chairman has some knowledge, amounts to \$693,000. The income of the company has been shaded in practically every State through which we run. It has been an impossibility, with the most provident management, to bring the operating expenses within any true relation to the income. Our passenger revenues have been decreased practically one-third. We find it almost impossible to reduce our train service. We have taken off a few trains, and the Commissions have compelled us to restore them.

The thought I am attempting to bring to the attention of the Commission is this, that this is a condition that no man can adjust

fairly; and it has already borne, as I stated originally, unfairness to a large proportion of our employes. We have had to stop that part of our work which could bear stopping, which the public did not require us to provide, and those men have suffered. In our shops, our men are fortunate to have work three days in a week, at a decreased day. They are not seeking any decrease of that kind; and in order to inject into operating expenses an additional amount which, with the offices that were operated six months ago, would mean at the present wages alone \$157,000 per annum, would mean that we would have to additionally adjust this burden and additionally visit it upon the other classes of employes who can see no benefit to them in the application of this statute.

That is why I ask for three months for a part of this and six months for the balance, until we can reasonably and fairly adjust all of these conditions and comply with the law, which it is intended ultimately we shall comply with, unless we can secure Congressional relief.

The Chairman: Let me see if I perfectly understand you.

Mr. Gray: I probably am stating myself very inaptly, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: At practically all the stations on your system which are kept open night and day, you want the extension?

Mr. Gray: We want the extension of three months on all of them; yes, sir.

The Chairman: And in number, how many?

Mr. Gray: One hundred and fifty-eight, and they are enumerated specifically in the number that I have filed.

The Chairman: Do your papers show at which stations you ask an extension of three months and as to which stations you ask an extension of six months?

Mr. Gray: I can't indicate to that extent, Mr. Chairman, but what I have felt in this thing was the manner in which the securing of competent men bore on us more than I have the individual stations. I would like to make that a matter of record.

The Chairman: You say there are one hundred and fifty-six now?

Mr. Gray: One hundred and fifty-eight. I would like to make a matter of record.

Mr. Chairman, that we pay our telegraphers, taking the month of January, the straight operators, an average of \$61.40. Including the relay stations, they were paid an average of \$62.77.

Now, our average pay for operators alone is \$61.40, for relay operators \$79.25, and for dispatchers \$145.12, taken from the payrolls of January.

Commissioner Cockrell: Have you no offices that are already supplied with three employes?

Mr. Gray: Yes; all of our relay offices are supplied with three men, but none of the ordinary train-order offices have, up to this time, been provided with three men. Our idea, General Cockrell, was that if we were given this authority we petition for. we would first take those offices which are shown in our record here as handling more than the usual amount of business, and equip them first.

Commissioner Cockrell: How many have you already equipped?

Mr. Gray: The law has not taken effect yet, General Cockrell. We are in absolute position to equip every one of our offices that we will operate continuously day and night. We will be in a position to equip them on the 4th of March; but to do that we will have to close a great many offices. Our program is clearly outlined. We will comply with the law, but we respectfully suggest that that is not in the interest of the public that we should do that.

Commissioner Cockrell: How many stations have you changed from all night and all day stations?

Mr. Gray: We have closed 28, as I recall it—closed the night office.

Commissioner Cockrell: You have closed them and made them day offices?

Mr. Gray: Closed them and made them day offices.

Commissioner Clements: How many offices would you have to close in order to comply on the 4th of March.

Mr. Gray: This statement was made at a time when the business was somewhat heavier than it is now, and indicated that we would have to close 167 night offices. We have already closed 28 night offices, brought about by the exigencies of the busi-

ness depression; but it is fair to assume that to equip these 158 remaining offices we would have to have 158 men, and that would mean the closing of an equivalent number of offices, unless we can secure immediately a list of competent men.

The Chairman: In a word, it simply comes to this, that under a law that says that this Commission may, upon full hearing and for good cause in a particular case, extend the period within which the common carrier shall comply with the law, as to such case, we are asked to suspend the law as to practically all cases to which that proviso applies?

Mr. Gray: No, sir; that proviso applies to all of the positions where they employ telegraphers.

The Chairman: Oh, yes; but you are not having any trouble in complying with the 13-hour law part of it.

Mr. Gray: It will necessitate our putting two men where we have one in a great many cases, if we give the public such service as they are entitled to.

The Chairman: How many cases are there of that character, where you now have but one man?

Mr. Gray: That I do not know, Mr. Chairman. We have cases where we have passenger trains that are as much as sixteen hours apart, and that is practically all the train service we have there.

The Chairman: Perhaps Mr. Perham would like to ask you some questions, if you have concluded your statement.

Mr. Gray: Yes, sir; I have concluded. I will say this, Mr. Chairman. We have prepared here and can file with the Commission—but I have rather gathered from what you have said that it is not pertinent evidence, and therefore, unless you wish, I will refrain from filing them—our charts showing the responsibilities of the men at the stations.

The Chairman: We will assume that in your case, as in the case of other petitioning roads, and probably most roads, you have a large percentage of stations at which the number of train orders handled in the course of twenty-four hours is very, very small.

Mr. Gray: I have followed the Commission very closely on that, and for that reason I did not feel that it would be necessary.

Commissioner Clements: Do you think the Commission could have taken any other view of it under the law?

Mr. Gray: Perhaps I have taken counsel of my hopes rather than of anything else in respect to that particular matter. We felt this, gentlemen, that this Commission occupy a unique position in considering this particular case, in that you are the sole arbiter of our income, and we ask you to look on the other side of the ledger and bear with us in some slight degree the responsibility for that.

The Chairman: Candidly, Mr. Gray, does it not come to this, that you ask this Commission to read into this law a provision which the Congress deliberately refused to insert?

Mr. Gray: Well, I can only say, in answer to that question, Mr. Chairman, that I have talked with numerous Congressmen and numerous Senators, and their interpretation of the law would give you that authority.

Commissioner Cockrell: They did not talk that way, though, when the bill was passed.

Mr. Gray: I did not get an opportunity— Commissioner Cockrell: I say they did not talk that way at the time this bill was passed.

Mr. Gray: You mean the Congressmen? Well, I do not know what they did or said. I only know what they say to us.

The Chairman: Mr. Perham, do you desire to ask Mr. Gray any questions?

Mr. Perham: I have no questions to ask, but I would like to make a statement in relation to the case.

The Chairman: Very well; we will hear you now.

Mr. Perham: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Commission, we make reply to the statements made by filing with the Commission certain affidavits signed by men who applied to the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad for employment and were refused it. We also furnish letters from

the officials of that company, declining to give these men employment.

The Chairman: Did they apply in good faith, Mr. Perham, because they wanted work, or in order that you might have some evidence of that kind to present?

Mr. Perham: I have every reason to believe that these applications were made in good faith.

Commissioner Cockrell: When were they made?

Mr. Perham: On February 22d, this is dated.

Commissioner Cockrell: But when were the applications for employment made?

Mr. Perham: On that date, sir, February 22d.

The Chairman: Have you any letters from any official of this railroad refusing to employ men, or stating that they do not desire any further help of this class?

Mr. Perham: I will answer your question definitely in a moment, sir. We have such a letter, sir.

The Chairman: Just read it to us. Give us the date.

Mr. Perham: It is as follows:

"St. Louis, Mo., January 20, 1908. "C. W. Hoover, Stephensburg, Ky.:

"Dear Sir—Replying to your letter of January 18th, making inquiry regarding position on this road, I beg to advise that just at present there are no vacancies.

Yours truly,

H. D. TFED, Superintendent of Telegraph."

Mr. Perham: I will ask that that be filed, Mr. Chairman, because we want to testify in regard to it.

(The paper referred to is filed herewith, marked "Perham No. 1.")

Mr. Perham: Here is another one. This is a letter from the applicant which gives a copy of the letter received from the official of the road:

"Searcy, Ark., February 21, 1908.
"Mr. H. B. Perham, Pres, Washington,
D. C.:

"Dear Bro. Perham—Enclosed please find my application to St. L., I. M. & S. Ry. Co. for employment, and their answer:" Mr. Gray: Mr. Chairman, this is not the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway.

Mr. Perham: If you will allow me to proceed, he mentions several subjects here.

"Some time in the latter part of December or early January, I made application to Mr. H. D. Teed, superintendent of telegraph, St. Louis & San Francisco Railway Company, reading as follows:

"Please consider my application for position as operator. Would prefer a relay job, but if you have no relay position open, would take an O. S. job temporarily, Hoping to hear from you soon, I am, Yours truly.

DON BRASFIELD.

"Received answer reading:

"'Account reducing force, can offer you no encouragement at present.'

"This letter has been misplaced, but read similar to the above.

"With best wishes to yourself and the Order,

I am, yours truly,

DON BRASFIELD."

Mr. Gray: Is the letter from our company given there, or is that the one that was misplaced?

Mr. Perham: From your company; yes, sir.

The Chairman: He purports to quote a letter from your train dispatcher.

(The letter referred to is filed herewith, and marked "Perham No. 2.")

Mr. Gray: Mr. Chairman, if you will pardon me, I want to say that I would answer this letter in just the same way. This man says he wants a relay position or he would like an O. S. job. I will leave it to any railroad official in this room if he would employ him. I would not.

Mr. Perham: I will state in regard to that, Mr. Chairman, that not all persons may understand what a relay position or an O. S. job is. A relay position takes an expert telegrapher. He must have had several years' experience in the business, or he could not hold the position ten minutes. He is expected to work continuously, receiving telegrams, we will say from a first-

class man, or sending them to a first-class man. An O. S. man is an operator of less ability generally, and usually gets very much less pay. He is supposed to be at an unimportant way-station, and just simply report trains and take train orders and does the ordinary business at a railway station. This gentleman stated that if he could not get a good job, he was willing to take a poor job. That is the intention, as I understand the letter.

Mr. Gray: If Mr. Perham will permit me, he knows or should know that the agreement of his Order with our people would not allow us to employ that man as a relay operator, or would not allow us to deceive him into an idea that he gets an O. S. job with us temporarily, as this letter says, and then get a relay position, because we fill that position by agreement with the Order by the older men of our service.

Mr. Perham: That probably was not known to the man when he made the application. (Laughter.) I beg to file with the Commission the applications—

Commissioner Clements: Is that a fact? Is that true?

Mr. Gray: I state that as a fact.

Commissioner Clements: Do you agree to that? Mr. Perham says it was not known to that man, probably, when he wrote the letter.

Mr. Perham: With the permission of the Commission, as I am not familiar with all the details of the various roads in the United States, I will ask our representative here from that road about that matter.

Mr. C. G. Kelso: They are supposed to be promoted from the ranks, if they are men of sufficient ability. In the event there are no men of sufficient ability, they can be hired.

Commissioner Clements: Are they ever hired?

Mr. Kelso: They have been hired, just to suit the circumstances. If they have not a man with sufficient ability, they hire a man from the outside. There is no castiron rule in regard to it.

The Chairman: What further have you about this railroad, Mr. Perham?

Mr. Perham: I desire to state that the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad traverses the States of Missouri, Kansas, Texas. Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Oklahoma, and in those States we have 614 applications for employment filed with us within the last twenty days, since it became known that we were likely to need more telegraphers for the road. In Kansas there are 237; in Texas, 188; in Arkansas, 140; in Tennessee, 266; in Mississippi, 115; in Alabama, 25; in Oklahoma, 120; making a total of 1,902 men who have filed applications with the various companies in those States, and sent duplicates to me, which I now beg leave to file with this Commission for inspection, to note whether or not those men are competent or incompetent, by the method of their application, and the general appearance of that application for employment.

I will state, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, that after this law was passed I issued a circular letter to the membership, a copy of which I beg leave to file with you, under date of June 10, 1907. In that I asked certain questions in relation to telegraph busi-

ness generally for my own information, and to that letter I received a great number of replies. I found out that throughout the United States there were 8689 men who were accustomed to the railroad telegraph business and desirous of returning to it if the conditions were made ordinarily pleasant for them, such as this nine-hour law. and since this question arose in regard to referring certain matters to this Commission, to ask an extension of time in relation to putting the law into effect at certain places, and the claims have not been made hitherto that the men were not available to fulfill the requirements of the law. We took ordinary methods to find out if that was true. The result is that up to this time we have received, filed and accounted for 6,149 applications for employment, and they are coming in now at the rate of about 500 to 800 per day, and as each day goes by this list of unemployed men will grow.

I desire to file this letter with the answers tabulated by States, showing the exact situation in regard to the telegraphers' condition, from the employes' side.

(To be continued.)



J. C. Towne, member of Division No. 127, has been nominated for Register of Deeds for Lake County, Minn.

Four hundred and ninety-seven new members were initiated into the Order during the month of August.

EVERY WORKINGMAN SHOULD REGISTER SO AS TO BE PREPARED TO VOTE AT THE GENERAL ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER.

The Bakery and Confectionery Workers call attention to the fact that their label appears on all union bread and other baked goods. Members in buying bread should, insist on it bearing the union label.

All women employed in the postal service in Norway, are now to receive the same pay as men. Norwegian women struggled for this point for many years.

A member of the Order requests that the readers of this journal be invited to explain the origin of the word "ham," as used to designate a poor telegrapher.

The member (officers receiving salary or expenses, or both, and secretaries barred) who secures the most new members before December 31st, will receive \$200 in cash. For further particulars in regard to this matter, reference should be made to the article appearing in this department under the caption, "Prizes," in the January Telegrapher.

ONLY MEMBERS OF THE ORDER WITH DUES PAID TO DECEMBER 31st, WILL RECEIVE THIS AND FUTURE ISSUES OF THE JOURNAL FROM THE REGULAR MAILING LIST.

It will be a source of much gratification to the members of the Order to know that Bro. A. P. Murphy, the father of the Telegraphers' Nine-Hour Law, has been renominated for Congress from the Sixteenth District of Missouri.

Since the last announcement, new and revised schedules have been secured on the following lines of railway: St. Louis-Southwestern (new), Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Norfolk & Western and Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution in Holland, has reported in favor of giving women proportional representation, and making them eligible to Parliament. In Holland women have long had municipal suffrage.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings



can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for \$4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size

desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.

L. B. Funk, member of Norfolk & Western System Division, No. 14, does not believe in idleness, and recognizes that there are other occupations than that of telegraphy. Having lost his position some six or seven months ago on account of reduction in force, he is now publishing a magazine. His ad. will be found in the back pages of this issue.

Four people were killed and forty or more injured in a traction wreck near Sidney, Ohio, on the evening of August 10th. Cars on this line are operated by telephone, and it is stated that a thunderstorm was in progress at the time the fatal orders were issued, and it seems a misunderstanding of orders received on the telephone resulted. Wherever an effort is made to use the telephone, it demonstrates its own inefficiency.

The attention of certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department is called to the second paragraph of Article V of the laws governing that department, which provides that certificate holders shall pay their dues in the Order within sixty days from the beginning of the semi-annual dues period. Holders of certificates in that department who have not already paid dues for the current term should do so at once.

Individual effort has been greatly instrumental in increasing the membership of the Order to its present high standard of over 43,000, and a continuation of the same effort will bring about thorough and complete organization in the near future. In order that credit may be given to those to whom credit is due, a Roll of Honor will be published in each issue of this journal, showing the name of each member who secures one or more new members during the month preceding such issue. Each member securing the petition of a new member should promptly notify the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of that fact by postal card.

In the July issue of The Telegrapher, announcement was made of the arrival of a daughter at the home of "Bro. and Mrs. A. J. Grauvogel," to which exception is taken by the latter, which objection is well-founded. The objection is based on the use of the appellation "Mrs.," as Sister Grauvogel objects to being classed with the non, being a member of the Order in good standing, and an active worker in behalf of the Order, therefore the editor takes pleasure in correcting that announcement to read: "Born to Bro. and Sister A. J. Grauvogel, a girl."

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of July, 1908, shows that there were 27,570 immigrant

aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during that month; that there were 535 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, 1; imbeciles, 8; feeble-minded, 6; epileptics, 1; insane, 9; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 144; paupers or likely to become public charges, 214; mentally or physically disqualified, 35; contract laborers, 36; accompanying aliens, 12; under sixteen years of age and unaccompanied by parents, 3; assisted aliens, 3; criminals, 4; polygamists, 2; prostitutes and procurers, 26; under provision of Chinese exclusion act, 15; other causes, 16.

The National Women's Trade Union League last July held the first assemblage of the women of organized labor ever gathered together in the United States. It met simultaneously in three conventions, in Boston, New York and Chicago; was largely attended, and gave a great impulse to the industrial movement among women, as well as a stimulus to public interest and sympathy. A second and similar set of meetings is announced to take place shortly.

The president, Mrs. Raymond Robins, and the members of the National Executive Board have issued a call for a conterence of women unionists, to be held concurrently

in Boston, New York and Chicago, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 25th. 26th and 27th, to discuss the question of prime importance to women in all gainful occupations.

The Stokes Business College, of Charleston, S. C., in a catchy advertisement, announces that it has opened "a telegraph and railway agency department," and through a reading of it published in a Charleston paper, announces that "telegraphy will be taught by Mr. F. W. Klintworth, formerly a train dispatcher on the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, in Charleston, with fifteen years' experience, who resigned his place some time ago to enter other business." A correspondent, in referring to that statement, says: "This is certainly a false statement; this man had been a dispatcher for a short time when he nearly caused a head-on collision between two extra freights between Bonneau and Moucks Corner, but fortunately, the engineers saw each other in time to stop. The officials got onto it. and discharged him, which probably accounts for the statement that he 'resigned his place some time ago to enter other business." But what could be expected of a man that would take a position as "Professor" in a telegraph school?



D. Crabtree.

H. K. McIlory.

R. F. Bowman.

PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. C. V. Lynch, of Wick-liffe, Ky., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. H. Jordan, of Muscatine, Ala., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Mack Williams, of Oakdale, Tenn., a boy.

To Bro, and Mrs. M. J. Granger, of Mackinaw City, Mich., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. McCurdy, of Hydetown, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Robert E. Lane, of Palos Park, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. H. Lung, of Washington, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. F. Marshall, of Engle, Tex., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. D. A. Walker, of Ariton, Ala., a bov.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Scheider, of White Springs, Fla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. P. West, of Castle Shannon, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. D. Krape, of Cameron, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. B. Cobb, of Roscoe, S. D., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Thos. J. Laird, of Farmersvile, N. Y., twin girls.

To Bro. and Mrs. O. H. Raether, of Hansboro, N. D., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Fred Shaver, of South Rockwood, Mich., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Prettyman, of Hyannis, Neb., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. M. Harvey, Jr., of Hortense, Ga., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Tom Cousins, of Dos-well, Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. J. Vought, of Catawissa, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Engle, of Beavertown, Pa., a boy. To Bro. and Mrs. G. C. Vandling, of Mifflinville, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. W. Ballou, of Sham-okin, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. C. Phillips, of Bluf, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. T. J. Melody, of Keyser, Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. W. Taylor, of Leavitsburg, O., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. D. Walters, of Chicago Junction, O., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. Bunner, of Claypool, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. R. Nichols, of Brems, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. E. Brown, of Norwalk, O., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. A. Nesmith, of Hackleburg, Ala., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. A. Chittenden, of Altoona, Iowa, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. John Kramer, of Elwood, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Wm. Marshall, of Humbolt, Ill., a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of The Telegrapher:

Bro. J. A. Lukanitsch, of Div. 54, to Miss E. A. Hollister.

At Dover, Del., Bro. E. H. Butler, of Div. 58, to Miss Lanah France.

Bro. L. W. Meyers, of Div. 53, to Miss Pearl Foster.

Bro. C. F. Piersdorff, of Div. 43, to Miss Lillian Powers.

At Chicago Junction, O., Bro. H. H. Joslin, of Div. 33, to Miss Hahn.

At Machias, N. Y., Bro. E. C. Owen, of Div. 135, to Miss Mildred Hamilton.

At Ellicott City, Md., Bro. A. S. Dorsey, of Div. 51, to Miss Edna Kehn.

At Bradford, O., Bro. A. N. Campbell. of Div. 36, to Miss Carrie DuBois.

Bro. A. R. Hall, of Div. 130, to Miss Myrtle Baird.

Bro. J. H. Foy, of Div. 52, to Miss Tressa Griebel.

At Green Island, N. Y., Bro. C. H. Kemp, of Div. 78, to Miss Weller.

At Cumberland, Wis., Bro. P. Peterson, of Div. 76, to Miss Belle Foster.

At Edgerton, Wis., Bro. Wm. Waite, of Div. 76, to Miss Grace Brown.

At Glouster, O., G. Z. Swett, of Div. 118, to Miss Martha Baker.

At Howell, Mich., Bro. E. C. West, of Div. 48, to Miss Grace Cook.

At Howell, Mich., Bro. F. A. Mattis, of Div. 48, to Miss Blongie Larkin.

At El Paso, Tex., Bro. Frank T. Bailey, of Div. 53, to Miss Effic Fenley.

At Nangatuck, W. Va., Bro. J. M. Sotcher, of Div. 14, to Miss Rosa Deskins.

At Holden, Mo., Bro. H. McClain, of Div. 31, to Miss Worthy Smith.

. Bro. W. J. Currie, of Div. 33, to Miss Edith M. Burnsworth.

Bro. Wm. F. Warwick, of Div. 23, to Miss Dollie M. Wolcott.

At Irvineton, Pa., Bro. E. A. Long, of Div. 135, to Miss Alice V. Walters.

At Topeka, Kan., Bro. D. A. Johnson, of Div. 126, to Miss Hooper.

At Junction City, Kan., Bro. J. H. Hughey, Jr., of Div. 126, to Miss Rose E. Yeager.

At Whitney, Ont., Bro. E. P. Brinton, of Div. 15, to Miss L. Caverly.

Bro. Thos. Pellett, of Div. 52, to Miss Ora McClure.

At Northampton, Mass., Bro. B. L. Topham, of Div. 38, to Miss Maud Miller.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Allenport, Pa., Bro. R. B. Burnier, of Div. 52.

At Partan, Pa., Bro. J. R. Miller, of Div. 52.

At Berlin, Pa., Mrs. B. C. Bowers, wife of Bro. B. C. Bowers, of Div. 33.

At Machias Junction, N. Y., father of Bro. Z. C. Burt, of Div. 135.

At Allentown, Pa., Mrs. Harriet Reese, mother of Bro. C. D. Reese, of Div. 29.

At Martinez, Cal., Bro. T. L. Peck, of Div. 76.

At Cusson, Wis., wife of Bro. E. G. Huberty, of Div. 116.

At Amazonia, Mo., mother of Bro. Jesse Hull, of Div. 130.

At Hanover, Pa., Bro. J. A. Bowersox. of Div. 82.

At Genoa, Ill., Bro. Ralph Hawley, of Div. 23.

At Pittsfield, Mich., infant of Bro. W. H. Tirrell, of Div. 48.



EDWARD J. DEVNEY, Deceased Member Division 92.

At Oakland, Cal., Bro. N. D. Ryan, of Div. 53.

At Farrington, Ill., wife of Bro. E. B. Neely, of Div. 27.

At Batavia, Iowa, Bro. C. L. Foster, of Div. 2.

At Union City, Tenn., Mrs. Apolline Smoot, mother of Bro. B. M. Smoot, of the Grand Division.

At Springfield, Mass., Emeline Louise, infant daughter of Bro. L. H. Pennoyer, of Div. 38.

At Moberly, Mo., Bro. A. B. Matheny. of Div. 2.

At Hammond, N. Y., Bro. B. A. Hazen, of Div. 8.

At Milford, Mass., Bro. D. J. Scully, of Div. 35.

At Bristol, R. I., infant daughter of Bro. R. A. Flowers, of Div. 35.

At Philadelphia, Pa., father of Bro. H. Mehring, of Div. 35.

At Shermansville, Pa., Bro. W. E. Beers, of Div. 51.

WANTED.

Present address of W. J. Deneen. E. M. Curtis, Eko, Ill.

Present address of Thomas Kerin.

H. TUTTLE, Brewster, N. Y.

Present address of Warren Ingles. W. C. Stout, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Present address of H. D. Owens. "H. O.," if you see this, write me.

J. P. Nichols, Claxton, Ky.

Present address of Jack Candish, Harry Lantry, and J. E. Bowman.

WARREN S. STAINS, Lehi, Utah.

Present address of F. N. Woodard. Last heard of working for Lehigh Valley Railroad, at Sylvan Beach, N. Y.

F. A. HARTMAN, Thompson, Mont.

Present address of Wm. S. Cate. Last heard of working for Western Union Telegraph Company at St. Louis, Mo., July, 1907. F. P. CATE, Transfer, Pa.

Present address of Wm. Clark, of New Iberia, La. Also present address of H. L. Heston, of Muskogee, Okla.

L. R. Cooper, Almond, Wyo.

Information of Harry Dobson. Last heard of working for a railway in Mexico, about fifteen years ago.

T. W. STRACHAN,

Lock Box I, Belmont, Ont., Can.

Present address of J. C. Statzell. Last heard of at Conway, Pa. Also address of C. G. Vanlandingham. Last heard of at Cincinnati, Ohio. "Boys," if you see this, write me at Sheldon, Ill. L. C. JORDAN.

Present address of F. W. Farrier, formerly with the M., K. & T. Last heard of at Shreveport, March, 1907. Also address care of O. E. Kearly, manager for Postal Telegraph Company at Ruston, La., in early

part of 1907. Went from Ruston to Temple, Tex. Any one knowing the whereabouts of either person will confer a favor by writing the undersigned.

U. E. BARKER,

Care K. C. S. Ry., Myrtistown, La.

Present address of Charles Haynes, formerly of Kirkville, N. Y. Last seen at Utica, N. Y.. July 5, 1907. "Charlie," if you see this write me.

GEO. A. HAINES, Oaks Corners, N. Y.

Present address of Earnest Spriggs. Worked on G. V. G. & N. Railway, at San Carlos, Ariz., in 1906. "Bo," if you see this drop your old pal, "Q," a line, care M. & S., dispatcher's office, Barinerd, Minn.

Present address of H. C. Wiggle. Formerly worked for Southern Railway. Last heard of at Fort Riley, Kan. "WC," if you see this answer at once. Very important.

J. E. TAYLOR, Cannelton, Ind.

Present address of W. J. Hepburn. Last heard of going East from Fort Madison, Iowa. Important news for him. "N," if you see this, write me. W. E. HADLEY,

1129 Myrtle st., Independence, Kan.

Present address of Wm. Hauswirth. Left South Boston a number of years ago for Edinburgh, Ind. Later went to Matthews. Any one knowing his whereabouts notify Michael J. Reidy, 211 West Eighth street, South Boston, Mass.

Present address of E. A. White. At one time employed on Burlington Railway, at Fairfield, Iowa. Last heard of at Topeka, Kan. Any one knowing his whereabouts kindly write M. J. Johnson, General Chairman C., B. & Q. Railway, Anselmo, Neb.

Present address of W. F. O'Brien. Last heard of in C. & N. W., at Janesville, Wis. Also present address of G. W. Craddock. Last heard of at Fort Worth, Texas, working in Union Depot. "Boys," if you see this, write me care Missouri Pacific yard office, Osawatomie, Kan. E. M. HAND.

Present address of John A. Allen, aged about 42 years. Left his home in North Carolina in 1889, for Texas, to engage in cattle raising. Last heard of in 1890 in Carthage, Texas. Any information regarding him will be greatly appreciated.

T. O. WEEKS, Hensley, W. Va.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

A. E. List, Blandburg, Pa.

I. B. Powell, Sea Side, N. Y.

F. L. Howard, Blackwell, Okla.

A. E. Sheeter, Lumberton, N. C.

F. J. Albrecht, box 177, Drumbo, Ont.

Geo. T. Rosberry, South Royalston, Mass.

M. L. Sell, 3957 Wedge street, Calumet, Mich.

O. A. Palmer, 3538 South Side avenue, Cincinnati, O.

G. K. Eckman, 455 South Queen street, Lancaster, Pa.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card No. 3281, Cert. 63, Division 108, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 1817, Cert. 23, Division 33, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 17106, Cert. 1423, Division 2,

for term ending Dec. 31, 1908. Card No. 3218, Cert. 79, Division 69,

for term ending Dec. 31, 1908. Card No. 13538, Cert. 1793, Division 2,

for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 4752, Cert. 2021, Division 7, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 5364, Cert. 5788, Grand Div., for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 13220, Cert. 504, Division 52, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 2244. Cert. 1490, Division 7, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 16414, Cert. 475, Division 70, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 6889, Cert. 1943, Division 126, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 6678, Cert. 71, Division 46, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 5438, Cert. 2161, Division 2, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 7576, Cert. 2322, Division 76, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 19194, Cert. 109, Division 38. for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 15426, Cert. 1099, Division 93. for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 2414, Cert. 4607, Grand Div., for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 17075, Cert. 14, Division 2. for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 18732, Cert. 3284, Division A.

for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 4212, Cert. 389, Division 70.

for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 4263, Cert. 911, Division 76.

for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 1740, Cert. 583, Division 97.

for term ending Dec. 31, 1908. Card No. 3418, Cert. 104, Division 100.

for term ending Dec. 31, 1908. Card No. 9373, Cert. 18, Division 128.

for term ending Dec. 31, 1908. Card No. 20385, Cert. 443, Division 31.

for term ending Dec. 31, 1908. Card No. 13268, Cert. 1638, Division 32.

for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 12865, Cert. 86, Division 25. for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 1374, Cert. 230, Division 138. for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 25900, Cert. 3029, Division A for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card No. 7650, Cert. 234. Division 20. for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

NOTICE.

Lost or Stolen—Card case containing O R. T. cards, July, 1904, to Dec. 31, 1908, issued to F. O. Hill, and a number of tickets in a Chicago suit club. If found notify J. B. Smalley, superintendent Rock Island lines, Rock Island, Ill.

Lost or Stolen—In Dallas, Tex., card case containing O. R. T. cards and service letters favor W. T. Hanna, Cert. 956. Div. 2. Finder please return to No. 220 Boll street, Dallas, Tex.





Vote right.

Defeat labor's enemies.

Demand the union label.

To have friends, be one.

Men of labor, be up and doing!

Organized labor shortens the laborer's work-day.

It is up to the working people to help themselves.

Be careful; that's the next best thing to being good.

We run into debt and crawl out of it.— Labor Leader.

More men are drowned in the bowl than in the sea.—Irish.

Work is a great institution—when we can induce others to do it.

The coal miners of France now enjoy the benefit of the eight-hour day.

Wise is the man who realizes that it is better to forgive than to be licked.

Now is the time that tries men's souls. Men of labor, men of broad American ideals, unite and stand together.

When your employer is grouchy bear with him. Remember you are that way yourself sometimes, and he does the same for you. The trades union increases the workingman's wages.

An injunction is a law which is not found on the statute books.

Insistence and persistence in the cause of right and justice must triumph.

There is every reason why a union man should demand the union label.

The union label is an emblem of decency, manhood, integrity and honesty.

Underbidding the other fellow is a poor way to get your own salary raised.

An injunction is a law made by a judge. Penalties are fixed by the same judge.

Sometimes opportunity knocks at a man's door and sometimes she knocks him out.

A firm stand against any wage reduction is the surest cure for financial depression.

Patronize the label. This will do the work more effectively than the boycott ever did.

If ever there was a time when union men should stick tight to their organizations, and when non-union workers should affiliate with unions, now is that time.

The end is absolute. Before not long all of us who work with our hands will have the eight-hour day, because the irresistible trend, as it moves the glacier, slow but inevitable, sets that way.

Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other.—Benjamin Frankin.

The fifty-second anniversary of the eighthour demonstration was held in Melbourne, Australia, recently.

There is no power anywhere which proves itself so great a conservator of the public peace as the much-abused organizations of labor.

Union halls are the high schools of union men; there they study and digest the practical problems of life.—Seattle Union Record.

Take your inspiration to do things straight, as it comes into your own mind; it's a weak man who waits for ideas to filter through.

The Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators of America, and the National Alliance of Painters and Decorators have merged into one organization.

The organizations of labor throw wide open their doors and invite the world of workers to enter, to participate in the responsibilities and to reap the harvest of benefits.

Years ago many laborers worked twelve hours of the twenty-four. Not so far in the past many mechanics in the skilled trades worked ten hours. Some of these have cut their time to nine, and now hope for eight.

Organized labor must, in the future, spend more money in electing their own representatives and less on begging for legislation in the lobby rooms. If you don't believe it. watch the anxiety of your employers on election day.

It is estimated that in America 60,000,000 people live in constant toil and poverty (30,000,000 of them able to obtain physical comfort by ceaseless drudgery, 20,000,000 in nerve-straining uncertainty on the verge of

want and 10.000,000 actually hungry, while none of the 60.000,000 have a chance to satisfy their hearts with life's richer opportunities) and less than 20,000,000 are rich or well to do, and even they have to battle fiercely to hold what they have.

West Virginia unionists are fighting to secure the passage in the Legislature of "a bill making the employer liable for the unlawful acts of guards, detectives," etc. The claim is made that the hired thugs are largely responsible for the deplorable conditions that exist in and about the mines.

The only people of the country whose liberties are menaced are the wage-earners. To secure their rights and to secure justice for them involves the achievement and establishment of justice and liberty for all our people for all time.

The labor union is a natural, rational and inevitable outgrowth of our modern industrial conditions. To outlaw the union in the exercise of its normal activities for the protection and advancement of labor and the advancement of society in general is to do a tremendous injury to all people.

The American workingman has learned the meaning of the Declaration of Independence. The American workingman don't be lieve in the notion that the Declaration of Independence is a string of glittering generalities. The American workingman proposes to make the fundamental principles of the Declaration of Independence the rule of conduct for our everyday lives.

As splendidly organized as are the workingmen of the District of Columbia, there are twenty-three trades and callings that are unorganized. It is understood that the statement was called to the attention of the American Federation of Labor officials, who stated that if such is the case they would at once place a general organizer in the district. In this event it will mean that organized labor will soon be increased in membership by from 25,000 to 30,000.

Labor's reward depends very much upon the practical common sense of the man who is doing the labor. If he is satisfied to be a work ox without regard to pay, his wages will always be small. If he has sense enough to help organize his craft, there is always hope of more.

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The relation that should exist between capital and labor is a question that has been discussed for many years, and is a question of equal interest to all the people. As far back as we can trace time there has always been the employer and the employed, and the fact is ever present that capital has not been as considerate of the rights of labor as it should have been, with the result that the wage-earners have found themselves compelled to organize and actively oppose the stand taken by capital against them.

The New Zealand Government believes in unions of employers and unions of employers. They have two tribunals to arbitrate strikes—the arbitrary and conciliatory boards. The grievances are first taken to the conciliatory board, which is composed of seven capitalists and seven representatives of the labor unions. If that board does not reach an agreement, the matter is laid before the arbitration board, consisting of the judge of the Supreme Court one capitalist and one labor unionist. The decision stands for three years.

Some say that the best manner in which to produce the perfect man and woman is to begin with the grandparents; so we say that the attempt to deprive the American workingmen of their liberties is begun too late. Those that have gone before us have learned the alphabet and the combination of letters; and we find that certain letters spell "man;" others "woman;" others "child;" others "justice;" others "liberty;" others "freedom;" others "humanity." When we have learned these lessons with all that they mean and imply, it is too late to try to take liberty away from us. The American workingman is not typified by the man with the hoe the man with the bent back and the receding forehead.

The wage workers are in business. We offer our strength, skill and brains for sale, and our price is, or should be, not rough shelter, cheap clothing and a bare sufficiency of the coarsest food to give the strength needed in our daily toil, but a reasonable share of the good things we produce; not merely for our working years, but for the remaining years, when having served faithfully and long, we have earned the right to retire from active duty and enjoy the reward of a peaceful and honorable old age.

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As we judge a tree by its fruits, so we may learn what trade unions can do and have done for workingmen by observing what they have already accomplished. No one familiar with the facts will deny that trade unions have successfully combated attempts to reduce wages that would have gone unchallenged had the unions not been in existence. Everybody knows that it is through the efforts of trade unions that the workday has been decreased from fourteen and twelve hours a day to ten and eight. In nearly every calling that is organized there has been a decrease in the hours of labor. In some of the most important industries the eight-hour workday has been completely established through the efforts of the unions. In nearly every instance the shortening of the workday has been accompanied with a higher daily wage.

The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia has made permanent the injunction issued by Justice Gould enjoining the American Federation of Labor, its officers, its affiliated unions and their members and friends from declaring that the Van Cleave Buck Stove and Range Company of St. Louis is on the unfair list of the American Federation of Labor, or the publication of that statement in the American Federationist. An appeal will be taken to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, and, if necessary, to the United States Supreme Court. The injunction does not compel any one to buy the Van Cleave Buck stoves and ranges, nor has any decree been issued compelling any one to buy Loewe's hats.

Trades unionists in England are as ever, alive to the necessity of sending to the British parliament men who will work to the interest of labor. They have already, in a by-election, demonstrated their voting strength, when they elected James Oddy, Unionist candidate in Pudsey, by a majority of 113, whereas the Liberals had a majority of 3,502 in the last election.

"Things are what they are," and no amount of cheap rhetoric can make them otherwise. The "interest of labor and capital are identical" only to the extent that each side wants to get for itself from the other as much profit as all the circumstances attending and affecting the deal between them will allow. In all other respects these interests differ as widely as do their respective functions in the economic and industrial divisions of society. Labor and capital may and should work in harmony, but before that end can be attained each must realize its exact relation to the other, and be guided by its action accordingly.—Coast Seamen's Journal.

In public ownership of the telegraph and telephone services, says an exchange, Switzerland takes the record. There are 10,548 miles of telegraph and telephone lines, and the combined wires extend to all railway stations and nearly every town and village in the country. The government is now going into the business of manufacturing the instruments. The yearly charge for a telephone in office or residence is \$12.45, and the rates for long-distance calls are far below similar calls in Canada. An average of three long-distance calls a day and the yearly charge of \$12.45 would not bring the total for both services for a year above \$24.00. The Swiss are showing the rest of the world how to combine low charges with profits, the net earnings last year being \$864,000 on gross receipts amounting to \$3,000,000.—St. John Telegraph.

The first notice of labor unions was when Plutarch wrote of various craft guilds as having existed in Rome and Greek dominions. From Rome the idea was passed

on to the young nations that followed and in the middle ages the guilds were to be found everywhere. A guild was a voluntary association of those living near together, who joined for a common purpose, paying contributions, feasting together temporarily, helping one another in sickness and poverty, and sometimes uniting for the pursuit of special objects. It was undoubtedly from these associations that the idea of the modern labor organizations came.

It is sometimes forgotten that the labor union is not the labor question. If every labor union in existence were wiped out, the labor question would still be present, and that, too, in a more aggravated form than it is today. It can not be denied that unionism has brought nearer a solution of the industrial problem. It is easier and more satisfactory to deal with men collectively than to attempt to deal with them as individuals. As a matter of fact, in this day of great corporation interests, individual contracting has practically gone out of business. Furthermore, if workingmen were to be deprived of the right to organize and to elect representatives to care for their interests, such denial could only result in a state of individualism that would end in chaos and anarchy.—Samuel Gompers.

Man was not made merely to eat, to work, to sleep. He has faculties which such routine does not develop-wants and aspirations which it does not satisfy. Especially where the fixed attention of the mind as well as a constrained attitude of the body is exacted by the nature of his labor. and where that labor is continued from day to day, week in and week out, without interruption by storm or frost, it seems manifest that the regulation of the hours of labor should respect the mental no less than the physical demands of his nature, and that the day's toil should be broken off before the body has been so wearied and exhausted as to leave no strength nor spirit for mental improvement or exertion. Such I understand to be the essence of the demand for a general reform in the hours and conditions of labor.—Horace Greeley.



WHEN PROVIDENCE CAME TO THE BACK DOOR.

PEAKING of providential interferences," Smith began, unfolding his napkin in leisurely fashion and spreading it over his ample knees.

"Who was speaking of providential interferences?" Jones, the chronic butter-in of the Saturday Dining Club, demanded.

"I was," and Smith beamed benignly across the table. "It happened to my sister, and the worst of it is that she wasn't the one who took to prayer and Sunday school. If it had been the older one I could make it harmonize better with my early teachings."

"Don't chew that story all up inside your own face and swallow it as if it belonged to you," Brown sputtered. "If it's a good one, let's have it."

"In other words, 'spit it out,'—to make your simile complete," Miss Simmons interposed. "I'm sure it is a good one. The things that happened to that Smith family, to hear Brother Bill tell about them, were always selected from the 'extra special' list of human experiences. Expectorate the story, Brother Bill."

"So kind of you to give him the floor,"
Smith's wife laughed. "If he doesn't tell
it the way he told it last time, I promise to
saw steak and say nothing."

"It was about a dozen years ago, before either of the girls was married, and Mabel—that's the younger one, who went in for dancing and card parties and all that sort of frivolous thing—had a beau with lots of cash and all the other desirable qualities. Well, that fellow had been nibbling around the bait for along about five months, but he seemed shy about swallowing the hook and committing himself for keeps."

"Object to dancing and all that?" Jones asked.

"No, not that part of it. In fact, I never could make out what was holding him off. She was a corking good looker and a dandy girl in every respect. I have sometimes thought he was afraid she was too frivolous—wouldn't make a good housekeeper, don't you know. Well, he put her to the test, all right. He had said that his mother and sister might be coming to the city most any time, and in her foolish exuberance of spirits she wrote to them to come and visit her, just any old time that happened to suit their convenience. She took it for granted that they would notify her at least a day ahead."

"I should hope so," Mrs. Jones murmured,

"Anybody would hope so!" Smith sputtered. "I think it was a dirty Irish trick to---"

"Hold on here. You needn't get your hoofs on all the Irish toes under this table," Brown interrupted.

"All right," Smith assented amiably. "Irish isn't the word, anyway. Those people were Scotch on one side and French on the other—the most ungodly combination I ever heard of. I suppose that accounts for it. At any rate, it was 9 o'clock Sunday morning when they landed, with two grips and a hat box, to stay three days, and it was while mother was away in the country. Now, it so happened that mother usually looked after things, and when the girls were there alone, things didn't get looked after."

"Old-fashioned kind of mother," some one commented.

"You're right about that. She was the genuine article, all right. Only she rather spoiled the girls, and this time it would not have mattered if there wasn't much in the house for Sunday dinner if they had been alone. I guess Mabel threw forty different kinds of fits when she saw what she was

up against. And Agnes had one on her, too, for Agnes had told her to order things, and she had neglected it."

"Did Agnes do any praying to help her out of her scrape?" Mrs. Jones asked.

"Not on your life. I think, if I remember her early tendencies, that she did some tall crowing. Poor Mabel was about at the end of her rope. There were some canned things in the pantry, and she could grind out a freezer of cream, but there wasn't anything in the shape of meat nor a thing that could be concocted into a salad, and she wouldn't have dared to palm cold salmon or anything like that off on that old Scotch lady. Why, she would have cooked Mabel's goose quicker'n a wink. She's the kind that always runs her house as if it had ball-bearing wheels under it."

"And where did the Providence come in?" Johnson demanded, growing impatient.

"Well, he didn't exactly come in. If he had actually come in, he would have ceased to be Providence. He only came as far as the back door and then he skipped out. He was like that old 'angel in the disguise of a small boy, which is the most effectual disguise an angel could wear,' as some guy or other remarked. You see, in those days we didn't have the same kind of Sunday lid that is in style now; but everything was shut up tight at 9 o'clock in the morning, and you couldn't order any grub after that time for love or money. And it was 9 o'clock when the guests arrived.

"Poor, desperate girl, she was down in the pantry taking stock when she heard some one on the back porch. She waited a few minutes for them to knock, and when the knock didn't come she concluded she must have been mistaken, and went on with her planning. After a while she went to the door for something, and there, right at her very feet, stood a market basket. It had mother's name on the handle, and was the one the butcher always delivered mother's Sunday dinner in. Mabel grabbed it up and took it inside and shut the door and plugged up the keyhole, and then she took off the paper that was spread over the top, and inside was--"

"A foundling baby?" Jones asked, breathlessly. "Don't you ever think it. That foundling baby was left on our doorstep three years before that. No, siree, that basket contained a great big tenderloin roast and two heads of crisp lettuce and some fine ripe tomatoes and half a peck of peas and a dozen eggs and some sliced bacon. Well, Mabel hugged it and cried over it and—then set to work to cook the grandest dinner you ever sat down to. That old lady's eyes fairly bulged out when my little sis brought on one course after another, and she knew that Mabel did it all by herself. for Agnes had gone off to church."

"Same old Mary and Martha stunt," Brown remarked.

"Yes, and Agnes nearly had heart failure when she got home and saw what was doing. She asked Mabel where she got the things, and all Mabel would say was that the ravens had brought them right down from heaven—just as if they raised beef and tomatoes in heaven! Anyway, it was a puzzler to Agnes."

"And where did they come from?" Mrs. Jones demanded.

"Why, they came from our butcher and came in our basket, as I explained. And besides, the delivery boy was gone before she got to the door, so she couldn't ask any questions, and the shop was closed and everybody gone till Monday morning, and I really don't see how she could help it if the senior warden in the church did have to go to the hotel for his Sunday dinner."

"So the things really belonged to somebody else?"

"Certainly, and there was the biggest kind of howl at the shop next morning, and it turned out that nobody was to blame, because the boss himself packed the baskets and he got hold of mother's basket by mistake, and put the stuff for Mrs. Smily in it. The names written on the handles didn't look so very different, and he was in a terrible hurry."

"And of course he lost the Smily's trade on account of it," Miss Simmons remonstrated.

"He might have if Mabel hadn't gone to Mr. Smily and explained just what a godsend those things were. And she showed him the new diamond ring and told him

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that her beau had been holding off for weeks, and had the ring all ready to pop on her finger the minute he got his mother's approval, and if she had fallen down on that Sunday dinner it would have been all off for keeps."

"And that mollified him? How about his wife?"

"Oh, he had his wife so well trained that if he said black was white she would murmur, sweetly, 'Yes, dear, it is white!' Her part of it was all right. And she was fond of Mabel, anyway. And she said she couldn't resist the conclusion that it was divine Providence that directed the basket, and if Providence did it, it must be all on the square. So everybody was happy."—By Frank Harwin, in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

THE WRECK.

ASEY'S place was "full up," to use his own term, and as Bob and I pushed our way through the motley crowd of men and women toward the poker room in the rear, it seemed as if the darkness from the outside had only served to send every homeless wretch in the ward into the beautifully lighted place. Men are a great deal like moths, the strain of music and the flash of electric lights being enough to draw them to the singeing process provided for them by the saloonkeeper.

As we passed by the long mahogany bar, Bob caught the eye of a bartender and by the time we had seated ourselves in the "Private Rooms," as Casey called his card rooms, a tray of glasses and a warm "merchants' lunch" was before us.

Bob had been on the downtown, or tenderloin beat, for years, while I had been doing the wholesale district and occasionally setting up a page for our Sunday magazine section.

"Well, Jimmy," said Bob, "I have bothered you tonight my boy, I know, 'cause its Thursday night and I know you are never among us on that night, but I've noticed a tendency of late, in your work to be too stiff. You and I are going to visit lower Chinatown tonight, and when you get back on top you can outdo Dante, hands down." "But," I exclaimed— "No 'buts,' " he said,

"Come along." I had not known Bob Gleason these years for nothing, so I said, "Well, it's up to you, only we must be back before press time tomorrow. "Never mind that, we will come through all right," he replied, and having finished our lunch, we passed out, Bob nodding to Casey and speaking to one or two bartenders on the way. I had been through Chinatown before and had no desire to go again, but under Bob's leadership, I knew some new sight would be sure to reward me, so I followed him down through the long streets, lined with saloons and dance halls, to the corner, where a sign pointed to the entrance gate of "Little Pekin," as Baker's Chinatown was called.

Huddled on a space of less than five acres, the low, flat buildings, with the narrow, foul-smelling streets and worse smelling "joints," the town was anything but handsome. The only buildings of any size were the new brick joss house, and the Chinese Six Company's store; the rest were as small and filthy as the owners' ingenuity could make them. I followed Bob as he walked along, past noodle houses and rows of tea and duck restaurants, till at last he stopped in front of a building, which from its tapers of red wax, I knew belonged to the Leong Tong.

Bob turned to me and whispered, "Don't say anything if you are spoken to, which isn't likely, but if you are, let me do the talking." Without waiting for me to answer, he opened the door, and we were in the worst-looking place I ever saw and—smelled. My companion evidently knew his way, for with a word in Chinese to a slanteyed individual who came up, he led the way to the rear room and I found myself in an opium smoking den.

"Now," said Bob, "follow me and keep your head low, we are going underground."
"Not for me!" I exclaimed, "you don't get me to go down there, not by a long shot."
"Oh, yes, you are, and by the time we get back on top you will like your own country a lot better; it will be a kind of restorative for you, and there's a fellow down there I want you to mect. He will fix that Sunday magazine for you. Come," he answered, and was gone. I had nothing to do but

follow, so with some inward misgivings. I felt my way after him, down a dark flight of steps, only lit up by the smell, which was so rank one could feel it. Bats whirled and hid in the shadows, the walls damp and filthy, dug out here and there in miserable hovels, seemed to give back ghostly echoes as we hurried along. How true it is that one-half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives!

How far we traveled, or where we turned, I don't know, but I found myself at last in the middle of a large room, comparatively clean and lit up with electric lights. "This," whispered Bob, "is the famous smoke den of Hanchow Charlie; here he comes, he is the fellow I want you to meet." Following Bob's gaze, I saw a man whose features and form I shall never forget. Tall and powerful, as he must have been in former years, his long-continued dissipation had left but a miserable hulk of his once splendid physical powers. The loose-flowing Chinese clothes, of course, served to hide his emaciated condition, but the dull, fixed look in his eye plainly told the tale of an inveterate opium fiend. At Bob's beckoning signal he shambled over and shook hands in a listless way. Turning to Bob he said: "Well, you want the story?" Bob nodded in silent reply. "Come into my office," he said, and we followed him into a small room in the rear, the door of which slid to behind us, noiselessly.

Never shall I forget the room and its furnishings. The sides and ceiling were covered with beautiful seal skins which in turn were decorated by trophies of the hunt and chase from every land. As I looked around me I happened to glance at a corner almost hidden by an altar of bronze upon which burned incense, the strange, yet delicately pungent perfume making the air of the room sweet in contrast to the foul atmosphere we had been breathing all evening. But as I approached closer, I saw with a start of surprise that just above and in front of the altar was the picture of a beautiful girl, set in a carved jade frame. I thought I had never seen a more beautiful face. The dark expressive eyes and full red lips, the straight nose so characteristic of Southerners, and the delicately rounded chin; all

the facial features of a woman of aristocratic breeding, crowned by hair as black as night. Ah! it was a face to remember. Suddenly I felt a hand on my shoulder and turning, found Charley pointing to a seat. "Sit down," he said, sharply, and there was a momentary gleam in the glassy eyes, which died away as I sank into a divan by the side of Bob.

Charley walked to a little chest of sandal wood and taking out a cocaine "gun," rolled up his sleeve and inserted the needle in his arms near the shoulder. I could hardly suppress an exclamation of horror, as I saw the arm, one mass of sores from the wrist to the elbow, an awful evidence of the most dreadful habit, save one, that man is victim of. For a few minutes there was silence as the drug worked its way through the man's saturated system, and then he looked up with a smile and said: "Well, I owe my friend Gleason here a debt I can never pay, but he has asked me for my story, and I've promised to give it to him, more as a warning to others than as a pleasure to me, for I know, of course, that you will publish it in your paper. You see, I know something of you, already," he added, with a smile at me.

The deep, rich tones and expressive eyes were a revelation to me of the wonderful power of the drug. Surely this was not the same man! But again he was speaking: "Gleason already knows part of my story, but I shall go back to the beginning, for you must know all to appreciate my position. I was raised in Richmond, born of good old Virginia stock, and until I was twenty years old I spent my time as does the average son of wealthy parents. My mother died when I was very small and father died shortly after my twentieth birthday. In settling up the estate it was the old, old story of poor management on my father's part and sharp practice on that of his associates. When the bills were at last paid, the old country place sold and I could take stock of my assets. I found myself with less than \$200 in money.

"Strange as it may seem to you, I, who had never wanted for anything, and had never thought of the future, determined to go to college; work my way through. It

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came about in this way: I had been leading a fast life for more than five years, drinking and gambling, my father giving me money as fast as I required it and never putting any check upon me. One night I wandered into a Salvation Army hall and though in a half drunken condition, some words fell on my ears that I remembered when I sobered up. Mind you, father had not been dead two months; his grave was still fresh, when I began anew the sprees that were the talk of even that town, so used to the escapades of a wealthy set of young sots.

"But I came to my senses with a jerk. How it came about I don't know, but I quit the old gang, joined the church of my mother's faith, and for almost the first time in years was able to see a Sunday morning dawn without a headache accompanying it.

"But I must hasten to the real story. Excuse me a moment," he said, and again I saw the arm with its scab-incrusted punctures, bared to the needle. How the face glowed under the effects of the drug! All the signs of listlessness disappeared and when he resumed his story it was with the vigor of a boy of eighteen.

"How I went to college, working my way through; the sacrifices and struggles, the little triumphs and failures of college life, won't interest you. But during my Junior year, I met the woman who made my life a heaven and a -, but no, I can't say that. Had I told you I was preparing for the ministry? No? Well, I was, and had been the pastor of a little country church from my Sophomore year. Some way my work seemed successful and when I was graduated I was immediately called to a pastorate in Hampton Roads. Mary and I had been engaged for a year then, and well do I remember how happy I felt as I walked down the old path that night with the letter and its call in my pocket. How I dreamed! I thought of my past, of my awful danger, and I felt anew the healing grace of God come into my heart as it had done years before, yonder in the shabby little Salvation Army hall at Richmond. Mary met me at the door, the love shining in her eyes; my God, I can never forget it!" He paused, and for a moment seemed lost in thought.

"Well," he said, "we were married and moved to the field of my labor. How happy we were! Never was there such a wife as Mary, never such a happy home. I idolized her, every wish that I could gratify I did, and my cup of joy seemed running over.

"One day I received a telegram to come at once to the bedside of a sick man, some fifty miles up the country. I went, and was detained longer than I expected, being gone two days. It was about 11 o'clock of a cold, raw November night, when I got home. As I approached the house I saw no light in the upper window. 'That's strange,' I thought, 'Mary always keeps a light burning. Can someone be ill?'

"I let myself in with my latch key and went straight to my room. Everything was as usual there, and leaving my suitcase and overcoat, I stepped softly to the door of my wife's room, knocked once, twice, three times, but no answer. I tried the door; it was unlocked and I pushed it open. There was no one there. The room was tidy and nothing being disturbed showed but too plainly that no one had been there that night. On the dresser I saw an envelope, leaning against a picture of mine, and across the front was written my name. I shall never forget my conflicting emotions as I tore it open. My God! why does a man have memory? For twenty years and more now, I've tried by every means of heaven and hell to forget that night, but it eats on me like a cancer. However, I'm getting away from my story. The date was of the day before and it read like this. I've long since destroyed the note, but the words are burned on my brain, and I remember them as if it were tonight. It said: 'Dear old Bobbie' (my first name is Robert), I'm not fit to even write to you, so I'll be brief. Bobbie, I don't love you. I do love the man I'm now leaving with. I've tried to conquer my passion, but I can't; I can't. Forgive me, Bobbie, if you can, you must forget me.-Mary.'

"Stunned, I stood for a moment, with sightless eyes staring at the words, then something snapped within and I rushed out of the room, down the steps into the night and straight to the nearest saloon. I never knew what I did, but when I came to my-

self, months after, they told me that I was brought home drunk and that when I sobered up it was to battle with brain fever. Of course, my recovery was a matter of long, weary weeks, but at last my naturally strong constitution prevailed, and I was able to get out: But I went steadily to the bad, and after a time the church excluded me. I tried prayer, but it was a mockery to me. I tried travel, but everywhere my brain compelled me to think. I tried form after form of dissipation, but I could not get away from that night. It mocked me in churches, laughed at me in the night, jerred me in the wildest storms at sea, filled my few sober, sleeping moments with hellish dreams. I sought for him who had wrecked my life, in every country, but to no avail; they were as completely lost as if the earth had swallowed them. At last I drifted down here, tried the pipe and so found peace for a time. I took charge of this Gleason there furnished me the money to fit up the joint, and except in times such as this, I have deadened my misery. But another incident and I am done. Some time ago, I don't know just when, for I've lost all track of the years, I was up on top looking through the fences for a gun that had been stolen from me, when I saw a woman come staggering out of a dance hall and turn down the street, cursing in a shrill, cracked voice at all within sight. Somehow there seemed to be something vaguely familiar about her, and as she lurched by I stepped out of the doorway in which I stood and took her by the arm. With an oath she flung up her head and—I saw beneath the heavy coat of rouge and lines of dissipation the once fair features of my Mary!

"Despite my changed appearance and chink clothes, she recognized me, too, but only to curse me. Oh, the bitterness of it. I dragged her inside by main force and bye and bye she sank into a deep sleep. But her end was near; pneumonia had fastened its relentless grip upon her, and I could only sit and watch her life ebb away. Before she died she told me her story, the same story I had heard for so long from others that followed the path of Rahab. There's nothing to me now, but even a devil

can moralize. Gleason, and to what loathsome depths do men and women come. He had lived with her but a short time before he began the treatment that brought her at last to the end. But to me the bitterest thing of all was that though he had treated her worse than a dog, had beaten her, and finally when he could do no more had cast her off, she still loved him and when dying her last words were of him, while for me, who would have gladly shed every drop of my blood for her, she had no word of love. But one day the end came and I paid my last visit to the upper town, followed my Mary, my darling, to her grave, where at last she was free from the shackles that killed her. I came back here to what is home for me, and unlocking my trunk, took from it her picture. And then scene after scene passed before me. My boyhood days, my old gray-haired father and his trust in me, my church and the people who once called me pastor. Then Mary and our wedding, that night and now-here was I, bloated, sotted with drugs and damned with whiskey. Oh, man! when I get to hell it won't be strange to me. I've lived in it now for these long, weary years.

"You may say that no man who really loves a woman will allow her actions to drag him under, but don't talk to me, you can't tell anything about it till you have lived my experience. It should not, I grant, but it did. And again you say, if I had been truly converted, I would never have allowed myself to fall so low. Well, I long ago dismissed that thought from my mind. Judas was a worker with his Master and he sold Him for a dirty piece of silver. Judas was a man, so am I, and I can't answer any of the 'whys,' for either of us, but here I am waiting to join Mary. We will both be together at last, at last. But oh, the torture I've undergone! Surely, I've paid in some measure her penalty and they won't be so hard on her. I must stop, Gleason. This is too much for me," and he ceased abruptly, filled his long opium pipe. and took a few whiffs.

I glanced at Gleason, his face looked strangely drawn and tired, I had never seen him so before. "Come," he said, and we arose and stepped softly through the door. As we passed out, I looked back and saw poor old Charlie, nearly asleep now, kneeling before her picture, his head in his hands.

Somehow, as we walked home that clear, frosty morning, with the great city's awakening noises in our ears, I couldn't but thank God that he had spared me the awful experience of Hanchow Charlie.

Gleason was silent and morose, and when we parted he said: "Jimmy, when you write that up give the man hell who wrecked that home, only maybe he, too, has suffered. Shake hands, old man." we clasped hands and then he said: "Good-bye, Jimmy, Charley don't know it, but I am that man for whom he searched so long. I am the cause of what you have seen and heard tonight. God help me," and he was gone.

The next morning papers contained two stories, one of Hanchow Charlie, the other of the suicide of Bob Gleason, the star reporter of our staff.—WILSON STORER.

"IN THE KENTUCKY HILLS."

HY, howdy, Miss M'randy.

Ain't you goin' to speak
to me?"

Hezekiah Fight stepped from the edge of the wood out to the middle of the road and stood with his hands punched deep into his pockets. He wore a big blue handkerchief knotted loosely around his neck and his trousers stuffed into the tops of his high boots. A young girl riding bareback, drew up in front of him.

"I warn't ex-pect'in' to see you, Mr. Fight," she drawled, smiling and pushing a flappy sunbonnet back on her head. Her straight, sleek hair, falling loose, and curving round her cheeks, gave her the appearance of a Botticelli Madonna, but her warm half-shut eyes marked her as more human than divine. The two bare feet hanging from under her short skirt might have belonged to either kingdom.

"Warn't you? I'd think you'd got used to it by now. Pa says I'm alers hanging tound waitin' fur you."

"Yes, I'm alers lookin' fur you," Hezekiah repeated. "But you're so confounded busy I can't never get a chance to tell you what I've got to say." The girl pressed her little white teeth into the handle of her switch, and looked over Hez's head.

"I reckon I ain't got time to stand here talkin'," she said. "I want to git done plowin' this evenin'."

"Dern your plowin', Randy," said the man impatiently. He stepped up and laid his hand on the horse's neck. "You've got to listen to me now."

Randy settled quietly in her place and

"I reckon you know what I've got to say, Miss M'randy," Fight began after a silence, blushing and running his fingers through the horse's mane. "I've give you ever' reason to know."

He paused and reached his hand up till his fingers almost touched Randy's. But she was too quick for him, and letting go the bridle, hastily put both her hands behind her. Hezekiah grinned; the girl's coquetries amused him.

"Pshaw, Randy!" he said, "that ain't no way to do when you're goin' to marry me."

Without looking at him, Miranda knit the fingers together, and seemed on the point of speaking. But she reconsidered her intention, and was silent.

"I reckon you're waitin' to be formally asked?" he continued. "That's the way with girls. Well, Randy, I want you to marry me. 'Tain't no use of my sayin' anything about carin' for you. You ought to know I do, when I ask you to marry me. Lord knows there ain't no other reason."

He seemed unconscious of any incongruity in his remarks and his professed sentiments, and smiled meditatively as if well pleased at having finally settled a question long under consideration.

But the girl's shoulders stiffened and her face flushed slowly. After a moment's silence, she said in a low, even voice:

"I ain't a-goin' to marry you, Hez. I don't want to be took up by no rich man."

"Don't you worry about that, Randy," promptly answered the suitor. "I've got plenty of money to give you ever'thing you want, and I'll do it, too. You ain't never had your dues."

"I ain't a-goin' to marry you, Hez," the girl doggedly repeated.

Fight stared into her face a moment before his mouth relaxed into a grin.

"I reckon you're jokin' me, Randy," he said; and after another silence, "Ain't you jokin' me, Randy?"

"I've done told you, Hez."

Hezekiah straightened himself and jerked his hand off the horse. His fingers caught in the tangled mane and he swore under his breath.

"Is it on 'count of somebody else?" he asked.

She gave a quick little sigh, then smiled at her thoughts. Hez reached up and took hold of her arm, his fingers denting in the soft flesh.

"It's Beaury Parker, ain't it?" he demanded. "Well, do you think 'Ill let you give me the go-by for that no 'count workhand? I can promise you, you won't never marry him."

"Let go my arm, Hez Fight," her voice sounded loud in the quiet country road. "'Tain't none of your business who I'm goin' to marry, so long as it ain't you, but I'll tell you anyhow. Yes, I am goin' to marry Beaury Parker. And you, nor Pa, nor ever body else can't keep me from it."

Hez opened his lips.

"Don't you say nothin' against him, neither," Miranda went on quickly. "He's a better man than you could ever be. Do you think he'd do what you're doin', threatening a woman? No; I can tell you. What do you think I kere fur your land and stuff? Maybe I am a fool, but Beaury Parker's got more feelin' in a minute than you've got in a lifetime."

She picked up her reins and cut the old horse with her switch. She recognized, even while it satisfied her own feelings, the inadequacy of her little attempt at selfjustification.

Until now, when the provoked girl had acknowledged her engagement, it had been prudently kept a close secret.

Miranda had had more chances than she deserved, her neighbors said—but Hez was the richest man in the hills, and as such deserved to be praised for his unselfishness in choosing this stigmatized daughter. That she would refuse him, had never once occurred to Fight. But that fact accepted,

and her history remembered, he doubted if even the higher influence of her powerful father would be effective in bringing her to give up Beaury. The thought occurred to him that a combination of forces is sometimes advisable. He and Summy together might work out a plan for defeating this girl who, as a possession, was worth fighting for, and as an adversary, worth conquering. With this thought to enliven him, he walked on down the road in the opposite direction from that which Miranda had taken.

When he came to Slatten's Stand, a little gray board room where whisky was sold, he peered into the window before entering. Then he walked quickly across to where Summy Green sat with a glass of liquor in his hand, and bending over, whispered in the drunken man's ear. Summy's splotched face reddened, and he gulped off the glass of whisky, and shuffled after the young man out through the back door. They sat down on an empty barrel and Hez began speaking slowly. At first Summy laughed hard, but as Hez went on, he grew excited and the men in the saloon heard him swear.

"Now, recollect," Hez reminded him in a low, passionate voice, "you've give me your word to keep still and leave ever'thing to me. You ain't got nothin' to do till I call on you. Your time'll come, but I want to get even first. I reckon I can make it worth your while to keep shut up."

He pulled out a wad of money and stuffed it into Summy's hand.

"You'd better go have another drink," Hez further suggested; and as he watched Miranda's father disappear in the saloon he added to himself, "I don't know if I have done right to tell Summy Green. You can't never trust a drunken liar; but I was afraid he'd find it out and interfere with me, and then, any way, I may want to use him. If he'll just keep drunk another week."

But Summy was feeling himself a victim of peculiar emotions. Somehow the whisky did not set well on his stomach. The wad of money lay in his hand as proof of Hez's story. He, Summy Green, was, for the time, rich; he treated the crowd. But the drams increased his discomfort. He settled

himself on a stool in the corner and pondered over what Hez had told him. Miranda Green, his daughter, had refused Hez Fight and vowed she would marry Beaury Parker; and he, her father, had been ordered to shut his mouth and do nothing. He sat still until sundown, then he decided to go home.

All that same afternoon Miranda Green tramped after the plow. She tried to forget Hez Fight's proposal, and as a furtherance to that end, thought much of Beaury. But the stinging words of Hez kept coming back to her mind. "And he wanted to marry me, too," she said to herself incredulously, "and he could say that to me."

By dusk the last furrow was turned and the young farmer rode home. At the front gate she heard loud threatening words coming from the kitchen.

Summy came to the door.

"Well, you've come at last, have you?" he yelled. "I never seen nobody so durned slow. Come on in here and help git me some supper."

Miranda hurried in. A tallow dip on the table blinked feebly, leaving the corners of the small room dark; the hot air was thick with the smoke from burning grease.

When the girl had taken up the half-done chunks of meat, Summy threw himself in a chair and devoured the food by heaped-up knifefuls. Once he looked up threateningly at her. He wanted to hit her in the face, but he remembered Hez's command. Before he finished his meal, the warm air of the room and the hot food had made him sleepy. In a stupor, he stumbled into the front room and threw himself on the bed.

It was some minutes later, after he was sound asleep, before Miranda crept round the house to the front steps, old, rickety platforms that threatened at any minute to fall away from the narrow front door. Miranda sat down cautiously, careful not to let them creak under her weight, and spread out her pink calico skirt that stood out from her knees in a wide, stiff half circle.

The house stood in a hollow, close to a spring that was hid in a thicket of wild cherry trees. The early foliage, barely thick enough to spread a sort of misty

green veil over the black limbs, was thickened by a mass of white bloom. This mop of white and green made the thin trunks look like inky lines. Beyond rose the steep hillside. Long, shaded gullies twisted down its full length; a few scrappy bunches of birch bushes made little black dots on the bare yellow earth; the rocky road trailed down the slope like a thread. At the top of the hill the sky ran along the earth in a long yellow line. Gradually the color faded out and the smoky shade of twilight mellowed the outline of the hill. Very faintly from beyond the trees came the slow tramp of a horse's feet, and the sound of a man's whistling. Miranda smiled as she listened.

In a few minutes the rider came up to the fence and swung himself down from the saddle. At the steps, when he dropped beside the girl, he held to her fingers and sighed contentedly.

Slowly she drew her hand away.

"I thought may be you'd come tonight—er—Beaury," she remarked, in explanation of the fresh calico, blushing as she spoke.

He grinned as he looked down at her. By the side of his broad shoulders and big brown hands she seemed thin and little, but he thought he had never seen her look so pretty.

They were silent a few minutes.

Back of the house the moon rose clear above the hills. The steps where Miranda and her lover sat were shaded, but down in front by the gate the familiar objects stood out plain in the pale light. The lank shadow of Beaury's horse flickered as occasionally the animal pawed the soft earth, The dull, muffled sound floated up to the steps.

Carefully folding the stiff skirt out of his way, Beaury slipped along the step until he was close to the girl, and put an arm around her. She leaned her body against his for a moment, then looked uneasily in the open door. The place was ominously still and dark. She straightened herself.

Beaury took the announcement silently; he was looking at Miranda's hair. He pulled her over to him and kissed her.

Again she broke loose from him, but half-reluctantly.

"I met Hez Fight today," she remarked, seriously.

Beaury smiled. What did he care for rivals? But Miranda wished he would help her make her confession.

"He—asked me to marry him," she said, determined not to be hindered in her avowal.

For answer to this statement Beaury reached over and took her face between his hands.

"I knew it would come, Randy," he said, his eyes serious, his voice low but very distinct. "Sometimes I think I ain't got no right to marry you and take you to live in my poor little cabin, when you might be livin' in a big house with ever'thing you want. But I just recollect that it's me you love, and then I don't kere what nobody says. What do we kere fur Hez Fight?"

As he finished, from the house came the noise of a chair kicked to one side, then the slap of bare feet. The two lovers stood up quickly, Beaury facing the door. The lank figure of Summy appeared in the doorway, in his hand a long-pliant wagon whip. For one minute he stood like a white shaft against the blackness, his arm uplifted in a threat. He let the whip fall. It hummed as it tied in the stiff skirt in close to the girl's body.

"Damn you!" shouted Summy. "I seen you settin' there with Beaury Parker a-holdin' yer face. So you'll refuse Hez Fight for a no 'count scoundrel like Beaury Parker. You'll settle ever'thing yourself, will you? I'll show you who's boss in this house."

He spoke in jerks, his words snapping and trailing with the whip.

"Stop that, you confounded coward!" Beaury shouted.

But Summy did not heed him. He was trying to draw a cry from the girl who leaned against the door-facing, and, with crouched shoulders, took the blows in silence.

"Stop that, I say!" Beaury cried again, starting toward Summy.

The father only glanced at him, and stopped half a minute.

"Shut your damned mouth. I reckon I've got a right to beat my own gal." Again the whip fell.

Until then Miranda had kept her eyes on the ground. At that last blow she looked over at Beaury. He saw her face jerk with pain.

"Damn you!" he shouted to Summy.
"Do you think I'll stand here and see you hurt a woman?"

He sprang up the steps and held his pistol almost against Summy's neck. He fired twice. Summy stretched out his hand, reeled, and toppled down the steps, plowing his face into the dust below.

Beaury and Miranda stood still, facing each other.

"My God, Randy, what have I done!"
Miranda was silent. Beaury stared at her
for one long minute.

"I reckon I've done lost ever'thing now, Randy; but God knows I couldn't help it. When you looked up, I lost my senses. I couldn't stand still and see him beatin' you. Good-bye." He reached his hand across the dead man's body and took hold of her fingers. After a moment he relaxed his

"Wait," she whispered. She held to his wrist, but kept her eyes on her father's body. "It warn't your fault, Beaury. I oughtn't a-looked at you. Don't blame yourself. It was my fault."

Beaury walked slowly down to where his horse was hitched, and swung himself into the saddle.

As he was gathering up his reins, Miranda started swiftly down to the gate. She came up to Beaury, panting.

"Beaury," she whispered, excitedly, "don't go away. You mustn't leave me. You must take me with you. Ma and her brothers won't never let me marry you after they find it out. Take me with you, Beaury."

For a moment Beauregard stared out over the hill, then he bent over and lifted the girl up behind him. She gripped his coat in little folds.

Long after the couple had disappeared, the clatter of the horse, galloping over the rocks, echoed round the hills. At the steps in front of the little tenant house the dead man's body grew stiff and hard as it lay alone. The night passed, and the soft, blue light of dawn spread over the hills.—By N. M. HALL in Saxby's Magazine.

STANDARD RAILWAY HEARTS.

BY KENNETH C. SMITH.

RECKS are of more or less frequent occurrence on all railroads; and fast runs are usually made by wreck relief trains. Not often, however, does a conductor find himself in charge of a train going to the relief of a wreck in which his own loved ones are victims. The feelings of my old boyhood chum, Peter Burkhardt, when placed in this position, can best be imagined by reading his letter:

CABOOSE 2313. KINSMAN'S SIDING, Jan. 6, '08.

DEAR ERNEST-First 36 is stuck in the snow at Kinsman's Siding. My flag is taking a little snooze, so I guess I will write you the news. Don't know as there is much to tell, though, everything sliding along about as usual over on this pike. Mike Kelly got his left leg cut off by a yard engine a few days ago, and Bill Carroll was held up by hoboes in the lower yards last Friday night and lost his watch and about 30 cents in cash and a clearing house check for \$2 that he said he hadn't been able to pass on anyone till he met the yeggs. Eddie Keene, that little red-head that used to be messenger for you at Lakeland, got to be night operator at Johnstown, but twelve hours' work was too much for the kid, and he couldn't sleep days and got to going "in the hay" pretty regular on duty and they fired him for it a few days ago. A mighty nice kid, too.

Old Pat Rider joined the Brotherhood, too, something no one ever expected to happen.

Old Pat gave me the fastest ride I ever expect to take last week. You always liked fast rides, but I'll bet you'd have hollered stop if you'd been with us.

A week ago last Monday night, I'd brought Edna and the little fellow down and put them on No. 8. She was going home for a few days' visit with her folks.

After 8 pulled out I hung around about an hour or so, chewing the rag with some of the boys, and was just starting for my caboose to take a little nap before going out on my run, when the call-boy run up and said I was called for the wrecker.

I moseyed over to the yard office, and the operater there said No. 8 was in the ditch at Loon Lake, and about everyone killed. There was a west-bound double-header pulling into the siding at Loon Lake and they broke in two between the engines. The head engine pulled down the siding to put out a flag against No. 8 and the engineer on the second engine lit his headlight so the head engine wouldn't hit him when they returned. The brakeman that went out with the flag was a new man and didn't have any torpedoes and his lamp went out and No. 8 got past him. The engineer on No. 8 saw the headlight of the first engine, and back down the siding the other headlight, which he took for the decklight on the caboose, and he was going about fifty miles an hour when they struck. Smashed things up in pretty bad shape, and to make matters worse the wreckage took fire.

Maybe you think I was cool and collected when I heard all that. Well, I guess not. All I could think of was that Edna and the boy was up there in that pile of burning scrap, and no telling in what condition.

By the time I'd got done asking the operator about it, and got myself fussed up in nice shape, they had the wrecking outfit switched out and on my caboose, and the engine was just backing on as I came out of the yard office.

I walked up to the engine and when I saw it was old Pat Rider that was going to pull us, I said to myself that we were in for a nice mollycoddle ride to Loon Lake all right. You know Rider was never known to run faster than a mud-scow on a canal. But Rider was the only engineer in calling distance, and they brought out the best engine on the division, the 523.

You know Pat was always a queer sort of fellow. Not such a bad lot, and not such a bad engineer, either, but kind of a hard luck boy. Some of the fellows had it in for him a little because he wouldn't join the Brotherhood, and I guess I always shared that feeling just a bit myself.

When I seen it was Rider, at first I wasn't going to say anything. Then I thought of the folks again, and I walked up to where Pat was oiling up, and told him the whole story, and told him I'd like to be at Loon Lake just about as fast as we could travel. Pat crammed about half a package of Polar Bear into his face, and says in that funny way of his: "Petah, how fast can yuh stand it tuh go?"

I told him the caboose could go just as fast as the engine could, and that couldn't be a bit too fast, either.

"If that pop-cawn fiahman they put on can keep 'er hot, we can make very faah time with this old girl," says Pat.

We pulled up in front of the dispatcher's office and got our orders, just one, but it did the business. "Engine 523 will run extra Meadtown to Loon Lake, and has right of track over all first, second and third class and extra trains." Pat told the dispatcher to get everything out of our road and give us a chance, and with a high-ball from me, we was off, with the train master and all the doctors they could get on short notice in the bunk car with the wrecking crew.

We pulled out of Meadtown depot just at 11:23 p. m. Up through the yards we went, busting all the speed limits to a frazzle. We had a white block all the way to Harmony, and Pat certainly did eat up the time. When we rounded the bend half a mile west of Harmony I could see from the lookout that the block was red against us. Rider never shut off at all, but opened the whistle wide, thinking maybe the operator was "in the hay." Just as we was right on top of it we got the green caution block and knew there was something ahead of us. But Pat only seemed to go the faster. When we run over a couple of guns half a mile west of the Stone Quarry switch it didn't feaze him, and when we shot round the bend and saw a train just pulling their caboose over the frog, he couldn't have stopped even if he'd used the emergency. It seemed about an hour till that red switch

light changed to white, but I expect it was about three holy seconds, and then we just grazed by them, taking off the hand rail on their caboose for a souvenir. My flagman was sitting over on the other side of the look-out saying things; I couldn't tell for sure whether he was praying or swearing. I wondered how the train master was taking it, and was glad he was in the wrecking car where he couldn't get at Pat to slow him down.

At the high banks curve there is a slow order for six miles an hour. The bank is giving way and in danger of sliding into the river if it gets jarred loose any. Pat slowed down to about ninety miles an hour, as near as I could judge.

The 523 is a new engine and a peach. She was built to use on the new limited mail train they have put on, and was sent down on our division to be tried out before being put in service. I guess the officials was satisfied with Pat's trial all right, for she's been on the mail ever since. She did herself proud on her trial trip, anyhow. She just seemed to touch the high spots, and cut cross lots at the curves. but I wouldn't have slowed Pat down a bit if he'd left the main line and took the Bee Line route, for all the time I could see in my mind's eye that pile of red-hot burning scrap at the other end of the run, where most everyone was said to be dead or dying. and at best a good many of them was. One minute I could see Edna and the boy all smashed up and bleeding and dead, and maybe burned up; the next I would have them all pictured out laying with arms or legs pinned so they couldn't get loose, the fire creeping up on them inch by inch. and no help for them. I could hear the little fellow sobbing and saying "Dad's boy," the way he does when he gets hurt or scared, and Edna unable to help or comfort him. I tell you, old man, if there are a few gray hairs sticking out of my worthless old scalp today, they wasn't brought on by the fast ride I took, by a blame sight.

We had a straight run the rest of the way, and when we pulled up in front of Loon Lake depot it was just 12 o'clock, midnight; 49 miles in 37 minutes. Of course it's fine track, no grade to speak of,

and the curves ain't bad, but a little matter of around 80 miles an hour, though it don't beat the world's record, is going some just the same.

I swung down off the caboose and run smack into Edna, safe and sound: and the boy, too. They were in the rear sleeper, and got shook up pretty bad, but was able to meet me at the depot, and keep me from pawing over the coals, I guess, to find them.

I just mooched right up to where Rider was looking over the machinery, and says, giving him my hand: "Pat, you're all right, and your heart's in the right place. You can stick your feet under my table any time you feel like it, and your whole darn family, too." Looking back at it, I guess it was about the first real decent word had been said to him in years, and he looked kind of queer for a minute, and then says: "That 523's a dandy, ain't she, and Petah, I been thinking foh quite a spell I would join the Brotherhood." And he put in an application soon as he got back to head-quarters, and has an "up-to-date" now.

I can hear the old Rotary boring her way up through the cut, so I expect we will be out of here before long.

Don't wait till next summer to write. It's pretty quiet over on this pike these days, and a fellow likes to hear from his old friends.

Yours for further orders,

PETE.

THE FATAL ERROR.

E had often wondered where he'd come from. This prematurely old man, who dropped in on us one scorching day and quietly announced that he had been sent to relieve me at the lonely night job at the Slide. He could not have been over twenty-five at the most, but his face was the face of one who had passed through untold suffering which had left its mark and which was bearing him, as it afterwards proved, to an early grave.

He told us nothing, but his eyes at times were so full of poignant anguish that we longed to offer him our sympathy, but we had nothing to base our sympathy on.

The end came quickly, so quickly that it startled us.

We had noticed that he was looking worse, had seen him wasting away. God knows he had seen sorrow enough to make stronger men than he sink into an early grave, as I knew afterwards; for before crossing the Great Divide, he told me the story of his life, as I am going to tell it to you.

He had been reared in poverty, in an obscure New England town—where—it is not necessary for you to know, as it doesn't concern any of us here.

At the age of thirteen he had been left to fight his way alone, going to work in one of those great hives of crushed and browbeaten humanity that they call factories there. He worked in this place for two years, then, his health failing, he was thrown out, broken.

He could no longer earn a living, but when about to give up, he was attracted by an advertisement calling for operators; good wages were offered, and he decided to learn the business.

I will not bore you with the details of the year that followed; suffice to say that he learned, and a good man he proved to be, and he was sent to work in a small country town as night operator, and from there to another—you have all been subs at one time, so you know what his life was.

Encouraged by his success, the boy found this old world very bright, and the chief sent him to a small night job in the small town of W—; and there began his career of misfortune.

One morning after his trick was finished, he started for his boarding-house and met the girl who was the indirect cause of his untimely end.

Tall, handsome, and very quiet, she proved to be the daughter of Canadian parents, who had emigrated to the States but three years before, and Jack felt that he must make her acquaintance.

Things seemed shaped for him, and he was made acquainted with handsome Blanche, and for the next two years Jack thought he was in the seventh heaven of delight, and when he asked her to marry him and she said yes, Jack was the happiest man on earth.

They would sit and plan of the home that was soon to be theirs, of their happiness,

of the many things they would take pleasure in doing—it was Jack's paradise on earth.

With the wedding day but a few days off, Blanche went to the city to purchase her wedding finery, and Jack could have died for joy, seeing his life's happiness in his grasp. It would have been far better if he had, for he would have died happy instead of living a living death, as he did in the years that followed.

The night came on dark and threatening, a fit night for the scene that was to be enacted just a few miles from where he sat with the orders before him which he held for Ex. 478 east-bound, giving them orders to wait at a blind siding for No. 10. the fast mail train on which his darling was coming back to him, back to his arms with her red lips eager for his kiss, and Jack gave himself up to dreaming of the day when he and his loved one would be settled in the little cottage which he had already furnished for her who was to have been his partner in joy and sorrow, had not Fate decreed otherwise.

Dreaming thus, he never heard the rumble of the fast extra approaching, and not until they flashed by did he realize where he was, but "My God, why don't they stop? Gone? No, it can't be; they must have seen my 'red.'" Dashing to the window, the bright green of the order board glared at him like an accusing eye. "Great God! Blanche! was his first thought, and dashing frantically back to his key, called the dispatcher, sending a meaningless jumble of Morse, out of which the dispatcher caught the words "Ex. 478 gone, order No. 158 undelivered; for God's sake stop No. 10."

Then came silence—silence which to Jack seemed his death sentence, while thoughts of his darling speeding to death and he responsible for it, surged through his brain.

Still he hung over the ticker, sobbing, waiting; waiting for the word which meant life or death, and the word never came.

As in a dream he heard the dispatcher call "J" like mad, and he fairly burned the wire as he sent the words, "Hold No. 10, on your life, don't let her get away," and heard the operator answer, "No. 10 D. 10:15."

Then all became a blank. Friends coming to chat and smoke a pipe with him found him tugging at the semaphore lever and muttering to himself.

Speaking to him, he regarded them with eyes that looked out of a face that did not belong to this world, so sunken and dead they appeared in a face so ghastly that they shrank from him affrighted; one seeing the order lying on the desk dimly comprehended what had happened and made an effort to rouse him to his duty, but Jack was done with keys and wires for a good while to come; he was a maniac, crazed by the thought that he had killed the girl who in two short days was to have been his bride.

The wreck occurred on the worst curve on the road, coming together with force enough to reduce both engines to scrap, they lay, distorted masses of steel, cars strewed over the right-of-way, splintered and broken, while shrieks and groans of anguish rent the still night air.

Forty odd killed and wounded—the most disastrous wreck on the road for years.

Men worked like Trojans, sobbing while they tore at the wreckage, now and anon lifting some cruelly mangled form from beneath the blood-soaked timbers.

The boys knew Jack's bride-to-be was on the ill-fated train, and every body was approached with fear that it might be Blanche. Body after body was taken out, and yet Blanche was undiscovered, and many the prayer that was offered to God by these rough but tender-hearted men that she would not be injured, though they knew they hoped against hope.

What is that? A groan of anguish and pity from three or four men who had been removing wreckage caused many to rush to where they were, and there lay beautiful Blanche, her face serene in death, a smile on her lips, with not a disfiguring mark on her beautiful face. She had met death instantly, thinking of him, perhaps, who was directly responsible for her death.

Strong men wept like babies; eyes that had not known tears for years shed them like rain.

Tenderly they laid her on the cushions which were picked up from the coaches; and

then came the news that Jack had gone insane, and at that moment was under guard in a cell at police headquarters.

Poor Jack! It was best, after all, and it would have been a mercy if he had remained so, but his memory returned after being in an asylum some time and praying only to die that he might meet her in paradise, he became a wanderer, and at length came to die with me in the desert.

With the picture of the wreck always before his eyes, he could not settle down; trying to forget, he wandered, from east to west, north to south; it was no use, what he would forget was always before him, and at last, coming to us, he hired out for the desert, the last place in the world he should have come to forget.

All who have worked on that deadly waste of barren soil know what a man's life is who stays there any length of time, only he and his partner, miles from the nearest town, alone in this great limitless expanse of arid country where, if a man never thought of his Maker, he thinks of Him then.

Crushed by the solemnity of the desert night in its awful silence, poor Jack lived over the days when everything seemed bright and fair, brooding continually over the past, he wasted away day by day until we could see that before long something would break.

One night, early in the morning, about two o'clock, I woke up with a presentiment that everything was not right.

Not being able to shake it off, I dressed and went across to the telegraph office to spend an hour with Jack and see if I could not cheer him up. Coming to the door I walked in, and there, crouched in the farther corner was Jack, his hands stretched before him, as if to keep something away from him, an awful look of terror frozen on his face, muttering to himself.

Catching sight of me as I came forward with an exclamation, he let out one awful shriek, cowering away from me.

Bounding to the opposite side of the station, he once more emitted that bloodcurdling cry and then began such ravings as I hope to never hear again, Pointing to the floor with a horrible laugh, he shouted, "dead! dead! and I did it! See his eyes look at me! Close them, curse you, close them I say! I did not mean to do it, I forgot; Oh, God, I forgot. What? some more? Don't touch me; Oh, God, those hands, all bloody; take them off! take them off! Old Dan, too. Dan, speak! Tell me you don't believe I did it on purpose. Just one word, Dan, just one."

Thus he raved, and then I thought I knew the reason he looked so old.

I caught him in my arms as though he were a child and carrying him to the bunk-house, I put him to bed, thinking he would soon exhaust himself and be himself again. Little did I dream he was to die that morning.

Laying there in his bunk he muttered to himself, and then sitting up, began talking, as I thought, to himself, and seemed to be stroking something he held in his arms.

Drawing nearer, I sought to attract his attention. waving me away, he whispered, "Hush, she is sleeping—my wife you know. Look at her; ain't she handsome? The boys were all gone on her, but she married me. They said she was killed," and here his voice raised to a shout. "They lie, the curs, she was not killed, my darling is not dead, they kept her away from me, but I've got her back." And again he started crooning and stroking and in the dimly-lit room I could swear that I saw a woman's form laying in his arms.

Unable to stand it any longer I fled from the room, and unable to stay away I was driven to come back to him again.

There he lay, and I thought him dead, but no, his eyes opened and I could have cried for joy; he was sane again.

Feebly he called me to his side and motioned for me to sit down.

There, all alone, he and I, he asked me how he came to be there.

Telling him how I had found him, he told me that he was going to die. Nothing I could say to encourage him had any effect, he kept repeating it and saying that soon he would be with her.



Asking whom he had reference to, he said in a voice hardly above a whisper, "One who is an angel, Jim."

Then he said, "I am a young man yet, Jim; not so old as you, but I hope you never have to stand the sorrow I have stood; only asking to die, I was like one accursed, wandering with my sorrow. Sit close, old pal, and I'll tell you, how through one fatal error my life was blasted."

In a voice that shook with sobs, he told me the story. At the end his voice was so weak that I had to bend over him to catch the words.

As he finished he gasped for water. I ran to get him some. Dawn was just breaking, and returning with the water, I was just in time to see his last action in the tragedy of his life.

He raised himself and as I entered, he stretched his arms out toward the sun, which was just rising over the mountains in full splendor, and crying, "Coming, dear," fell back into my arms, dead.

THE CENT. MASS. BOY.

THE HOUSE THAT JEAN BUILT.

IS house. It would seem Jean had lived for little else. "When I get my house built it's going to be best house on bayou. Das what!" He had bragged about that house when he was a lad at school and had nothing to his name but an old nanny goat and two kids. He broke those kids and made a sledge to work them to. The next year he broke two more kids, and the next year two more. By the time he was fourteen, Jean had a team of goats that could haul as much coal-woods as a yoke of steers. Then he heard of a boy who had two steers he could not break and trudged ten miles to trade teams. And the next day at school he bragged about the house he was going to build until the boys combined and licked him.

Jean broke his steers and made a wagon, sawing three-inch blocks off a round tree for wheels, and went regularly into business—hauling charcoal for an eight. The next year he bought another yoke of steers. So he went on, boastful, big and very busy. A good scholar, too, Mastering his arithmetic, even through fractions. The char-

coalman, who bought by the luggerload, picked no stray sous from Jean's pocket. Eh, bien, by the time he was eighteen years old, Jean was the owner of the slickest three-yoke team on the bayou.

"You t'ing dose look nice. ha?" he would say, drawing his long whiplash across the broad backs of his team. "But you wait till you see das house I'm going to build. Den you see somet'ing!"

Yet he was not an unmanly fellow for all his boasting. There was a little girl at school who had no brother to stand between her and her many difficulties, so Jean stood there—a position that cost him black eyes and bloody noses, for the girl was a sensitive little soul, and a chance to make her cry was a temptation no tease could resist.

"She's a nice little t'ing," Jean maintained in the face of all jibes. "And you're going to leave her alone or you're going to lick me." And quite often they did lick him, for though Jean was strong for a boy, there were boys in that Bayou Bienvieu school that were stronger than most men. Then, while he stood wiping his bleeding nose on his sleeve, they would toss the taunt at him:

"Maybe when you build your fine house, you going to take your cry-baby keep house for you, ah, Jean? Won't das be nice? Fine house for fine cry-baby." Jean would fire and fight again—and not infrequently make his man eat his words..

But by the time Jean was twenty-one and had taken out his homestead, and bought the tools he had saved tobacco money to pay for, the nice little thing no longer stood in need of his championship. Marie had slipped from crying childhood into coqueting maidenhood, and had half the boys on the bayou smoking cigarettes on her papa's front gallery. The very Theophile that used to tease her so seemed to live now only in the light of those laughing eyes, and pretty soon people began to nod the head and say "Voila," whenever the two appeared together.

Jean knew nothing of all this. He was getting ready to build his house. Working too hard to hear gossip, almost too hard to make boast. Before he cut a single cord of

coal-wood he went carefully over his onesixty, picking out the board trees and the timber that would split well into rails, and as soon as the smoke from his first kiln began to cloud the air he dropped his board trees, blocked them out and began to split the board for his roof. Men had hardly realized that he had begun work on his homestead when Jean was down at the store boasting that he had 2,000 of the best boards ever made on the bayou. And he did have them, all stacked up to season. While they seasoned, and while the charcoal turned slowly into the longed-for planks and beams, Jean built his barn. In cutting coal-wood, whenever he came to a sapling too small for charcoal, he had felled it, topped it, taken off the bark and leaned it against a stump to dry. Of these poles he built his barn, a log pen forty feet by twenty, notched together at the corners, divided into eight stalls and floored overhead with smaller poles. Over this floor he raised pole rafters and roofed it snug with some of his boasted boards. It was a good barn, warm enough and water-tight, and it cost Jean in money just what the nails came to. Having little fodder that first year, Jean slept in the barn with the feedstuff for the steers. Slept sound, too, what little time he had to sleep, for now, at last he was building his house. Sawing the block from solid red lightwood, hewing the sills from the richest heart of his pines, fitting his framework together with the most exact nicety. Working by moonlight, early in the morning, working by moonlight late in the evening; every precious moment that could be snatched from coal burning and clearing-up was given to this joyous labor. Jean ate with his tools in his hands, slept with his house in his heart, and every man that dared stop to talk was greeted with:

"And you t'ink das ain't going be nice house, ha? Didn't I say, me, I was going build best house on bayou?"

That house of Jean's became the theme of all talkers. Men meeting out yonder asked each other concerning it as we would ask here touching the war news or the fever if we had not seen the day's paper. No wonder that when monsieur passed up the road for the first time in six months madam

awaited his return with interest and promptly opened with:

"And you pass by Jean's place, didn't you, cher? And how he's coming on?"

"Coming on!" Monsieur laughed as he kicked off his shoes. "Mon Dieu, he's coming on like a fast horse. You know what he's done since last summer? He's cleared up field—big field. Got all stumps out—everything. Got good corn—fine rice—make 'bout ten barrel. Now he's plant potatoes. Say he's going make hundred bushels, and I reckon, me. he make das—if he get rain right. Got fine barn, and he's got big house down dere. Big house. T'rea room on front gallery and back gallery, too."

"Ciel," said madame.

Monsieur starting to the stable, turned to add: "And kitchen, too."

"Kitchen, too," repeated madame.

"Yes," said monsieur, moving away, "Jean's been working mighty hard. He'd be a fine man if he didn't brag so much. But das is bad for a man to brag like das. Bad, sho."

To this madame made no reply; looking tenderly after the big figure going to the stable, she was seeing the past. What a young boaster monsieur had been when she married him. How he, too, had bragged about his house and his crops, and, when their baby boy had come, ah, how he had bragged then. The biggest boy on the bayou, the bravest and the best.

"When das boy be grown den you going see a man."

But the baby had died while yet a wee, small chap, and—Eh, bien, monsieur had never bragged about anything since then. When, after six wistful years their little daughter came, the big man's heart had yearned over her in silence. His lips made no boast. To madame their boy had never seemed all dead. Year by year she could feel him growing beside her; now to her knee, then to her waist, her shoulder; taller and taller until his handsome head topped hers, and he was big and brave and proud like his papa was when he was young. Like Jean was now. Madame sighed:

"I hope, me, not'ing ain't going happen to Jean."

"Porquoi," demanded Marie.

"Das bad luck for man to be proud like das."

Marie laughed. "Oh, mamma!" Then her sweet face hardened. She had taken up the habit of hardening her face when Jean was mentioned. Once he had been like a big brother, now he rarely came to the house, and when he did come he said nothing to her but "Bon jour." Thinking of these things, Marie hardened her heart also. Come good luck or bad, Jean was nothing to her. She rather thought she would let Theophile stay next Sunday after the other boys had left. He had wanted to do that mighty bad last Sunday.

And even while Marie was hardening her heart more against him, disaster was swooping down upon Jean.

It was Friday night, and Jean was sacking charcoal. His heart misgave him that there might be some lingering sparks of fire in the very core of those thickest chunks, so he sacked slowly, feeling carefully for any suspicious warmth. It would have been safer to leave the coal loose until tomorrow morning, but if he had done that he could not have delivered it in time to invest its proceeds before the store closed. And this was the coal that was to buy glass windows for the house. If he could get the doors and windows Saturday night, he could take his time all day Sunday and finish the house right. Working so slowly made it very late by the time the last sack was filled and leaned against the others. Jean was tired—too tired to bother about any supper; almost too tired to think that by this time Sunday his house would be all done. He flung himself face down on his folded arm and slept-slept fast and sound -and while he slept a tiny spark, heartened by the nearness of another spark, began to glow and spread itself, as all sparks will. Any one passing there about midnight would have seen a sack luminous like a sack full of fire, and around it other sacks beginning to glow in the dark. No blaze, no roarjust now and then a click, faint but ominous. Thus the tiny spark spread itself. When Jean, refreshed with sound sleeping, strode eagerly to his waiting load, he found but a heap of white ashes all fallen together

—and stood for a long time looking at it.

Bad luck will out. Long before night
the story of Jean's kiln had been told—yes,
laughed about—all along the bayou. He
had bragged too much, and—yes—he had
had too much good luck.

. Every young fellow that smoked a cigarette on Marie's gallery that Sunday had something to say about "dast fool t'ing Jean do." And each was quite equipped to cite instances in which he, the speaker had shown far superior judgment. listened, her heart growing steadily harder toward the wise ones, and more and more tender toward the unlucky boaster. By the time she could get rid of her unwelcome company Jean was her big brother again, and she was conscious of but one impulseto take the cow-path across the hill and tell him how sorry she was for his bad luck. Maybe she would have conquered that impulse if it hadn't been for Theophile's heartless laughing: "And he's t'ing. My Lord. I never did see a man so t'in like das."

Jean sat on his front steps, sturdily wretched. Look where he would there was no hint of comfort to be seen. The lost kiln could never be replaced. He couldn't see how he could ever hope to get so far ahead again. The glass windows that had been almost within his grasp must be left untouched for months and months. He could not work harder than he had worked. Something within him told him thatgrimly—It would be a long time now, long time before he could come up his front steps and look through the glass windows at a beautiful little black head bent over a brand new sewing machine. A long time -if ever. And he fell to rehearsing bits of gossip that had been blown about his ears when he was too busy-and too happy-to notice. It was a long, long Sunday. To help kill time he dressed himself in his Sunday clothes for the first time in months. He had no heart for the little odd jobs he could have busied himself with. All his courage was expended on keeping his back turned to those gaunt holes where his windows might have been. But whether he looked at them or not Jean saw only those lonesome spaces and the emptitude they stood for. He fed up early, and bringing

some ears of corn to the front steps, began to feed his fowls. Chickens are better than nobody.

"Bon jour, Jean. Papa say can you lend him your saw?" This was not what Marie meant to say, and she should have known that her papa was the last person on the bayou to borrow tools of a man building a house, but the lonesomeness of that dressed-up, lonely figure on the steps of the unfinished house upset Marie's preconceived speech. In that rush of confusing emotions she did the best she could—and begged the loan of a saw.

Jean answered courteously in the affirmative, and went inside the house for the tool she wanted.

"Better let me fetch it for you," he offered kindly, coming through the gate.

"Bien merci. Das such nice house you got, Jean."

"It'll be right nice when I get it finished, maybe," he told her soberly.

"It looks like 'twas most finished now."
"Yes. It would have been finished today
-if I hadn't had little bad luck."

"Bad luck? I'm sorry, me, you been having bad luck. You been sick?"

"No. Je vous remercie. I ain't been sick. I just get some coal burn up."

"Ciel! But how much? No?"

"'Bout one kiln."

"One kiln! One whole kiln! Oh, Jean! And you talk like 'twas not'ing. Not'ing at all. Tell me 'bout das, Jean."

Jean began to tell her. Lightly at first, then earnestly.

In the midst of his heart's outpouring the sweetness of a thought overmastered pride. He was talking to her—to her about all his difficulties. His hand closed on hers, his eyes deepened.

"Marie, you remember das day—long time ago—when teacher kept me in?"

"For telling me my word so I could get ahead?"

"I don't know what 'twas for, but—you remember you came in where I was and climb up on bench—all you could do—and—"

"I was little t'ing den," Marie interrupted hastily.

"Yes." Jean smiled down at her tenderly. She was not very big now. "I make my mind das day I was going build best house on bayou—" his voice broke nervously, "for you, cherie."

"Jean! So long time. And me!"
Jean bent down eagerly.

"Yes? And you-"

Eh, bien. It was dusk before they reached the hill by papa's house, but careless of any possible parental wrath to come, they began to climb upward cherrily, for hand in hand they were talking in tender undertones of his house—and hers.—By F. H. LANCASTER, in Express Gazette.

SALUTING THE BRIDE.

T a village station a husky young man and a robust young woman boarded the train, and they had only taken their seat when his arm went around her waist and her head fell on his shoulder. The other passengers became interested at once, and a general grin passed around the coach. Some peppermint drops, carried in the young man's vest-pocket and doled out one by one, had been eaten before he caught onto the smiles. Then he stood up and said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, this is my wife. We was married an hour ago. She is a June bride. We married for love. I hain't no pictur' and she hain't purty, but that's our business. Your congratulations are now in order."

The smiles faded away and no one moved—no one but the husky husband. He slowly removed his coat, rolled back his sleeves and continued:

"There's twelve men in this here car, and I want every durned one of 'em to come forward and salute the bride. It's her due, and it's got to be done or you will have to settle with me. Nancy, get ready to be saluted."

Nancy rose up with a blush, and those twelve men, one after another, left their seats and came forward and gave her a brotherly kiss and wished her all happiness. When the circus was over the husband rolled down his sleeves, resumed his coat and sat down with the remark:

"The bride, having been duly saluted according to custom, will now undergo further hugging, and if any galoot sees anything in it to smile at, he will be informed that my name is Moses Green, and that in a rough-and-tumble I weigh a ton."

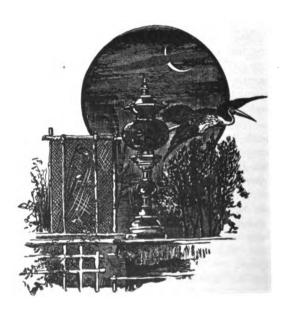
Drink and Oid Age.

HAVE heard a good many funny things from the lips of old-fashioned negroes in the South," said Senator Platt recently, "but about the funniest I ever heard was when in company with my wife I made a recent trip to the land of oranges and perpetual sunshine.

"We were passing through the streets of the little resort, De Land, when I saw an old colored couple approaching us. The man was staggering and the woman was lecturing him roundly.

"Evidently you don't think liquor is good for your husband," I said to the woman.

"'Good?' she replied; 'good? Course 'taint good. 'Taint good fo' no one. Why, honey, ol' Bill he's ninety yeah ol', and done drunk liquor all his life, an' look at him now! Ef he'd lef' dat nimfurnal stuff 'lone he might 'a been a hundred by dis yere time.'"





The Sun is Always Shinin'.

When you go to gettin' troubled,
And the world seems upside down,
When misfortune stares upon you
With an awful-lookin' frown,
There's a cheerfulness in knowin',
When it's dark for me and you,
That the sun is always shinin'
And the sky is always blue.

When the clouds appear the thickest And the daylight seems withdrawn, And the hopeful joy o' livin' Seems to be entirely gone, Just remember, when it's darkest, Just a little distance through, That the sun is always shinin' And the aky is always blue.

So there ain't no use in frettin'
At the hardships that we meet;
For the birds are still a-singin',
And the flowers are just as sweet;
And behind the deepest shadow
There's a heap o' promise, too,
For the sun is always shinin'
And the sky is always blue.

-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Sixteen Years After.

Knock and world knocks with you. Boast and you boast alone. The bad old earth is a foe to mirth And has a harnmer as large as your own. Buy and the gang will answer; Sponge and they stand and sneer: The revelers joined to a joyous sound, And shout from refusing beer. Be rich and the men will seek you, Poor and they turn and go-You're a mighty good fellow when you are mellow And your pockets are filled with dough. Be flush and your friends are many, Go broke and you lose them all, You're a dandy old sport at four dollars a quart-But not if you chance to fall. Praise and the cheers are many, Beef and the world goes by. Be smooth and slick and the gang will stick As close as the hungry fly. There is always a crowd to help you A copious draught to drain.

When the gang is gone you must bear alone,

The harrow stroke of pain.

-ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Kind Words.

I.

Drop a pebble in the water, just a splash and it is gone.

But there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on,

Spreading, spreading from the center, flowing on out to the sea,

And there ain't no way of telling where the end is going to be.

Drop a pebble in the water, in a minute you forget,

But there's little waves a-flowing, and there's ripples circling yet,

And those little waves a flowing to a great big wave have grown,

And you've disturbed a mighty river just by dropping in a stone.

II.

Drop an unkind word or careless, in a minute it is gone,

But there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on,

They keep spreading, spreading, spreading from the center as they go,

And there ain't no way to stop them once you've started them to flow.

Drop an unkind word or careless, in a minute you forget.

But there's little waves a flowing and there's ripples circling yet,

And perhaps in some sad heart a mighty wave of tears you've stirred,

And disturbed a life that's happy when you dropped that unkind word.

III.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness, just a flash and it is gone,

But there's half a hundred ripples circling on and on and on,

Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing, dashing wave,

Till you wouldn't believe the volume of the one kind word you gave.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness, in a minute you forget,

But there's gladness still a-swelling and there's joy a-circling yet,

And you've rolled a wave of comfort whose sweet music can be heard

Over miles and miles of water just by dropping a kind word.

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Three Souls.

Three souls were drifting into space,
Beyond the gates of gold,
For they were seeking other gods
Puffed up with pride, untold.
From early morns 'till sunset's fires
And midnight's starry jet,
They wandered where none ere return,
And they are wand'ring yet.

Beyond the sun, the moon, the stars.

The planets' crimson fire,
Yet, with no thought save of their gods,
They sought their mad desire.
"Our gods" they cried, "is Deity,
And never will forget!"
And so they wandered on and on,
And they are wand'ring yet.

An angel met them on the way,
And tried to guide them right;
But, lo, they laughed in careless scorn
And passed into the night.
"O, foolish souls," the angel cried,
"Your sun of Life has set!"
A bolt of lightning sealed their doom,
And they are wand'ring yet.

But not alone, for other souls
Are in the dark abyss,
Whose heaven was but pride of Earth,
And vanity their bliss.
Since Time, and Life, and Love began,
And stars arose and set,
Such evil souls have wandred far,
And they are wandring yet!

—By ADELBERT CLARK.

The Little Chap's Faith.

It's comfort to me in life's battle,
When the conflict seems all going wrong,
When I seem to lose every ambition
And the current of life grows too strong,
To think that the dusk ends the warfare,
That the worry is done for the night;
And the little chap there at the window
Believes that his daddy's all right.

In the heat of the day and the hurry,
I'm prompted so often to pause,
While my mind strays away from the striving,
Away from the noise and applause;
The cheers may be meant for some other,
Perhaps I have lost in the fight;
But the little chap there at the window,
Believes that his daddy's all right.

I can laugh at the downfalls and failure,
I can smile in the trial and the pain,
I feel that in spite of the errors
The struggle has not been in vain
If Fortune will only retain me
That comfort and solace at night,
When the little chap waits at the window,
Believing his daddy's all right.

—By Louis E. Thayer, in Denver Republican.

Sound Advice.

If the label isn't there,
Pass it up!

If it isn't on the square,
Pass it up!

If you haven't played the game
Yours alone will be the blame,
On your record be the shame,
Pass it up!

If you see a chance to boost,
Do it now!
Boosters always rule the roost,
Do it now!
Be a factor in the fight;
Do your best for truth and right;
Hustle out with all your might,
Do it now!

If you ever want to "knock,"
Forget it!

If you want to "fix his clock,"
Forget it!

Don't how! "graft" at those who work;

Don't stand up for those who shirk;

Don't lug 'round a little dirk,
Forget it!

Give your help to each good plan
Every day!

Help your fellow workingman
Every day!

For eternal justice stand;

Stand a strong harmonious band;

Give to men a helping hand,
Every day!

—W. M. Maupin, in Wage Worker.

Courage.

When the beacons of hope have vanished.

And the mile posts seem farther apart,
The road of the future is doubtful

To the weary and sad of heart;

A longing for rest and sunshine, And the joys of childhood days, Comes over the soul that is burdened, At the parting of the ways:

One is the pathway where Courage Illumines the way to the goal, And gives new life and vigor To the weary and burdened soul.

The other, an abyss of darkness,
With naught but the wings or night,
Holds for the tired pilgrim
No hope of eternal light.

In the choosing, the mind is baffled,
Despair seems to hold full sway;
The struggle is vain, for the end to gain
Is farther and farther away;

But the heart that will cling to its moorings,
Imbued with the vigor of life,
And fight with vim is bound to win,
In this seemingly endless strife.

—Peter W. Collins, in The Electrical Worker.



Sure.

Doctor—The room seems cold, Mrs. Hooligan. Have you kept the thermometer at seventy, as I told you?

Mrs. Hooligan—Sure an' Oi hov, docthor. There's the divilish thing in a toombler av warrum wather at this blissed minnut.—Judge.

Probably Fainted.

A young bridegroom, after the wedding was all over and the bride's old father had gone off to the club, began to search anxiously among the wedding gifts.

"What are you looking for, dear?" said the bride.

"That \$2,500 cheque of your father's," he said anxiously. "I don't see it anywhere."

"Poor papa is so absent minded," said the bride. "He lit his cigar with it."—
K. C. Journal.

In Doubt.

A man who does not mind a joke at his own expense says he went into a chemist's recently and asked for some morphine. The shopman objected to giving it without a prescription.

"Do I look like a man who would kill himself?" the customer asked.

"I don't know, I'm sure," said the shopman, "but if I looked like you I should be tempted."—London Answers.

Not Lately.

"Ah," gushed the beautiful girl at the reception, "so you came through the famous mountains by rail. Tell me of the chasms and canons and passes."

The congressman frowned and looked troubled.

"I saw the canons and chasms," he sighed, "but passes I saw none. I haven't seen a pass since the first of the year."—Selected.

That Nothing Shail Be Lost.

The country grocer was issuing instructions to his new assistant. "It's only by looking closely after trifles," said the proprietor, "that a profit can be made in these days of close competition."

"Yessir," came from the boy.

"For example," continued the grocer, "when you pick the flies out of the sugar don't throw them away. Put 'em among the currants."

A Cautious Scot.

A Scotsman went to an English race meeting and boldly staked a sovereign. Strangely enough, the horse he backed proved a winner, and he went to the "bookie" to claim his winnings. The sporting man begrudgingly handed him five sovereigns. He looked at each one very carefully before placing it in his pocketbook.

"Well," said the bookie, with a snarl, "are you afraid they are bad?"

"Oh, no," said the Scotsman, "but I was just lookin' to mak' sure the bad yin I gie'd ye wasna among them!"

A Baptismal Episode.

An eminent judge, when asked about the facility with which he turned from one case to another replied that he had learned that from what he saw at a baptism of colored people when he was a boy. The weather was very cold, so that to immerse the candidate they were obliged to cut away the ice. It befell that when one of the female converts was dipped back into the water the cold made her squirm about, and in a moment she had slipped from the preacher's hands and was down the stream under the ice. The preacher, however, was not disconcerted. Looking up with perfect calmness at the crowd on the bank, he said: "Brethren, this sister hath departed. Hand me down another."

Bishop Potter's Answer.

A young clergyman in a remote country district wrote last Eastertime to Bishop Potter, saying that he was about to take a wife, and asked if, to save some other clergyman a long and weary journey, he could not marry himself.

The Bishop's reply was marvelously concise. It said:

"Could you bury yourself?"-Wash. Star.

Nothing.

A Northerner, riding through the West Virginia mountains came up with a mountaineer leisurely driving a herd of pigs.

"Where are you driving the pigs to?" asked the rider.

"Out to pasture 'em a bit."

"What for?"

"To fatten 'em."

"Isn't it pretty slow work to fatten them on grass? Up where I came from we pen them up and feed them on corn. It saves lots of time."

"Yaas, I s'pose so," drawled the mountaineer. "But, h—, what's time to a hawg?"—Everybody's Magazine.

A Little Too Soon.

Sam Jackson's wife was to be buried this afternoon and the bereaved colored man was shaking with grief over the coffin, when a comely young darkey maiden stepped over to his side and said, tenderly:

"Don't, Mistah Jackson; yo' mus' try an' bear up. Let me help yo' to fo'get."

"O, Miss Johnson," uttered the weeping man, between sobs, "it am berry kind in yo' t' offer such consolation, but ah mus' wait till aftah de fun-ral befo' ah engages in marriage talk."

The Young Adam.

Fred and Mabel had each been given an apple, but Fred had eaten his and coveted Mabel's. Seized with a brilliant idea, he suggested:

"Let's play Adam and Eve."

"All right," said Mabel, "but how do you play it?"

"Why, you must try to make me eat the apple, and I'll succumb."—THERESA GEIS, Shakopee, Minn.

No Danger.

Although Mr. Hobbs was taken at his face value by his son and heir, there were times when the youthful William's admiring tributes embarrassed his parent in the family group.

"I had quite an encounter as I came home tonight," the valorous Mr. Hobbs announced at the tea-table. "Two men, slightly intoxicated, were having a quarrel on the corner. As usual, there was no policeman in sight, and they were in a fair way to knock each other's brains out when I stepped between and separated them."

"Weren't you afraid, father?" asked Mrs. Hobbs, in a quavering voice.

"No, indeed, why should I be?" inquired Mr. Hobbs, inflating his chest.

"I guess there isn't anybody could knock any brains out of my father!" said Willie, proudly.

Soft.

Teacher—What did you do when Jimmy called you a liar?

Johnny—I remembered what you said about "a soft answer turneth away wrath."

Teacher—Good boy. What soft answer did you make?

Johnny—I hit him wid a rotten termater.
—Cleveland Leader.

Important.

A well-known Atlanta minister tells an amusing story of an Atlantan who has a wife with a sharp tongue.

Jones had come home about two in the morning, rather the worse for a few highballs. As soon as he opened the door his wife, who was waiting for him in the accustomed place at the top of the stairs, where she could watch his uncertain ascent, started upbraiding him for his conduct.

Jones went to bed, and when he was almost asleep could hear her still scolding him unmercifully. He dropped off to sleep and awoke after a couple of hours, only to hear his wife remark:

"I hope all the women don't have to put up with such conduct as this."

"Annie," said Jones, "are you talking again or yet?'—Atlanta Georgian.



Our Correspondents

"HAVE WE A PUBLIC CONSCIENCE?"

NE of the fine traits of healthy children is that of asking questions the phenomena they notice around, in physical or moral processes; and they are not easily satisfied with superficial answers, nor with sophistical ones either. They don't seem to come endowed with any taste for sophistry. That taste comes to us in proportion as we get accustomed and familiar with the wisdom of men. Perhaps one of the most important questions that the citizens of modern nations should ask of each other, is: Have we a public conscience? And if we, plain people, should go to the wise, with that question, for light on the subject, do you know what they would tell us? They would commence, in a very solemn form, to suggest that we must first explain what we mean by public conscience. Then, before we had time to give our own ideas about the meaning of conscience, then our dignified friends would indicate that we can only do today, in public affairs, what the public, the ignorant masses they mean, will allow the top classes to do for the bottom working multitudes to be improved, raised from their low life conditions.

Please remember that the same was the situation as far back as we may go. Progress has forever consisted in doing some good so that plenty of evil may remain, plenty of poverty among the many, plenty of wealth among the few, and always on the lookout so that not to do too much good at any given period, lest the whole fabric of civilization goes to pieces, because, lo! there is no more evil to suppress, no more poverty to relieve, no more ignorance, crime or vice anywhere; no more fear that the multitudes may ask more rights or wealth than they need for their own good, and that of the superior classes in each na-

tional group. Then, as for the evils that it is not yet right we should suppress; well, those evils are inevitable, we say today, as the Pharisees of every century have asserted.

And what about that eternal law of "Deliver us from evil?" Why should progress forever proclaim the great blasphemy of "Deliver us only from this or that fragment of evil?" We must then have plenty of evil for the next generation and century so that progress may continue to be the same farce it has ever been. Is all that a public conscience or anything of the kind?

Thus far, the best definition of the word conscience that the wisdom of men has managed to accept as approximately correct is as follows: "Conscience is the faculty which decides on the lawfulness or unlawfulness of our acts and feelings, and approves r condemns them." The great trouble with that definition or any other similar one, is that it does not localize in the minds of men any grand, specific duty through which we should respect and actualize the brotherhood of men in each national compact. That definition does not dare to discriminate between human and Divine law, and so it allows us to establish human laws in utter defiance of laws divine. What kind of a conscience can that make for any of us? The definition in question does not take cognizance of the general duties we owe to each other for good universal. And what kind of personal conscience remains to each one of us, if, collectively, through our own barbarous laws, we can crush each other into lives of perpetual sin? Each one of us remains then with but an insignificant fragment of the conscience we all need and a God of righteousness must mean each one of us should have. Yes, what we call our private or personal conscience, without the element of public conscience, is but a delusion and snare, the mere mirage of the conscience, a cheating process of the whole moral and spiritual life it is our imperative duty to live. Why is it that our important classes have never seen that, have never taught that to themselves and the rest of our poor humanity?

For poor mortals, without any wisdom or holiness to brag about, conscience should be "A fixed mental attitude representing a vivid, intense longing or desire to place humanity, nations and churches in peace with God." That requires that we should grasp the simple, natural principles, in social and collective life, that can alone create a normal, healthy environment for all of us to be able to live in accord with the golden rule principles of all natural and Divine law. Thus far we all do yet our best to repudiate those principles, because we all long and stand by human enactments, discarding the fixed, eternal morality of the Old and New Testaments, silently endorsed by the order of creation, and openly trampled upon by the concensus, traditions and laws that the selfishness of each generation has originated, under the leadership of what we have called the select classes everywhere."

For a short definition, let us say: "Conscience should be the whole human soul perpetually bent upon doing the best to rapidly suppress all legalized industrial robbery, as we are yet having more than ever, and establish legalized equity in all industrial and commercial relations, through a few simple laws of equal justice and rights to all, excluding all commercial or industrial privileges in any form whatever."

That kind of conscience would soon organize a progress and civilization fully respecting and acting out all natural and divine law, something that the earth has never yet seen.

When we try to be sensible with ourselves, and forget the dreadful prejudices and mean, narrow perceptions of life we have inherited from all distorted ages, we are forced to acknowledge that a God of beauty supreme, as He must be, could never plan, for His children on earth, the miserable social conditions we have thus far managed to concoct and devise. Our very perpetual changes and variations in progress, they alone prove the farce of such a progress. Our constant conflicts show the intense selfishness of all our social idea's. laws, traditions, conventionalities and forms of life. The truth does not need any changes, because, like God Himself, is the same yesterday, today and forever. It is the wrong and the false that has to change forever, because it has no gravitation center, nothing fixed from which to come and to which to return, no reality on which to lean, no verities from which to be fed, no source of light by which to dispel its own darkness.

All we can do, and should do, as quickly as possible, and the quicker the better, is to abandon, once for all, the vicious and rotten governmental circle of legalized selfishness. We should simply legalize altruism in all the one hundred and more branches of governmental action, so that to give to all men a full seat in the banquet of life, as decreed by God. Then alone shall we have a public conscience. Then alone shall we have a private conscience acceptable to that Sublime Father that we still do our best to misunderstand, and whose simple commands for joy universal we disregard, trample upon, fling to the winds.

JOSE GROS.

UNIQUE DOCUMENTS.

The original documents bearing upon a circumstance that occurred in West Texas about four years ago, has just reached the editor.

The little town of Sheffield is about seventy-five miles east of Fort Stockton, on the west banks of the Pecos River, remote from civilization, in a rough, mountainous part of the county, and has been in existence some ten or twelve years. Until the past few years, it bore rather a hard reputation with regard to shooting scrapes, etc.

Assurances are given that neither the justice who issued the capias nor the deputy who attempted to serve it and made his return to the judge to the effect that the prisoner had been killed, had any intention of being humorous, as all were in dead earnest.



The documents are as follows:

The State of Texas

To Any Sheriff of the State of Texas—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to arrest "the body of Nicolas a mexican" and him safely keep, so that you have him before the Honorable Justice Court of "Prect. No. 3" Pecos County in said State, at the "school" house of said County, in the town of "Sheffeld" on the "20" day of "February" A. D. 1904, then and there to answer the State of Texas upon a charge by complaint pending in said Court, charging him "the said Nicholas" with the offense of "assault with the intent to murder N. C. Rogers with a deadley weepon To wit one 30-30 winchester gum."

Herein fail not, but due return make hereof to this court on the "19" day of "February" 1904.

Witness my signature and official seal, this "17" day of "February" A. D. 1904.

"J. B. Hudspeth"

Justice of the peace

Precinct No. "3"

Pecos County, Texas.

Sheriff's Return.

Came to hand on the "19" day of "Feb."

A. D. 1904" exicuted on the 20 by killing the said Nicielas in self defense."

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"R. B. Neighbors"
Sheriff Pecos County, Texas
By

"W. I. Cates" Deputy.

The first sentence in the letter from Cates refers to another matter that has no connection with the killing whatever.—G. C. H. W. I. Cates

Deputy Sheriff Pecos County.
Sheffield Texas Feb. 21 1904.

Mr George Dear Sur enclosed Please find citation served on Mosier nother man shot in our comuniety Mr. Rogers wer shot by a mexican that wer hearding sheep for him me & S. H. Murray & 2 other boys went

after him found him in a cave a bout 6 miles from town he Positively refused to Give up he came out with his 30-30 said he would kill us if we dident go way & let him a lone So we fell off & went to work he soon laved down was buried in the same cave

as ever

W. I. C.

ANOTHER ANSWER TO QUERY.

In-the May issue of THE TELEGRAPHER appeared a question of train rights which is a deeper one than appears at first sight.

The June Telegrapher contained three solutions to the question, and all three identical.

The July number bears no reference to the question so far as I can see, and I am slightly disappointed that no more discussion of this excellent problem appears to have been provoked.

I disagree, singly and collectively, with the decisions of my esteemed brothers, as appearing in the June Telegrapher, although the local conditions may be such that their opinions are correct.

In the absence of full information from the author of this question, we are left open to assume that there is but one main track between Punxsutawney and XO tower, and that there is a regularly established passing siding, or its equivalent, the north end of which is located near XO tower.

With these assumptions in view, I claim that No. 14, after signing the restricting order, presumably placed at Punxsutawney, has a perfect right to proceed to, and stop clear of, the switch to be used by Extra 170 in going on the siding.

Extra 170 must expect to take siding at XO tower, since after passing the yard limit at XO tower their order is fulfilled, and as they had right over all trains to Punxsutawney only, they must be governed with respect to first-class trains precisely as a yard engine, or any other irregular movement within yard limits. For we must bear in mind the fact that no extra can by any form in the standard code be given absolute rights within yard limits.

C. W. NORTHROP, Cert. 2,094, Div. 8.



USUAL RESULT.

Something more than a year ago, the "Actual Business Institute," located at Salamanca, N. Y., branched out with a telegraph department.

They have had a number of so-called professors as instructors in this department, who worked for less salary than the glittering prospectus issued by the institute advertised their graduates could get.

They did, however, turn out a few graduates, who actually secured telegraph positions at \$30.00 per month, and some more who got chances to finish learning in a railroad office, after receiving their diplomas.

Their operations in fleecing the gullible youth have been temporarily checked recently, as a notice was posted on the doors by the sheriff advertising a miscellaneous assortment of telegraph instruments, etc., belonging to the so-called institute, for sale.

It is to be regretted that the principal of this establishment, who comes from Canada, and declines to take out naturalization papers in the United States, can not be prosecuted for obtaining money under false pretenses, as the testimony of prominent railroad officials before the Interstate Commerce Commission, last spring, was that practical railroad telegraphers could not be turned out of such schools.

"THE FLOATING BROTHER."

I have just finished the article by Mr. Hunt, in the May Telegrapher, also the two replies to this in the August number. To the brother who signs "A Floating Parasite," I say, "Shake, brother. Your heart is in the right place, and you look at the situation in the right way." Brothers, just read over Mr. Thomas' article in the August number. Read it through and own up if it is a fair letter. He contradicts himself all the way through. He says: "Please bear in mind that I am not adverse to assisting a worthy brother. I am always willing and glad to do this." And then, "So that when a brother seeing a stranger wearing a button or presenting a card need not tremble with fear and apprehension, thinking that he is about to be asked to share

his wages." Mr. Thomas, doesn't the obligation you took say, "* * that I will assist all destitute, worthy members of the Order who may apply to me for relief, when in my power to do so." Simply because a brother does not let one road own him for life is he unworthy? Is he unworthy because he happens to be in need while out of a position?

I've just one more thing to say. Ask Mr. Quick for his list of those who contributed to the fund for the commercial men, for the Murphy fund; for that needy brother down South some time ago. Ask the commercial men who helped them when they were out last fall. If it wasn't "the floating brothers" more than the home guards I'll quit. I was working with a boomer some time ago who has never done any commercial work in his life outside of a railroad office. Yet he has carried a C. T. U. of A. card since the strike.

Let us have some fund or system to help brothers who are out of work, but let's not hear anything more about "floating parasites." FLOATING PARASITE No. 2.

COMBINATIONS AND ORGANIZA-TIONS.

No subject within recent years has occasioned so much agitation or is fraught with so much interest to the masses of the American people in general, and to the wageearners in particular, as that of trusts and combinations for trade purposes. Syndicates and combinations of all kinds are the rule of the day. Railroads combine into large systems, manufacturers combine into colossal syndicates, farmers combine into co-operative societies, workers combine into trade unions. Each of these combinations, within its own sphere, serves a useful purpose, while all of them are admitted to be a necessary consequence of the development and perfection of organized society.

It is only when the combine becomes too grasping and oversteps the bounds of its legitimate privileges that evil is done. As each combine depends on the others, and the welfare of the whole implies the welfare of all the parts, reciprocity should be their standard of conduct, and

Christian principles should unite them together in a bond of brotherhood, sympathy and common interest. In view of the foregoing facts, it seems almost incredible that Mr. Van Cleave, Mr. C. W. Post. Rear Admiral Melville, Representative Littlefield, and hundreds of men of their ilk throughout the United States, who acknowledge and proclaim the practical benefits and necessity of the combine of capital and industrial enterprises, continue to wage a relentless and uncompromising campaign of abuse, falsehood and villification against all combines of the wage-earners.

That these men, many of whom stand high in the industrial world, are hypocrisy personified, is evidenced by the fact that while they are endeavoring to create the impression that their hostility toward the trade unions and their strenuous fight to establish the so-called "open shop" is solely designed for the rights and betterment of the wage-earners, they are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in a futile attempt to demoralize and suppress all labor organizations, realizing, as they do, that the success of the "open-shop" policy would not only mean a much lower wage scale, but that the same would determine the wage on the principles of a callous and inhuman political economy. It would grind men down to the lowest possible figure, pit one against another, and advertise for the hungriest workmen. It would be the moving backward of the hands on the dial of Progress. It would be a backing out of the highway of progression into the slough of retrogression and industrial slavery, from which the labor organizations have so indefatigably extracted the toiling masses.

The extension of commerce and rapid communication bring the whole world into competition, and the capitalist can undersell his rivals only by reducing to the utmost the cost of production. Over the cost of machinery, materials and transit he has little control, and his profit is snatched from the wages of labor. The work of man, his exertion, and his sweat become a commodity to be bargained for; hunger and distress constitute the capitalist's opportu-

nity, for when men are forced to work for small wages he has hopes of large profit.

This is an age of wealth and work, of colossal fortunes and enormous trusts, of thousands reveling in abundance, and millions toiling for a mere living. The population of the United States is separated into two classes, the comparative few who contend for wealth, and the many who struggle for existence.

Seated in his luxuriously-furnished office, surrounded by clerks, the capitalist marks out a new railroad line, or plans the erection of a great industrial plant, forecasts that profit can be made, sets his organization in motion, and ventures a part of his capital in order that his present great store may grow into a greater store. Yet not one step can he stir, not one dollar can he handle, not the simplest undertaking can he carry out, without the muscles and handiwork of men. Whether in cities teeming with industry, or in the cultivation of land. or in the transit by rail or ship, no gain, no fortune is possible that is not made up of the work of laborers, the sweat of their brow, the strength of their arms, the mettle of their hearts.

All the wealth of the world is the product of work. The magnificent buildings, great manufacturing industries, the investment in mines and railway stock, are all ultimately contributed by the work of the laborer. On the other hand, should wealth be locked up, as was recently the case, multitudes are deprived of work, and the masses of men who now toil in the daily struggle for existence would be face to face with hunger and misery. Thus wealth provides work, and in providing work increases wealth, yet wealth is created by work. How comes it then that the proceeds of work are so unequally divided? Is it just that wealth should have all the enjoyment, the ease, and the luxury, and that work should be left with the toil, the weariness, and the bare living? To what proportion of that produced is work entitled? Is not the whole scheme of the distribution of wealth unjust and untenable?

If a man gives all that is in him, his best ability of body or mind to his work, it is worth, at least, such a wage as shall de-

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cently feed, clothe and support himself and his family, enable him to discharge his ordinary duties to society, and make some provision for sickness and age. This is the lowest worth of a man's work, for if he is engaged in useful work, he expends his thought and his life's power for the general good, and not merely for the immediate employer or corporation, and justice requires that in the general arrangement of things he should be placed in such a position that he can easily and cheerfully continue the work. The real fund from which wage is paid is the price of the article produced. If, then, the corporation professes not to be able to give this least wage, or what is called living wage, it does not follow that the workman should be deprived of it. If it is a just wage he is entitled to it. The inability of the corporation to pay it signifies one of two things. It either means that the employer or the capitalist, or the railway company, or the wholesale or the retail dealer, is taking more than a fair share of the price of the article, or it means that the price is too low.

Whatever may be the condition of business or of prices, the living wage of workmen should never be interfered with, for it is the lowest worth of his work. That the contrary is the case, however, is evidenced by the fact that workmen are the first thing to suffer a reduction whenever a financial or industrial depression occurs. This was forcibly demonstrated last fall when the railways throughout the country, after a long period of unparalleled prosperity, began retrenching by attempting to reduce the wages of all their employes, just as soon as the financial depression was threatened, and had it not been for the united and determined stand taken by the railroad brotherhoods against this contemplated reduction, all, or nearly all, railway employes throughout the United States would have suffered a reduction in their wages. To corroborate this statement it is only necessary to point out that in nearly every instance where railroad employes were found unorganized their wages were more or less reduced. This fact alone ought to afford ample food for reflection, for those species

of humanity usually designated nons and irrepressible scabs.

Notwithstanding the fact that our friends -the enemy-those so-called captains of industry whose souls are steeped in sodden avarice and greed, are using every effort to annihilate all trade unions, the labor movement throughout the world is not only making marvelous progress, but the work of the same is being crowned with many worthy achievements. This is particularly true of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, which has met with phenomenal success during the past few years, and as the vista of the future spreads before us let us hope and pray that the railroad telegraphers throughout the United States and Canada will be found working in harmony, keeping step, touching elbows, and thus enable our grand Order to be lifted to a higher plane.

JOHN A. CROWLEY, DIV. 125, CERT. 78.

THOUGHTS AND OBSERVATIONS.

Thinking over my experiences in railroad work during the past thirty years, and the present conditions and future outlook, I observe that the working conditions of the telegraphers have been improved, but the financial conditions have also improved somewhat, and the wages have not advanced in proportion to the cost of living, etc. The nine-hour law seems to have played its part in the existing (?) "depression" (or oppression, rather). The corporations fought it under pretense of not being able to furnish the men, at the same time pleading that they could not stand the expense, even if it was possible for them to obtain the telegraphers needed to fill all twenty-four-hour offices. Their argument appealed to me as being one of saving a few dollars, instead of being unable to find competent telegraphers.

Mr. Willard declared before the commission that the people would have to pay the freight, charges and passenger fares. I would like to inquire who is paying the freight now? Before the corporations went to Washington with their petitions, they were on the "hedge." They closed night offices, reduced their forces and closed a great many offices that had for years been

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operated as telegraph offices, and even reduced three-trick jobs to one-man jobs after the law became effective, and the places had been operated as three-trick jobs for months. What did this do to us? First of all it must have put a good many men out of employment. Second, it forced men long in service to leave their homes, or home towns, and go to other places in order to have a job at all. Third, it reduced the pay for overtime of every telegrapher working under schedules providing for same. Under the circumstances, I am somewhat aware as to the location of the burden. Does this look like eight hours and a \$75 minimum? I think it does, and the railroads, like a great financier once remarked in regard to the coming of an event, "That it was bound to come, but we are going to 'stave' it off as long as possible." I think that the railroads see shorter hours and higher wages, but they will "hedge" and use their utmost efforts to have the present law repealed and "stave" off as long as possible any legislation favoring us or any other labor organization. They are now installing telephones along the different lines, giving it out that trains will be dispatched by telephone and telegraphers will be of no use or words to that effect.

I suppose that the traveling public and the general public would consider that they were being well (?) served under such a system. No doubt the railroads expect that telegraphers will not consider themselves as such if they are not required to telegraph and will do other work as requested, at so much per—"any kind of hours and existence." Are you a man? Are we men? Let's stand out and take a look at ourselves (as the Irish captain said to his soldiers), and if we conclude that we are real men let's stop making monkeys of ourselves, and, as Bro. Roberts admonishes us in the July number, we should vote together.

Webster defines man as a human being, a male adult of the best stamp—manful; having the spirit of a man, honorable, courageous, firm, brave, dignified. Now if we are men we are worthy of our hire and fair treatment. If we were not needed as telegraphers and all-round business men, we would have been put out of business

long, long ago. Possibly the railroads are planning some sort of "machine" to take our places; if so, all we can do is to stand by our "guns" to the last man in the protection of our homes and firesides. We must not think of doing this individually, but collectively. We must employ the same mode of warfare to protect us that the enemy seeks to destroy us with, viz., keep close together, keep our whole army nicely harmonized, and let every member have confidence, respect, and the most kindly feeling toward every other brother. Stick together, keep our officers and committees cognizant of everything that affects us as individuals or otherwise, no matter how insignificant it may seem to you, as the same thing or something similar may exist at hundreds of other places somewhere in the country. Remember this, that if the "interests" combine against you that it is to your interest to combine with your fellow employes to any degree, political or otherwise, to protect your interests and your brothers' interest. Capital long ago adopted this plan in profit taking, so at the present time it appears that the party that receives the largest campaign contributions elects their President; therefore, it would seem to follow that as the workingmen's capital is their labor and their votes, that they should organize and guide the product of their labor into the proper channels and their votes into channels that would procure the legislation they longed for and have so long sought in vain.

The difficulty seems to lie in the fact that a great many men do not think for themselves, but let some "Jaw Smith" talk and think for them.

I am inclined to think that Bro. Roberts is correct in his theory, that we should vote together, and solid, too, because if we belong to the O. R. T. our interests are identical; therefore, we should have men of our own kind to look after and guard our interests in the halls of legislatures and Congress, just as we have men of our own kind to look after our affairs at St. Louis.

Hoping that this will have the effect desired and that we will all sit up and keep an eye on the "powers that be," and prevent, if possible, losing any of the ground

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we have gained in the past, and that we are holding at present, striving to forge ahead and reach the coveted goal so long sought, brothers. I am

Fraternally yours,

DUDLEY.

QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED.

What chance has a young man to rise in the employment of a large railroad? To a certain extent this depends largely on the young man.

I have paid special attention to the promotions on various roads in the South, and have not yet learned of one man being advanced to the office of general manager on the road on which he commenced his first service as a railroad employe. A majority of the roads secure their general managers and superintendents from foreign roads, and these men, of course, bring their friends along and give them the position of superintendent or some other important position, regardless of experience or qualifications. Thus we can see what little chance there is for promotion for an old and faithful employe.

Another question which has been asked me is, why do the officials of your road never stop and speak to the employes at your station?

I venture to say that the public have the impression that employes that have been with roads any length of time have made the acquaintance of the general superintendent, general manager and president. This is not the case, although they make inspection trips often over their respective roads in their private cars, and about every five years will emerge from their car and inspect depot and surroundings, but nine times out of ten they will never introduce themselves.

I have been working continually for one road for fifteen years, and have had the pleasure of one visit from the president, although he did not make himself known to me. but I found out later he was the president of our road. There were other officials along with him, such as general manager, general superintendent, and a few directors,

but they did not desire any acquaintance with the employes of their own road.

I believe officials, when making official visits over their roads, should make the acquaintance of all employes, which would create a better feeling, and the employes will feel more like putting forth stronger efforts to advance the interests of the road they are working for.

An employe who has been with his road thirty or forty years should have some ideas which would be of benefit and profit to his superior officers, and would assist them to increase the earnings of the road, if they were known, but not being acquainted with the officers of his road he feels backward in making his suggestions known.

I have made suggestions to my superintendent which seemed to be appreciated, as he knew by my long service and past record I was trying to assist him and not dictate.

The panic and rate reduction of the legislatures of the various States in the South has worked a hardship on Southern roads, and is being felt very much.

Some roads have requested their agents to talk to the public and try to create a better feeling among their patrons. This is a very hard proposition for an agent, after he has worked twelve hours and is still behind with his work on account of no assistance whatever.

ANALYSIS OF OUR WORK.

Our work as railroad telegraph operators divides itself into three parts, sending, receiving and noting if the trains are in complete running order.

We know, of course, that telegrams and train reports are transmitted over the wire by means of Morse signals, each letter in a word helping to make up a telegram is represented by a Morse signal or Morse letter. These signals, we all know, are composed of three elements, namely, dots, dashes and spaces. The dots are made by a quick movement of the key down, followed by an upward movement. The dashes are made the same way, only by a little longer movement. The other element of the Morse signal, the space, is simply an interval of time of a varying length.

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Now, as I have described the nature of our system, or rather Morse's system, I will continue to say what the strain is on an operator. The analysis of the work of transmitting the word "telephone" shows us that it involves labor of two kinds. Muscular and mental measurements are necessary, and the mind must act thirty-six times in measuring the intervals of time between the movements.

In the word "good," which is of less than the average length, twenty muscular movements are necessary. An operator must move one set of muscles in his sending hand eight hundred times in sending forty such words per minute, forty-eight thousand times per hour, and three hundred and eighty-four thousand times in one day.

It seems past belief that any part of the human body could remain useful after having been subject to the strain of moving three hundred and eighty-four thousand times in one day.

I certainly can not be successfully contradicted when I say that no person, except the operator of telegraphy, is called upon to endure such a strain and for as small amount of pay. The operator gets about \$2 for an eight-hour day, at best. Some get less, I, for one. I get \$1.45, and some get less than I do.

Now. if you note, the public thinks an operator gets good money, and you will hear them say, a stenographer only gets from \$40 to \$50 a month, while an operator gets from \$55 to \$60. Well, a stenographer gets off for dinner on Saturday and is off until Monday morning, and two weeks of a year for a vacation, with pay, while an operator works straight time the year around.

The next point of an operator's work is a strain on his nerves, which shortens his life. and more yet, he loses his sending power from his over-worked nerves and muscles becoming worn out, and then he loses his responsible position, which he has secured at the expense of a lifetime of ambitious toil, or if not his position, he loses part of his salary when he most needs it, and this compels him to seek other means of earning a living at a time when such a change is greatly to his disadvantage.

Now, my brothers, don't you agree with me that we should try to prevent this by securing a minimum which would allow us pay enough for our work, so as when we are unable to pound brass any longer we could have a sum large enough stored away whereby we could rest the balance of our lives.

My idea is that an operator should get at least as much as an engineer, who has to look after his own train's safety, while an operator has to look out for all that passes his office, which is no small amount.

An engineer has no muscular strain to shorten his life; he can stay with his job until he has served his time for a pension, then lay back on it the rest of his life.

Now, boys, let us get awake and think this matter over, and think of plans to get this, and then when times get better we can go right after it, and then we can let the public see how an operator gets paid. The public don't realize what an operator has to do, and it is up to us to show them, and then ask them to aid us in our attempt to secure the proper amount of raise we should have to make our salary look honorably good.

M. O. T.

THE KIND THAT SCAB.

PHOENIX, ARIZ., August 10, 1908.

Editor The Telegrapher, St. Louis, Mo.:

DEAR SIR-I never was a member of the O. R. T., but I want to join. I understand that members of that society by paying their dues can get jobs that pay good on roads that have a contract with you. I, of course, won't promise to pay dues unless I can get that job. A fellow told me that the reason all of the telegraph jobs in the country pay so good now is because that the roads that have a contract with you have got to pay good, and the others have got to pay good to keep their men from quitting and going to the contract roads. He asked me if I did not think that I ought to be helping pay for some of the good pay we are getting now, but I do not see why I should help pay for it. There are plenty of members without me, and I have got to get married so I can save money, because if I do not I will spend it for boose. So I say, let them that wants to help, pay. But I want to get



some more money and if I can get it by belonging to your society I will not mind paying something toward dues as soon as I get some of it on the job you get for me.

I like to railroad telegraph because they treat me better. When the Western Union fellers went out on a strike in our town they paid me a dollar an hour for the telegraph work, and I was making a pile of money, but what do you think this big old chief did here? Well, when the strike was over he wanted me to work for \$30 a month, and said that company wanted to make back the money they had paid out, and that they did not care if I staid or not, after me working so hard for them. But I do not like this pay telegraph business anyway. When I was first in here they told me to send on key and sounder without any relay, and that they would answer me on another sounder, and called it a dooplex, and another feller that tried to sine "VK," made it "49." and when I sent him a telegram (that's what they call them pay messages) he said R. R. it, and when I worked in the biggest restaurant in Phœnix they wanted me to hurry when they said railroad it, and so I just gave it to him good, and they told me that I was not sending Morse. This big chief throwed a book at me and told me to go back on the farm. I worked on the Pea Vine, where we have a train both ways every day and the water train twice a week and nearly every Saturday. I took a train order for that water train and the dispatcher got it back all O. K. and then this big chief said I did not send Morse.

I am going back on the railroad just as soon as I get my O. R. T. ticket, so I can get big money. But I am not going to pay out a lot of money if I don't have to. Please answer me if there is any way I can get in cheap. I do not want to be on any committees, because then the railroad would find out that I belong to your society, and want to let me out, and I would have to go back with pa and help cut the trees the sawmills make in lumber, and I don't like that work, would you? Please write to me soon and tell me how I can get in.

Yours truly, CYRUS PARSONS.

A WORD TO FLOATERS.

I believe in the old adage of "fight fire with fire." I have noticed that since the nine-hour Federal law went into effect that some railways have discriminated against their operators by making split tricks, causing the day or first trick man to work six hours, then hike to some freight office and put in the other three hours cleaning the freight house, or most any old thing. I am also happy to note that some railways have treated their operators very fairly in the matter of the nine-hour law. One Eastern road, in particular, put in the third man several months before they were actually compelled to by the law; also, they made the tricks eight hours each wherever it was not necessary to lap over on account of heavy work.

Now, Bro. "Floater" (I call myself one because I have floated from Ohio to North Dakota and back twice in two years, and may do it again) here is where we can retaliate. Now I fully believe that certain railway companies made and, in some instances are still making, our lives, as operators, as miserable as possible, in the vain hopes that we will ask a repeal of that nine-hour law.

Brother operators, stop one moment and think, are those who have positions, working nine hours out of every twenty-four. going to have a law repealed that would force them back to twelve hours' work? I think not. Now, brother operator who is out of work, are you going to ask for the repeal of a law that will throw oncthird of the operators now holding positions under the nine-hour law, out of work? If so, what for? To make your chances less in getting employment or for the sake of having some of them now at work join us in a side-door sleeper, or go arm in arm to the back door of a section man's house for a handout? I think not. Now here is where we can get even. The good crops, together with other evidences of heavy traffic, is going to cause some railways to go short on operators when they attempt to handle the heavy traffic and reopen many of the now closed stations. The low salaries still paid are not going to entice many

operators from other business and professions they have taken up; therefore, the railways will be somewhat dependent upon us "floaters" to fill these offices, and I would advise and suggest that when we apply for work on any of the railways we first learn how said railway treated their operators immediately after the nine-hour law went into effect. If adverse to us operators then go elsewhere and seek and, if possible, get a position with the railway company that obeyed the law in spirit as well as in letter. By doing this it will cause respectable railways to respect us, and cause the others to not be so hasty in cutting off their supply of operators in the iuture. Dock.

VOTE RIGHT.

In the times gone by the cry has been, "Organized labor must keep out of politics, or become disrupted." The time has now come when, in view of the open antagonism shown by the judiciary against organized labor, our existence demands that we enter politics, or become disrupted.

By the use of the injunction and the misapplication of existing laws, the working man is deprived of his human rights, and the only weapons of labor—the strike and boycott-are denied him. Laws passed for our protection have been turned against us, contrary to the intent and purpose of the law. But recently the highest court in the land declared that a strike is in restraint of trade and punishable under the Sherman anti-trust law, and in considering questions in dispute between capital and labor they have considered allegations which had no foundation in fact, and ignored facts that favored the cause of labor, and rendered their decisions accordingly. Capital has rights which are respected, while the human rights of man, which are higher and above those of capital, have been neglected, and there is but one redress -the ballot.

It remains for the working man to use his ballot according to his interest and the dictates of common sense, rather than at the command of some political boss representing the special-privilege-seeking corporation, and, regardless of what the capitalistic press has to say regarding the merits or demerits of the parties in the coming campaign, it is up to the working man to keep in mind the slogan of organized labor, "Vote for your friends and against your enemies."

CERT. 38, DIV. 89.

THE DRONE AND THE HOG.

In the June issue of THE TELEGRAPHER I was interested in the editorial analysis of two types of industrial parasites, that act as friction brakes on the progress of labor's movements for industrial betterment from without—"The Non and the Scab."

In this little article I desire to dwell on their modified parallel that is within organized labor—"The Drone and the Hog." The former is the passive quantity, that considers placing his name on the rolls of his local is the only effort necessary to place him in "Class A" or advance the welfare of his craft.

He is on a par with the youth that considers his name on the school roll will bring him an education without his individual effort.

If he was as full of effort for labor's welfare as he is full of apologies for his indifference, he would be what is in the language of slang termed "a peach."

About the only redeeming qualification he possesses—he is not a knocker. Several reasons develop this trait in him; any old thing suits him; drift with the tide is his motto; individual ease and not individual effort is his practice. He is seldom in possession of enough information of the workings of his local to express an idea, and as to the broad problems confronting labor (that have become almost intolerable conditions and that cry out for immediate redress), he is about as conversant as he is on the size of the inhabitants of the planet Mars.

Seldom, if ever, he lends his presence to a monthly meeting, and it is on this point he is most prolific in apologies. "They are so dry." "It was the only night he could arrange to take his wife or family to the park, theater or a social euchre," as either of these may be seasonable, to say nothing of the fibs he can manufacture on the ills

of innocent baby, and he usually winds up with the stock expression, "Oh, I guess they can get along without me anyway."

Should you come in personal contact with him and refer to something in the journal. he will startle you by saving he has not removed the mailing cover off one for years. He is the source of considerable work and worry for both general and local secretary. requiring repeated letters notifying him that his financial standing is close to the danger line. And his name is often followed on the secretary's roll by an asterisk, which, on further reference means "dead but he don't know it." In short he is a type that never does much harm or much good to any cause. The most aggravating feature of him is not in kind but in numbers.

The hog is a somewhat different proposition, the product of acute competition, and develops with industrial breakdowns, that are part of our present economic system. At the present time he is very much in evidence, more especially so among organized labor, where the rate of pay is not governed by a fixed salary, but by piece-work or trip basis. Unlike the drone, he is possessed of considerable energy, but it is all expended around that personage represented by the pronoun "I."

He is an advanced believer in the doctrine of "The devil take the hindmost." Also, unlike the drone, he has an idea, and it is, that he is the hub around which his craft revolves, and that organization exists for his sole benefit. To substantiate his claim, he substitutes noise for argument and nerve for reason.

When curtailment of force is yet a rumor, he assists it by associating with two or three more of his kind in a self-appointed committee, appearing before the department officials in an endeavor to keep the loaf and deny his brother members a bun.

Brother is a nice sentiment, but to him it has no value. Some of his fellow workmen must be industrially murdered that he may hog it all.

The only time he is a social chap is when you may meet him at an anti-prohibition community if he happens to be "shy" and thinks you are flush.

The principal reason he is tolerated within the ranks of labor is "of two evils choose the least." Outside of the organization he would possibly be an active member of Farley's professional strike-breakers. He has to be endured, if not respected.

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THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

This morning, as I strolled into Ciudad Juarez, Chihuaha, to get my mail, I received a letter from a friend in Mississippi who lost his wife, two children and nearly all his stock, tools and buildings in the last cyclone, and in this letter was a press clipping telling of the Mexican revolution in this and other places, and my friend advised me to pack up and return to good old Mississippi again, as I might lose my life here.

With this clew, that there was a revolution going on down here. I began at once to ask every Mexican I knew where the revolution was, and who was the revolutionist, and each one surprisingly told me "Quien Sabe." So, to be sure, I went to the bank where I was going to put my July salary, and asked, and found also that it was "Quien Sabe." I knew this man had a bad record, but I was under the impression he was dead, for some two years ago, while in Nogales, Ariz., I called on my friend, Mike O'Hooligan, who was then a machinist in the railroad shops there; he had a Mexican helper, and one day, as a funeral was passing, Mike asked him: "Jose (in Mexican, Joseph), whose gittin' the free roid to the cimitery today?" and Jose replied, "Quien Sabe." Then Mike said: "Well, if that ither spalpeen, "Manana," would only die, too, we would have the two av thim."

Mike is a direct descendant of the New York police force, and is very proud of his family history.

But it is possible that we may have two "Quien Sabes," as by our method of naming children here we may duplicate the names, as I think fully half the men and boys I know are either named Jose or Jesus.

Not feeling quite sure about Quien Sabe, I went down to the bull ring, where we always have our bull fights if there are enough American tourists come over and pay \$1.50 admission to keep the business going, for we could not do it on the Mexican patronage at twenty-five cents each; this part of the industry being dependent upon tourists, like Los Angeles.

As I neared the ring the people were. coming out and there being some five hundred or one thousand Americans and so few Mexicans I had some difficulty in getting to one, but, finally, I saw one who had made a good winning from a tourist from Massachusetts, betting on his rooster in the cock fight, so I said, "Jose (we always address strangers as 'Jose' here) are you a revolutionist?" Jose slowly opened his eyes, smiled, and hardly above a whisper, said, "Estoy boracho" (I am drunk), so I knew I was getting near the revolution, for if a fellow takes only a little mescal or tequila, he is a revolutionist, but if he takes too much he can only say, "Estoy boracho" for about twelve minutes, then for about forty-eight hours he is like a Chicago coldstorage hen, and smells about as far.

The next man I asked said it was in Viezca, so I immediately wired my friend down there and he replied: "There was something like it down here. It was going on a good shape and one of the leading banks contributed \$20,000, clearing-house certificates," to the campaign fund, and said if that was not enough they could give their note next time, as they had just sent their money all away to buy more paper to make certificates." He said that while it lasted it reminded him of a switchmen's strike, and that some of the planks in their platform were not pleasing to everybody, still, all in all, it compared favorably with all the leading platforms.

Down in Las Vecas it was a little more exciting, for the operator wired me confidentially, with McNeal's mining code, that if they only had enough men, plenty of arms and ammunition, enough people to kill, and plenty of time to do it without working Sundays or Saints days, they might compare favorably with the railroads in killing.

My correspondent in Del Rio said that it looked to him just like the Wall street panic coming back to the United States again. He said everybody laid it onto everybody else, and that one of the revolutionists got his ears boxed for pointing his gun at the school teacher. He said that if we got the right President next time it would all pass away as easy as it came. It is a bad time to interest the public in a revolution, just when the watermelon season is at its height and all the doctors busy, and can not sew up the revolutionists.

The number of revolutionists is estimated all the way from one in Tucson to eleven in the jail in El Paso, and, possibly, one or two scattering.

In general appearance they are similar to Coxey's army, only that they speak a foreign language, and do not cry for bread, but for beans, and will take silver money if pressed so to do.

When burying the dead they fill their mouths with beans, and many have afterwards passed for Boston people.

I hardly think there is enough revolution to go around on account of the hot weather. Many think the revolution is due to the severe drouth we are having, which makes everything so inflammable, and just across the river in El Paso, Tex., they can not use the city water to put out fires, as it burns also, but Sunday in El Paso is the driest substance known.

A private dispatch from my correspondent in Mexico City says they have decided to elect what revolutionists are left to be Congressmen, and thus get them out of sight; a few will also be used for target practice, and the one in Tucson will be admitted to the Union with Arizona, and be made to pay poll-tax as a punishment if he does not become exempt by age before Arizona gets in.

The Governor of Texas says he can not do anything with those that crossed into his State, which shows Texas is still solid, when they have no use for additional votes.

This effectually disposes of all the revolutionists, except one in Los Angeles, Cal., and I have wired the Central Committee there to use him in the doubtful precincts in November.

There are possibly some more revolutionists, as we are lacking the returns from one or two precincts in the following towns: Cosamaloapam, Tzinacantepic, Coixtlahuaca, Ahuacatzingo, Hulmanguillo, Totomistlahuaca, Silacayupam (east of the postoffice only). Ixtlahuaca (one suspect), Sihautinejo (water front missing), Cusihuiriahuachic (mail only once a month), When these are all in I will send them in by parcels post, so they will be safe from being discovered.

A man, supposed to be a revolutionist, as his face was seen to be terribly cut and lacerated, was seen sitting in the mouth of a cave, so he was smoked out by the soldiers, and was found to be a student, graduate of a German college, and the lacerations were only his college scars. He was sent here from Germany to study the life of the solitary wasp that had been seen a couple of years before in this cave by another scientist.

A wire from my correspondent in La Paz B., Cal., is as follows:

"Report of lady revolutionist here was only a leading society lady who had just received her 'directoire' dress from Paris, and in her anxiety to be the first lady to wear a 'directoire' in La Paz she put it on before making up her form, and when she saw herself in the glass she became frightened, jumped through the window and ran down the street, but they secured a leading bull-fighter, who rushed up and shook a merry widow hat in her face and caught her eye, then Sr. Don. F. R. Z. (no names given in these dispatches, as we do not wish to embarrass any one), a rich widower, rushed up behind to cover her with a kimono, when everybody rushed to the streets with smoked glass to see the unusual sight. Some fainted from fright, while the braver ones, who had read of the phenomena, continued to gaze at the strange sight through their smoked glasses, and some even risked their naked eyes. At 11:35 the eclipse was all over.

(To the Editor: The operator at the wireless office tells me the lines got crossed on the wireless, and the line repairer being away on his vacation, he had no one to go out and locate the cross, so he thinks the

Smithsonian Institute has the end of our message, and says that you better call them up on the phone and see if the lady got home all right with her new dress.)

At an early hour this morning the revolution was three feet eight and one-half inches below high-water mark and going down rapidly. ELMER STEARNS.

THINGS WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT.

I have never yet written anything to be put in the columns of our journal, as I, like the majority of us, have always let the others do the writing, while we quietly and contentedly looked on.

But brothers, you all have your thoughts and opinions of what you think would be best for our organization and THE RAIL-ROAD TELEGRAPHER is maintained solely for us to discuss these matters, and more of us should make suggestions, discuss the situation and express our opinions through the columns of our valuable journal.

Only a few days ago I was talking to a brother of long standing and I asked him his opinion on a certain topic which wabeing discussed in the columns of our journal, which was worthy of the consideration of all the members. His answer was: "He had not read it, that all he ever read in the journal was the stories."

Brothers, we should leave the stories until the last. I know they are all first-class, but first of all read and study the editorials and correspondence, then read the stories. There are too many of us like the brother I referred to above.

We must read and see for ourselves what is going on around us. Just yesterday l read in a labor journal that a certain railroad had declared war on unclassified labor organizations, such as the International Brotherhood of Trackmen, Railway Clerks and Baggagemen, Car Repairers and Machinists. The president has issued instructions to the several superintendents of that road to have removed from the service of that company at once leaders and members of the above organizations. You all understand that if they succeed in this, they will follow up by trying to oust the classified organizations, such as the B. L. E., B. L. F., B. R. T., O. R. C. and O. R. T., and that

other roads will follow the same plan. It has been shown that it is useless for a discharged employe to go into court to get justice for belonging to a labor organization, for there is none there for us. We can be black-listed, but must not, under penalty black-list any one-that is the justice we get. And if the classified organizations mentioned above stand idly by and watch the unclassified crushed out of existence by corporate greed, you can readily see where we are going to land. It is high time we were thinking seriously about these things that are dear to us. The Pinkerton labor spies have crushed out more than one labor union, and are at all times ready to do this kind of work, more so than they are to run down criminals, for there is more money in destroying labor unions than in running down criminals. It would be well for you to look into their record; it will make the blood that flows through your veins boil with rage.

One more thing I would call your attention to is our proposed bond company. This subject should receive the careful consideration of the entire membership, as it means so much to all of us.

This is a first-class investment for the members, and if organized will be, in my opinion, a grand success; also one of the strongest bulwarks of our organization. The time has come when we must have relief from somewhere, and this is the best way we can get it. We are plenty able to maintain and run such a bond company as this, and by all means should do so.

Brothers, I earnestly ask you to think over the things I have mentioned and express your opinions and make any suggestions that will in your judgment be a help to the cause in which we are all interested and working for.

D. D. Hodges.

THE SCAB.

This is not a very attractive title to be applied to anything. Ugly as it is, however, and were it ten times as ugly, it still would elevate the creature it is meant to designate. What, then, is the thing that can receive honor from such an opprobrious term? We are forced to confess that it is a fellow human being. Not a head hunter,

an Apache, nor a black hand artist, as might be supposed; these fellows are all good and honest citizens compared to the scab. We look for nothing from the head hunter but that he will cut off our head if he gets a chance. The only Apache anybody would think of trusting is one who has been dead for some time; and a black hander will warn us before he blows us up. How very much better are they than the scab, who injures only those who have befriended him and who seek only for his good. He is a new species of traitor and infinitely more vile than the regular brand, for he attempts to sell the principles of his fellow workers for a paltry temporary gain. But he doesn't succeed. Union labor is the real chariot of progress. The scab must either educate himself to see the advantage of riding inside, or else continue to hang on to the wheels and eventually be crushed.

In constituting himself an obstruction to the union's inevitable movement toward a higher civilization, the scab stamps himself as a fool as well as a knave, for he insures his own ultimate annihilation.

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A WARNING.

Through the influence of brotherly love for the interest and welfare of my brother agents and telegraphers, I have been prompted to write a few lines for THE TELEGRAPHER. giving a brief account of my experience with the bond companies lately, which may be a warning to others and save some the trouble and inconvenience that follows such an experience.

In the first place I wish to state that my ability to write an article for a journal of this kind is very limited, so I ask that you do not compare my ability as an agent and telegrapher with the style of this article.

After working on different lines for several years I was assigned an agency which had a revenue of between \$35,000 and \$40,000 a year. After working a year or more in this position, and being checked up a time or two O. K., my wife was taken sick and was at the point of death, so I asked to be relieved, in order to stay with her through her sickness, but no relief was available. My wife had been taken to her

home and was writing every day for me to come home or I would not see her alive, so I urged the superintendent to relieve me, and he failed to do so, offering all kinds of excuses, until finally he said for me to go for as few days as possible, leaving the office in charge of helper, and he would send an operator to work nights and let the night man work days during my absence, so I just simply had to go, and went. My daily reports, being then more than thirty days behind on account of my having to stay at my wife's bedside; this fact was known to the superintendent and auditor. All kinds of money was being handled and no account being kept of it during my absence, as I learned later. And my accounts became forty-five days behind, every one of them, and during my absence my helper had taken credit for company bills to the amount of over \$300, which I had no time to investigate, and presuming them to be O. K., because of his years of experience in the office, allowed them to pass, and I kept the money in the bank in order to remit a draft, instead of "barrels" of silver, and my own, if I had any, money in same deposit. So I was put to nearly \$300 expense during that sickness, and lost considerably by my lack of attention to affairs; so the auditor (you all know the Mr. T. A.) came around, checked, cursed, checked again, cursed again, etc., and checked me about \$12.00 over. Just when he was beginning to copy his reports, however, he began to think over things and decided to investigate that company bills affair of over \$300, so then the fatal blow came off.

They were merely advances that had been paid another road by the agent making the W. B.'s, and had no connection with our account, so there I was \$287.68 short. Well, I wired a party for the money, but it was not forthcoming; so I went to see a man in town, who loaned me the amount on security of my helper and another party, in addition to my furniture, etc., worth \$800. So the T. A. said, considering the circumstances, if I made up the amount immediately he would remit it and make note of it as "spl. entry," and make no other report of it, and especially to the bould company, as that would only

be necessary in case he was unable to collect it.

Well, the amount was raised, the auditor went home assuring me (with these words, "My boy, you are O. K. now, and try to keep so") that everything would be O. K. but the next morning when I went to the office I opened the door in the faces of three individuals, who were none other than those of the same T. A., exp. R. A. and relief agent (the man who was not available when my wife was at the point of death and I wanted off so bad) to check me out: so they did, and in a day or two my service voucher came with the cause for issuing, "dismissed." I cornered the T. A. and asked him to do what he could for me in the way of protecting my character and bond, and he assured me the bond company would never hear of it, and said go right ahead and refer back to them or to me, and they will bond you if it happens to be same company, etc. So I packed my belongings and hiked out to another road, securing employment after a week's delay, as relief agent, only to work a month when I was notified that the bond company had asked them to be released from my bond, it being the same company, so I was in the cold and am vet.

But before this came off I received a nice letter from Mr. T. A., hoping I was well and my wife and baby same, etc., and closing by stating he had a claim against me for \$100 and a few cents, that he had failed to locate before, and it was on bills I was supposed to have collected from an "authorized credit firm," which I had not charged myself with, etc.; so he closed with the remark that he hoped I would be "manly" and pay it as promptly as I had the other. Well, I answered by next train, asking him to have credit firm produce bills which he stated they held with my signature to them. He then wrote me as follows:

at once, as I do not wish to report to the bond company unless duty compels me to."

I wrote him that I would pay it as soon as I could get the money, if he would not report it to the bond company (fool like). So I borrowed the money and paid it, in order to keep the bond company off of me, because my position was all I had to support my wife and baby on, and I sent him the money, receiving his thanks, etc., with assurance he would not mention it to the bond company; but in a week or two the aforesaid trouble came with the company by which I was employed, cutting me out and referring me to the bond company.

I wrote the T. A., asking him for a letter stating that "while my accounts were short," he believed me to be honest, and had encountered no trouble in making collection of shortage.

I received the following:

"In reply to yours of the —— will merely say that I am not in position to give employes any letters.

"Yours truly. T. A."

I had my household goods held up on account of the loan I had to take out, and through the kindness of a dear brother of the O. R. T. with whom I had worked for a long time, who sent me \$300 for six months, without security, but another good brother voluntarily giving him security on account of his kindness, I was thus able to release my household goods, and I am living with my wife and baby again, but have

not had a day's work since April, and can't get one, and the \$300 is about due the agent who sent me the money to release my household goods, and who is needing it to build a house. So I am still in a hard position, yet I still have hopes of getting on my feet again some day, and do not ask help, but only employment, and if any good brother is in a position to put me next to employment of any kind and will kindly address J. H. C., care A. E. Price, Blue Creek, W. Va., I will get the letter and try for the position, and will surely appreciate the favor, and never forget it.

This T. A. is a dangerous man, and my advice to all bonded men is to be quite sure you are straight to a penny, and get out of the "bonded" position as soon as possible, or support the proposed bond company for the O. R. T. boys to the limit, by taking stock and inducing others to do so. I am trying to sell the Yetman transmitting typewriters, for which I have had the agency for some time, and also make an all-iron message clip-holder for sale to telegraphers, and if any of you contemplate buying anything of this kind you will greatly help me out of the mire by giving me your order.

I hope my experience will be a caution to you, and save you the same experience, and will close by stating that the only way I know of, or think of, in repaying that official (?) T. A. is by giving the doctor a job patching his face, when I see him.

Although I have no position, I am loyal to the O. R. T., and always expect to be.

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St. Louis Div., No. 2.

We are glad to be able to report another schedule to the credit of St. Louis Division, No. 2. The St. Louis Southwestern, or Cotton Belt, now being a scheduled line, with a \$60.00 minimum.

Bro. A. C. Lindenmuth, of the general office force, is fishing for a couple of weeks.

Bro. Geo. Russell Smith was a late caller at headquarters. Bro. Smith was formerly a telegrapher for the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis, but has not worked for this company since August, 1904. "There are others."

Bro. D. G. Ramsey, past president, was at headquarters the latter part of August.

Bro. J. W. LaFever, the general secretary of No. 2, is taking a much needed rest. Better pay your dues before he gets back, hoys, or he will tell you about it.

Considerable noise is being made about the telephone supplanting the telegraph on railroads. Your correspondent has heard this talk for some fifteen years, and has positively refused to be scared about it. Does any one suppose the telephone operator (that is, the one who can handle trains successfully) will work for less than the telegrapher has worked for? We think not.

Bro. F. C. Minor, of Division 2, who was operated on for appendicitis July 24th, is at home at Amboy, Ill., and will soon resume work.

Dry. Cor.

Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

Middle Division-

Our regular meeting at Harrisburg, August 6th, was opened in due form with all officers filling their places except one or two, which were filled temporary. A large number of the brothers were in attendance. It looked like one of the old-time meetings, and great interest was taken in the proceedings by every one present. Very important subjects were brought up and discussed, and the old-time enthusiasm and energy displayed. This is as it should be. We are glad to see the brothers taking an interest in the good work. It should be taken into consideration that we are not in this work for pleasure alone, but it is for the good of all of us, and those dependent on us, and we should put forth an effort to get to the meeting at least once a month. Now, brothers, do this. Make it a practice to go to our meeting at Harrisburg every first Thursday in each and every month. We admit there are occasions when it is impossible to attend, but we should do the best we can along this line.

While it is a fact that we are passing through one of those periods of hard times that this country experiences some times, and employment is hard to get, and there is a general depression in all lines of business, yet this should not in any way interfere with our progress in the Order. We should be just as loyal to the cause, and make as much effort to complete thorough organization as though we knew nothing of a depression in business.

Do not lose sight of the fact that just as soon as we become careless, and do not look after our interests, or keep our ranks solid, just that soon we will drift back to our former conditions, and do not think that our actions and our interest in our organization is not kept track of, and every weak point taken advantage of, therefore keep on the move. Do not let an opportunity pass to further the interests of our noble Order, thereby furthering our interests. We are glad to see the loyalty of the brothers in old No. 3. We admit the result of our endeavors at this time are not as noticeable as they have been in the past, but we feel assured the brothers know just what the difficulty is. These panics do not last always. and it is up to us to remain loyal to the cause. and as times brighten results will again appear on the surface. For the present we must stand together and hold on to what we have. There is a brighter day coming, and the dawn is even now apparent.

Bro. Quick has asked us to make a final effort to complete thorough organization. I hope every brother will use every honorable means to secure at least one new member, and help the good work along. While it is a fact that it would be impossible for each of us to procure a new member on our division, as the number of non-members is so very small, yet we may know of men on other lines or divisions that we could be the means of bringing into the fold.

The annual report of your General Committee, issued by our worthy general secretary and treasurer, Bro. Nightingale, of Camden, N. J., has been received by your local chairman. Come out to our next meeting and some things of interest will be learned.

Very few of the brothers in No. 3 are acquainted with the general secretary and treasurer of our General Committee. We have a good man in this position, and we should give him all the support possible, as our interests will be looked after properly, and I know he will fill the office to the satisfaction of all, as his qualifications are such that a better choice could not have been made.

Bro, J. F. Hack is enjoying a two weeks' vacation attending the Mexico camp meeting.

Bros. G. W. and C. R. Banks have gone West on a ten days' pleasure trip.

Bro. Jacob Dubs and family are at present on a pleasure trip.

Bro. Geo. I. Heikes has been transferred to Hollidaysburg from Mifflin, and Bro. L. C. Burris to Mifflin from Thompsontown, account of Bro. Davis being transferred from main office at Altona to Thompsontown on account of reduction in force.

I note our discipline bulletins show that the operators come in for their share of discipline with the other employes. Now, brothers, it would look well if we could keep "operator" off this list. I admit every one will make a mistake at times, especially when you take into consideration the many duties an operator must perform, but I think often these errors are made through carelessness.

We should at all times do our duty, and do it well, and always keep in mind the interests of the company. Protect their property. Let no opportunity pass that would be a benefit to our employer. Respect your superiors in the service, and carry out their orders, thereby keeping down the discipline list, and at the same time there will be fewer dismissals from the service for cause; upportunities for promotion will be greater, and the chances for an advance in wages better.

I hope the brothers will attend strictly to business. Do your work in a business-like way. Answer your dispatchers promptly and give them all the information you can, when there is trouble at or near your office. You have nothing to lose, and all to gain. Show your officials that you are doing your best, and there will be no room for complaint; then, we ask them for a concession they will realize that it is to their interest to treat with us fairly, and when we make these small mistakes as we pass along, they will be more lenient with us, seeing that we are doing our duty to the lest of our ability.

To those brothers who have as yet not paid their General Committee assessment I would ask you to attend to this at once, as your committee can not do business without your assistance along this line.

You surely must be familiar with the condition of the treasury. At the time your committee convened there was not a dollar in the treasury, and we were obliged to stand our own expenses for the time, so you can very readily see the necessity for this assessment. The amount being very small, I feel confident every brother will reconsider this matter and help the good work along by paying up this assessment. You are all, by this time, familiar with conditions as they existed at the time of this session of your committee; the work being new to nearly all of the members of the committee, the panic breaking upon us, and things m general very bad, but I am glad to say your committee is now in better shape, our work is progressing very well, and we hope to accomplish a great amount of good in the future.

Bro. Melchoir and the worthy secretary and treasurer of Lancaster Division No. 9 were present at the Harrisburg meeting.

Bro. Hambright addressed the meeting with some very good arguments, causing discussion creating interest.

Quite a few of the brothers of other divisions are transferring into Harrisburg Division, showing that old No. 3 is still in its place.

The local chairman, Bro. X., rendered quite a report enlightening the brothers present, and all expressed loyalty.

We are receiving applications each month, especially off the Tyrone and P. & N. W. branches. These sections seem to be active, and are doing good work.

Those who are hesitating will join us if we but approach them properly. Brothers, go to work. Organize your division solid O. R. T.

The P. & N. W. wheels are moving. Are you at work? Lift the hubs out of the miry clay. The organizer should furnish each non who is eligible an application, and explain the benefits of our organization, and every member in an office where the non is should talk for the Order and the benefits to be derived from it.

A few students are on the division. One at "MR," one at "C," two at "HY," and only three at "VO." These three were ordered there, and these are only a partial list, as they are too numerous to mention.

We could mention the names of several men that have been in the service for a number of years, and have always fought shy of joining the ranks of the O. R. T. I should think that they could now see the advisability of joining. O. R. T.'ism means that in ten years we have advanced from \$36.00 to \$54.45, and more. If you knew what is going on on other lines methinks they would strain a point to get in line, and unless they do get in line the same conditions are liable to visit them, especially on branch lines. It is no easy task for us to argue persuasively with nons because of the impatience we feel toward them and their inevitable trivial excuses.

While we are in a position to point to results accomplished, reforms established by rules in schedules for our betterment, to reduction in hours and salaries retained even during this depression, we can not conceive what sensible argument could be advanced by telegraphers who are permanently employed at the profession by railroads, to support them in their obstinancy of remaining under the opprobrium of non. Trying to argue with a person whom you are gratuitously helping financially, physically and socially to a point where he will condescend to help himself, is too much to expect of human nature, and the members who have love for their fellows that is so strong enabling them to stifle the feelings of impatience experienced in this respect, are held in high esteem. It may seem uncharitable on our part, but it seems to us that the nons occupy in regard to their craft a relation analogous to our extinct prehistoric ancestors to the present generation of men. You may teach the creature to imitate, but not think. Our efforts are wasted striving to reverse nature's decree. Is the insurance not a thing desired by us all in order to protect our families in case of death? Other helps are being received from the division by being loyal members.

Last but not least, our graves are bedecked with flowers—the last sad rite of the brotherhood.

Bro. Peace, second trick at "PX," is still doing some relief work.

Bro. Ifert, third trick at "N," is off on a vacation to Ohio and Indiana, and the third trick is closed while he is away.

Bro. Harber, at "VN," has four telephones in his office, and would like to have a few more. He is kept on the jump from one to the other.

Bro. Flickinger, first trick at "HY," was at Tyrone, Altoona and Johnstown recently.

Bro. Bratton is holding down the message wire in "JG" office on account of the first trick dispatcher being off on a vacation.

There are some nons on this pike that say (when they are asked to join), we have promised So-and-So our application next month; but next month never comes to them. I think it is about time for them to stop trying to work anything like this all of the time. Why don't they come out and say what they are going to do? Bro. Harvey is on their track.

We would like to see something every month in the journal from the P. & N. W., and would ask all the brothers to send in your items, no matter how small.

Some of the brothers on the division are not carrying an up-to-date card. Now, don't let this happen to any one of us.

Div. Cor.

Lancaster Div., No. 9.

Our regular meeting was very interesting, and the business on hand was hardly gotten through with until the boys from the east and west were compelled to leave for their train connections. At this meeting we were favored with the presence of some of our lately-acquired new members.

Committees were appointed to look after supplying the division room with the necessary supplies, and the Relief Committee reported Bro. Reynolds, of Marietta, still on the sick list, and that he is undergoing an operation for appendicitis. Bro. Kugle, of Middletown, was also reported down with symptoms of typhoid fever, but at this writing he is improving rapidly.

Bro. A. H. Root, first trick at "HS," has the profound sympathy of the fraternity in the loss of his youngest brother by death. Another brother is also stricken at this time with the same disease, typhoid fever, but we hope Charles will pull through.

Bro. A. H. Eppler, middle trick at "SK," Maclay street, Harrisburg, has been moved up to first trick during the summer months, which enables him to attend meetings regular.

Our hustling chief, Bro. W. W. Shope, Jr., is off on a vacation, which has moved up Bro. Frank

Spink to the first trick at "XN," Dock street. Harrisburg.

Bro. E. R. Ebersole, first trick at "KU," Rheems, has also left for a week or ten days, and will spend most of the time with relatives in Ohio.

Bro. J. E. Hoover, middle trick at "FN," Florin, spent two weeks very pleasantly with his family at Mount Gretna.

Bro. C. K. Stauffer, first trick at "RQ," Marietta, has just returned from a trip to St. Louis and other points of interest, and is again on the job at one of the most up-to-date and best equipped towers on the division.

According to rumors, we are now able to report that the P. R. R. will start with the October payday to pay off with the hard cash, right out of the pay-car. This will be greatly appreciated by those living in the rural districts who have experienced some trouble getting checks cashed. We have often heard of this same rumor before, but from the information we have at this time, it is now to be a fact. "Kernel."

Sunbury, Pa., Div., No. 12.

The regular monthly meeting was held August 17th. It was called to order at 10 a. m. by our worthy chief telegrapher, Bro. McCracken. Considerable important business was transacted. Messrs, E. B. Hess and W. G. Levan were admitted to membership in our Order. Bro. A. R. Johnson, of Catawissa, Pa., was appointed division correspondent. Now, brothers, please remember this. Whenever there is any news that you know of kindly forward it to Bro. Johnson so that he will get it by the 20th of each month. The meeting was fairly well attended. All present enjoyed it thoroughly. We had very good speeches from those faithful ones who are taking interest in the future, also a number of interesting letters were read.

We were sorry to see so many absent from the branch who could easily have gotten to the meeting. Suppose the cloudy weather scared some. Now, brothers, do not let anything keep you from coming to the next meeting. You have lots of time to arrange for this. Make up your mind right now that you will attend the next meeting, and do not forget to remind every member you can that he should be present at the next meeting. We are going to publish the names of members who could easily get to meeting and do not do so

As we had been without a correspondent for some time we did not get any news in the last journal.

At our July meeting Messrs. Albert G. Keffer, R. J. Robertson, S. E. Knepp and Geo. Minemier were admitted to membership in our Order. We shall be glad to see these new members attend every meeting they possibly can. Let us all get better acquainted. It will assist us to treat each other in a more brotherly manner. We should always do all we can to help each other along. Brothers, "do unto others as you would have oth

ers do unto you." Things go much better that way.

Bro. L. A. Diehl, who was suspended during the depression, has been taken back in the service again.

Our worthy chief, Bro. McCracken, was off ten days last month attending the National Guard Encampment at Gettysburg.

Mr. H. L. DeWitt, who was granted a two months' leave of absence to enable him to run his amusement park, will resume work September 1st.

We are glad to hear Bro. "Piney" Blecker's swing again at "CA," after working vacation tricks in superintendent's office.

There is considerable excitement around dispatcher's office, caused by the company taking the copiers off. This is hard luck for our dispatchers. It will also make some trouble for men on the road, by the men from superintendent's office claiming their jobs.

Brothers, what do you do when you get your journal? Read the few exciting stories that are in it and throw it in the waste basket? Now, don't do this. Be sure to read the "editorial," and all that comes under the heading: "Our Correspondents;" read "Ancient Unionism and Trade Unions," on page 1134, July journal, also the other valuable reading. Do this now. Election time is drawing near. Be sure to post yourself so you will vote right. This is important for our future.

DIV. COR.

Baltimore Div., No. 17.

We wish to thank all who have aided us in making our annual excursion to Tolchester such a grand success. If you have not as yet made returns for the tickets, kindly do so, as we wish to close this business.

There has recently been quite a hustle at Union Station, and at least four of our brothers have been examined for train dispatchers. At this juncture they have not as yet assumed their regular working places, hence we will not make a statement, fearing that other changes might knock out these changes.

Bro. Wm. A. Hampsher is about to try a short vacation in the vicinity of Colorado. We wish Bro. "H." the very best of success, and hope that he will find that the change gives him entire health.

Bro. Joseph M. Rollins, of Bush River, is again seriously ill.

Bro. N. B. Curry, of Bayview, had the misfortune to fracture one of the small bones of his foot while walking along the street, just after his return from Atlantic City. Our chief, Bro. William M. Skinner, is working the first trick at "UN" in Bro. Curry's place.

Bro. J. C. Kimmett, of B. & O. System Division No. 33, who bid in the third trick at Edgwood several months ago, has moved his family to that point.

Bro. F. W. Asher, of Chase, took his base ball team to Betterton on August 1st, and was defeated by the team at that point. Bro. Asher attributes

his defeat to the heavy seas and the rocking of the boat on the trip over, keeping the boys from getting their eyes on the ball, but hopes to do better on his trip in September.

Mr. C. C. Barcus, while cleaning his revolver at Stemmers Run accidentally shot himself in the foot. Bro. J. C. Dougherty, third trick man, was called out to relieve him, and Mr. Barcus was placed on the Chesapeake & Ohio express and taken to the Baltimore hospital, and at this time he has recovered sufficiently to return to his home in Delaware.

The electric block and distant signals are being installed at Stemmers Run in place of the old style signals.

Perishable freight from the south has slackened up, after one of the heaviest runs in the history of the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington railroads.

MAYFIELD.

Knickerbocker Div., No. 26. IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His wisdom has deemed it best to remove from his family, and from our midst, Bro. William LeCorre. In manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy to his family be it

Resolved, By the members of Knickerbocker Division No. 26, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved wife and family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy spread in the records of this division, and a copy furnished THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

F. J. RYAN,
W. T. COLLINS,
A. L. McBAIN,
Committee.

New Haven Div., No. 29.

The regular meeting of this division was held on Friday, August 7th. Promptly on the scheduled hour the ceremonies began. Worthy Chief Telegrapher Bro. L. H. Dowd being absent on his vacation, Bro. E. J. Manion, general chairman, officiated, assisted by the able corps of officers. Roll call made noticeable some absentees.

Bro. Geo. H. McCormack, secretary and treasurer, was present with the usual amount of accumulated mail, which he presented for consideration. The applications for membership were assorted out and placed in the member-construction channels, which are bright with the sliding of many preceding members. These names were put to the accustomed tests, and the committees, after applying the requisite amount of acid, reported their findings as to merit and fitness. Their recommendations were observed.

Many important discussions arose which added particular interest to the meeting. The debate pro and con, developed a better understanding of the respective situations, and deduced the pleasing fact that the speaking brothers were well posted.

and, better still, would not confine their ideas to the silent grave of their own breasts.

Brothers, if you have any information that you feel you should impart for the benefit of all, it is your duty so to do. The same disposition should be made of ideas, for they, too, play an important role in the drama of industrial progress. The wheels of this same vehicle of progress have been checked too often, and industrial emancipation delayed, by the bearers of the burdens because they failed to estimate the ameliorating value of disseminated ideas. Multitudes of oyramids as collossal as those of ancient times, have unconsciously been erected by the world of toilers in all of the byways and highways of industry and commerce because of the darkness of ignorance that enveloped them. The merciless lash of necessity has been applied as effectively in these modern days to the bared backs as it was in those ancient Egyptian dark days of slavery and oppression. There is a lesson to be read in stones; let us see to it that we build no more pyramids or coliseums, but, rather, an institution like the O. R. T. that will be more enduring than the ruins of ancient Egypt, Rome or Greece ever knew or saw-an institution of constituted industrial liberty.

This, we should remember, the lodge room is the school, academy, meeting-house and clubroom of industrial infancy, and to perpetuate and safeguard its advancement and treasures we must regularly assemble to prevent the dry-rot from spreading and menacing the whole body organized, or else the citadel of our hopes will be stormed and carried by the marauding forces of carelessness and indifference.

Remember the meeting night is the first Friday in each month, so turn out and your advantages are assured.

Shore Line Notes, Second District-

Bro. and Mrs. Wallace, of North Haven, are enjoying their annual vacation, part of which will be spent at the shore and part with relatives up the State. Mr. Munson acting as relief agent. He promises to renew his membership at the September meeting.

Bro. Flood recently spent a few days at "the only Coney." Mrs. Flood and the children are there for the month.

The third trick at Meriden freight house is again vacant on account of the resignation of Bro. Archer, who has decided to devote all his time to his business interests in his new home in Windsor. We all join in wishing him success. A Mr Tinkham, from Springfield, is working the position while it is up for bid.

From experience I can assure you it will amply repay any of you to make a trip to Hubbard Park in Meriden. Just get Bro. Cook for a guide, and there will be no fear of your being lost.

Windsor is still on the wrong side of the ledger. It is certainly up to some of you young fellows to convince this young lady.

Bros. Soneson and Larson have been devotees of the salt water at Savin Rock this summer, and their coat of tan is ample proof of the benefits they have received.

Bro. Derosiers, from "B," has just returned from a two weeks' vacation very pleasantly spent at his old home in Canada, where he also took in the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the City of Quebec.

Bro. Quinton has received a leave of fifteen days, and will spend them at the "old homestead in Vermont."

Bro. Ray Newkirk, who works the third trick. will have his vacation the latter part of September, and will spend it at his former home in Syracuse, N. Y., and in the big game country along the Mohawk and Malone.

Sister Foley had her vacation the last week in August, and spent it among the hills of Tolland County. Bro. Sullivan doing the relieving while she was away.

Bro. Baker has had a taste of the strenuous life trying to run his station this summer without any outside help.

Bro. Gile, of Rocky Hill, relieved the agent during the latter's vacation. A good man in a hard position.

Who will handle the trolley cars when they are installed is a problem Bro. Bugbee is trying to solve at present.

Seems strange after all the good work the boys of "29" have done that no one can land that pair of hardshells at "MD."

Sister Tyler is going to write a novelette on her recent trip to New York.

Miss Woodruff is nicely installed in her new position at Essex. We have infinite patience, but please don't keep us waiting any longer.

Being agent at two stations at the same time is not the kind of a double-header that pleases Bro. Dennison, and the end of the summer season will find him thoroughly satisfied.

Hartford Terminal Notes-

Bro. Koch, who has been at "CD" office since it was opened, has returned to the Midland as car-service man, and will look out for all cars. both freight and passenger, on the division, and as there are something like 250 miles to take care of lie will be kept busy.

Bro. Brooks, from "AD," spent his ten days' leave in the Thames Valley, from Moosup to Ocean Beach.

Bro. Johnson had a week off, and is paying for it by working side wire in "SK." A Mr. Whealan relieved these men. Can not say how he is fixed with the goods, but as he came from the C. N. E. it is safe to say he has them.

"SK" won't seem the same without Bro. Fogarty, he having gone up York State way for three weeks.

Uncle Larry Kennedy worked "WH" two weeks recently, but he prefers the quiet ways of Moosup best.



Bros. Murphy, Dowd and Generous took in the National Regatta at Springfield, and report a fine time.

Bro. and Mrs. Kingsland will spend their vacation at Bro. Kingsland's old home on the shore of Lake George in Vermont.

Reports of a fine trip is what Bro. Generous brings back from his ten-day automobile trip in Fastern Connecticut.

Shore Line Notes, Western District-

Thank God we have only a few nons on this division, but they are certainly ring-tailed sporters.

Bro. James Dunn, third trick at tower 152, New Haven Terminal, is contemplating a six months' vacation to sojourn in the Soudan.

Bro. Skibbe, second trick at tower 14, West Haven, has just returned from a pleasant trip of two weeks spent at Asbury Park and Atlantic City.

Bro. Carrol has bid in Stratford, second trick. Bro. Woods second trick at tower 24, East Rockport, was taken suddenly ill, and had to be relieved. Due, in part, to taking of too much icewater.

DIV. COR.

Providence Div., No. 35.

August meeting of Division 35 found the old reliable crowd present, as usual, and all eager for business, while Westminster street was dotted with members who could not spare the time to attend, but thank goodness the new "move on" law which the police are so energetically enforcing, will, we hope, eliminate the "ogleforus bug" which is becoming altogether too pronounced among a large number of our members. So much so, in fact, that their duties to their Order are relegated to the background.

Like weeds springing up in an uncultivated and uncared-for piece of land, nons are springing up on all sides of us. What was once a rarity is fast becoming a superfluity. That activity which was once so pronounced in the brothers in pursuit of a non immediately upon his arrival, has given place, it seems, to a spirit of utter indifference as to whether a new member is secured or not. The impression seems to prevail that now the nine-hour law is in effect there is no further need of recruiting for the Order; that life now for the telegraphers is one grand sweet song; no more care or worry to the brothers who are allowing such Utopian dreams to influence their daily life. A word of warning is issued, that at no time in the history of railroading or since laws were 1-assed for the safeguarding the public and employes has there been such a feverish activity displayed by the heads of the different railways throughout the country in an endeavor to offset or make void the many benefits which we are receiving through the nine-hour law as they are at the present time. It was a solid, determined front which secured us the law, and to retain the same upon the statute books will take harder fighting upon our part than we were ever called upon

to perform in our days of organizing. A let-up now on our part in backing our organization will surely mean the reconsideration of the nine-hour law at some session of Congress in the near future, and the retaliative acts that would be put in force for our benefit makes one shudder to contemplate. Bro. Quick has struck the keynote in his bulletin to all members, and with one-half the activity upon the part of the members throughout the country as is displayed by those who are working to overthrow us, would mean the most thorough organization that our labor organization could hope for. Will the brothers heed his request and "get busy at once," while the time is most propitious, or by procrastination allow themselves to be again subjected to the chains which for years they labored and groaned under, and only through the aid of our glorious Order were the fetters shattered, and we were able to enjoy the fruits of freedom? Now, brothers, let us all get busy and make it possible by the coming new year for Bro. Quick to take off his hat and give a good loud hurrah over the success of his long and hard battle for thorough organization.

Bro. J. R. Rinault has been enjoying a vacation, being relieved by Lampman Chadwick, of Attleboro, Mass.

Bro. H. Mehring, of Attleboro tower, was called to Philadelphia recently by the death of his father. The brother has our heartfelt sympathy.

Crossing gates have been added to the duties of the brothers in Wickford Junction tower.

Six applications received and acted upon is the record for August meeting.

Bro. Timmins, lately of Orms street tower, in terminal, is wooing Dame Fortune as a canvasser of a household article which "Tim" says is a sure winner. His many friends wish him success.

The latest reports from Bro. Wm. Wood, who was taken ill while on vacation down in Maine, is very encouraging, and we all hope to see him soon back in his accustomed place.

Bros. Boardman and Elliott are the latest converts to yachting, and have adopted the rolling walk of the followers of the "briny," and all through accepting Bro. Johnson's invitation for a sail in his new two-mast racer.

Bro. John Wood is enjoying a visit of his brother from Ensley, Ala., the Pittsburg of the South. Drv. Cor.

New Rochelle Div., No. 37.

It is the intention of the New Haven Railroad to build a tunnel under First avenue, New York City, from the Harlem River to Thirty-second street, thence to Lexington avenue to their new terminal station to be erected on the site of the old car stables, opposite the Park Avenue Hotel. This route will connect with the Pennsylvania Railroad, as their tunnel passes right under East Thirty-third street. The six tracking of the Harlem River Division is a part of the contemplated improvements.

It is rumored the company intends installing the automatic block system on the new six-track



lay-out, thereby abolishing the towers at Bartow. Bronx River and Port Morris.

Our worthy past chief, Bro. Kenny, and family spent their vacation at Far Rockaway, where they had a very enjoyable time.

Bro. M. E. Lyons, the hustling Adonis at Oak Point, visited old friends in the land of the coal at White Haven, Pa. It is said the natives turned out en masse to show him a good time.

Did you ever hear about the old kangaroo, aged about fifty-five, on the lower end of the road, who says that all labor organizations are a detriment to society, and especially to the working class? He is a great expounder of seniority rights, having about twenty-five years on the road. He can do no harm, so let him remain in his selfish ignorance.

Our young friend, Mr. H. Fitzpatrick, clerk to Chief Train Dispatcher Baily, of the New York Division, visited his folks at Scranton, Pa., last month. Together with Mrs. F., they romped among the hills and dales of their childhood days, and Hughey says he had a splendid time.

Brothers, we are informed that our worthy grand secretary, Bro. L. W. Quick, will make an extended trip through the Eastern States this fall. Let us all give him a happy greeting by a large attendance at the meeting when he visits us. Bro. Quick deserves appropriate appreciation for the great good he has done our Order, and we should encourage him in every way for the splendid achievements attained.

Bro. Dan McDonald, first trick at West Chester yard, spent his vacation with his folks in the neighborhood of Scranton, Pa. Dan reports the coal trade quite brisk at present.

The Bronx River Yacht Club, composed of some of the operators at Tower 105, held their annual outing at College Point, August 18th. Bros. Seaman and Mohrbach, members of the committee, were always in attendance, serving the ladies and having a good time in general. During the departure of the steamer on their way home Bro. Mohrbach was found to be missing. A searching party was organized at once to look for him, and all the steamers and motor boats joined in the alarm with their whistles. He was eventually located in a large field playing ball at midnight.

Some time ago our general chairman was granted a stipulated salary by reason of the volume of work connected with the office, thus necessitating a little raise in the local dues. A few disgruntled members can not see the point, as yet. One fellow dropped out of line for that reason. The O. R. T. is simply keeping abreast with the times, and if those knockers would take the trouble to come into the division room the second Friday of each month, they would probably soon see the point.

Bro. Harry Wharton, who was injured at Glen Brook by being struck by train No. 32, is coming around all right at the Bridgeport General Hospital. This is very encouraging news to his many friends

In a recent issue of THE TELEGRAPHER the correspondent referred to a few hardshell nons in no

endearing terms. This is the manner in which we can let the loyal ones know "who is who." One fellow in particular who thinks his feelings were terribly hurt, is out looking for sympathy with crocodile tears in his eyes. It is surprising that even a tender spot can be pierced sometimes through an elephant's hide.

By the time this article appears in print our seventh annual clam bake will be past history. Let us hope the few nons who have essayed to attend will benefit by getting their lungs full of good union atmosphere, besides enjoying a good feed.

Bro. Ballard resigned from second trick, tower 20, Naugatuck Junction, and has embarked in the hotel business at Bridgeport, on Banks street.

Bro. Carroll, the Keystone of the D. & N. Branch, don't let a little inconvenience interfere with his getting to meetings. Such is the spirit of unionism.

Bro, Bement, of Rowayton, was held up and robbed by several tramps while out berry picking. They, however, secured nothing but the berries. So a little shortcake for the tramps.

"SCRIBE."

Springfield Div., No. 38.

Meeting called to order at 8:30 p. m., with quite a crowd and a lot of new faces present. which was very encouraging, and which the officers like to see. Come again, brothers, and bring an extra one with you. It was moved and carried that meetings open at 7:30 p. m., so as to give the brothers in the east end time to catch the 9:15 p. m. train, east. Eight new members received. Bro. Duffy send in his resignation as chairman, as he intended to enter the railway mail service in the near future. Bro. Freehan was unable to be present as his station has been taken out of the block, and he has been put back to his old trick. We were pleased to see in the hall for the first time since No. 38 was organized a member from the west end, Bro. Patterson, from Chatham. Now that is what I call union principles. Bro. Collins has at last found seven Rip Van Winkles, and his luck was that they only woke up when he showed them the goods, and all of them good for September.

Bro. Donovan transferred from tower 38 to tower 42.

Bro. Starnard on two weeks' vacation hunting teddy bears. A non relieving him at tower 45. and a new non at "GW."

Bros. Keefe and Lamberton were made assistants to local chairman S. D. to 2.

Now, brothers, hustle, and see if the west end will not be 100 per cent before snow files.

Bro. Patterson, assistant 2 to D, A.

It is very encouraging to us all to see the interest that has at last taken hold of the B. & A. boys, and the bunch of applications that is read at each meeting shows that they have come to realize what a schedule will mean to C. & P. Division.

Deerfield Junction bids closed, but men not assigned as yet. Mr. Mannix on nights, and he has the papers, and expect to call him brother before this reaches print.

Bro. Buck, third trick at Putney, and Bro. Morse at Claremont Junction, both new men.

Second and third trick at Northampton tower still out in the cold. These men, with Harris, at Mount Tom, would make this division solid.

Bro. Foley, at South Vernon freight house, has just returned from his vacation spent with his felks at Leicester Junction. "VT" relieved by Operator Morse.

Bro. Goddard, of Claremont Junction, who has been ill with rheumatism, is on the gain, and we hope to see him back very soon, as well and strong as ever.

Bro. Beaulieu, second trick at Brattleboro, is taking three weeks' vacation, spent with his parents in Canada.

Bro. Gee, of Putney, took in Lake Sunapee excursion, July 26th.

We have a brother on this division who, in spite of the obligations he took when he joined the ranks of the O. R. T., has a student, and who persists in the same after he has been shown the serious side. This same brother was formerly employed by the C. V., and he knows the difference between a schedule road and one that is not. I hope that this brother will see his folly in time, and stop.

Station at Dummerston is up for bids, also the second trick at Claremont Junction.

Bro. McCarty, at "SK," is wearing the smile that won't come off, as he has been given a helper, and says he would not claim cousinship to the king.

Business is very good. Passenger traffic is very heavy.

Mr. Harris, at Mount Tom Junction, has gone to Chicago for his vacation.

Bro. Betters, of Summer street station, spent his vacation in Boston with the Knights of Pythias. of which he is a member. His place was filled by Sister Kinnivan.

Bro. Deroshier, of the N. H. office, has returned from a three weeks' vacation spent with his parents in Canada.

The telegraph office at N. H. freight house has been moved downstairs, and the operators have to answer the telephone with the rest of their work.

B. and A. Items, Springfield-

Bro. T. M. Conlin and Miss Anna C. Coleman, of West Springfield, will be married September 16th, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and thence start on their honeymoon, taking an extended trip of over three weeks, visiting Albany, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Detroit and Chicago; returning to New York and to Springfield, of course.

Boston Div., No. 41.

Regular meeting held September 8th. Quite a good attendance. Many subjects of importance to all members taken up. Business discussed with more animation than usual. Those who missed this meeting should endeavor to attend the next one; something doing all the time.

There are not many vacancies on this division lately. Guess the hard times are holding the boys right onto their jobs.

Understand ex-Bro. Martin, of Somerville Junction tower, is to enter the railway mail service in the near future.

Our excursion will be August 30th to Rocky Point, R. I. Hope the boys that are fortunate enough to get away will have a good time.

New semi-annual cards are in order now. Get your dues paid so you can sport one.

I have not received one item of news from any one along the line this month. What is the matter with you fellows? Do you think I am going out with a rake to gather the news? Get a move on, and send in your little bit.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has seemed best to the Divinc Ruler of the Universe to remove from his labors our late and worthy brother, A. H. Knowlton, and

WHEREAS, The relations held by the deceased of good will toward all the members of the Order, we, the members of the Order, mindful of the past labors, wish to place on record our appreciation of his valuable service as a member, and his merits as a man and friend; therefore be it

Resolved, That we deplore his loss with feelings of deepest regret softened by the hope that his spirit, with those who have fought the good fight, may rest in peace; and be it further

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the family in their sad bereavement, and that we respectfully commend them for consolation to the Grand Master of the Universe, who, though sometimes inscrutable in His dispensations, yet doethall things well, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our late brother, a copy spread upon the records of Division 41, and a copy sent to our journal for publication.

L. P CLIFTON.

C. W. Hunt,

G. W. HUNT,

Committee.

New York Div., No. 44.

Our last regular meeting was well attended, about forty members present. Considerable business, mostly of a strictly fraternal nature, transacted. Second Vice-President Bro. T. M. Pierson favored us with his presence. He was in first-class form, and his address was both interesting and entertaining. Bro. Pierson never fails to visit 44 when it is possible for him to do so. He is always welcome, because he is sincere and thorough in his work, and we feel that much of our past success is due to his good advice.

Bro. M. G. Woolley, general chairman of Division No. 8, was also present, and his remarks were well received. The members are always pleased to entertain such earnest workers as Bro. Woolley. In fact, we feel honored when brothers from other divisions côme to see us, and coach us a little in our work.

On the whole it was a most enjoyable meeting.

The members of 44 extend their sympathy and condolence to Sister Katheryne V. Myers, of Morris Park shop office, who recently lost her beloved mother.

Bro. Jack Martin has returned from his vacation, which he spent down in Maine mending a broken collarbone. He is very much improved in health, and reports that Sister Martin and his son. Liscomb, who are at present way down Eas', are improving in health, and will not return until fall. Bro. Martin is relieving Sister L. Jacobs in the B. of I. F. B. avenue, Brooklyn. Sister Jacobs is away on sick leave.

Wm. Pherson has been installed first trick ticket agent at East New York, vice A. Merringer transferred to F. B. avenue, freight office.

Bro. A. G. Douglas has resigned the agency at Stoney Brook, and will soon leave for the West. Bro. Douglas made many friends during his stay on Long Island, and they all wish him success in his new field of labor.

J. S. Smith has accepted the agency at Bellmore.

Bro. J. S. Thuna is washing dishes while his wife, son, Robly, and daughter are visiting relatives at Andover, Ohio. From there she will visit her parents in Arizona.

Bro. J. L. Yallowley is frying eggs while playing the part of grass widower, as his wife is visiting relatives at Schooley Mountains, in Northern New Jersey. Both children have been sick with the measles, but Jack has escaped thus far.

Bro. E. E. Lewis paid his mother at Frankford, Delaware, a visit from August 8th to 18th.

Bro. and Mrs. Geo. W. Hilley, with their daughter, Edith, are spending their vacation at Delaware Water Gap. Bro. Hilley is tax commissioner for New York City now.

Bro, C. A. Lewis is visiting his parents and relatives at Frankford, Delaware.

Bro. E. W. Nicholson has resumed duty at "JD," Glendale Junction, third trick, after a two weeks' vacation with his parents at Coopers Island, Va.; relieved by Bro. P. L. Donovan.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter, of 4 Union place, Richmond Hill, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Beatrice, to Bro. C. C. Nicholson. Wedding to take place on September 12th. Bro. Nicholson and his bride will spend their honeymeon in Old Virginia. This accounts for Nick's sudden withdrawal from the ball team.

Mrs. Oliver A. Hudson left August 1st for Philadelphia, visiting Atlantic City and Sea Isle City. From there she will visit Frankford, Del., and Ocean View Beach, returning about September 25th. Bro. Hudson will join her on September 12th for two weeks' vacation.

The switch tower at Pennsylvania avenue, Atlantic Division, has been made three tricks of eight hours each. Bro. Swalm first trick, Bro. Coversecond trick and Mr. Campbell third trick.

Bro. E. Egan, first trick at Bushwick Junction, is spending his vacation with his parents.

DIV. COR.

Woodsville Div., No. 45.

We are very giad to note that Division No. 45 is nearly solid. If each member would only take hold and do his or her part it would be a matter of orly a few months before we would be 100 per cent strong. There are a few nons on the main line, but they promise to make good in the near future.

Mr. Mayer, new man who was assigned Ashland, third trick, during Bro. Berry's absence, says he realizes he must wear an O. R. T. Sutton and carry an up-to-date card to become popular with the boys, and intends to be one of us soon.

We take this opportunity to speak a few words of praise for Bro. Learned, third trick dispatcher. Weedsville. "PY" has worked his way up from night operator to his present position, and having worked at nearly every station as spare operator and agent, takes his place at the dispatcher's deskfully qualified for the responsible position of handling freight and passenger trains on nearly 100 miles of single track.

Bro. Rivers, from N. Y., N. H. & H., is acting as operator and ticket clerk at Wing Road. We extend to him a cordial welcome in our midst.

Bro. Seery, recently transferred from Western Division, bid in Northfield, where he is very pleasantly located. "HU" is a good-paying little station, and Bro. Seery was very fortunate in landing it.

Miss Moore, Lisbon, is enjoying an extended vacation; relieved by Bro. Chas. Richards.

Bro. Hildreth, agent at Canterbury, is conducting a large poultry farm in connection with his station duties.

It is a case of hustle with Bro. Evans at Weirs. Summer business has been very good there this season, but Bro. Evans, with his able staff of operators, billing clerks, etc., has been able to handle the work very nicely.

Bro. Harrington transferred from "MS," Littleton, to third trick at Plymouth. This makes Plymouth solid. This is quite a hot place for the third trick man, but Bro. Harrington is always on hand with the goods.

JASPER.

Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

Second meeting in June held June 27th; opened at 8:25 p. m. by Chief Telegrapher J. J. Standley. All officers present with the exception of Second Vice-Chief Telegrapher Bro. C. A. Miller, who was visiting his brother, J. R. Miller, at Paxton, Particle Petitions for membership, including one from the Monongahela Division, and three from the Allegheny Division, P. R. R., read and favorably acted upon. Bills amounting to \$24.70 ordered paid.

Bro. J. M. Wildman, of Greensburg, Pa., was reported to be very ill with typhoid fever, and a patter soliciting funds for his aid was started on the Pittsburg Division, P. R. R. Bro. Wildman, from all reports, is worthy of our assistance, and it is keped that the brothers and sisters will contribute as much as possible towards his cause. Division No. 52 headed the list with \$5.00.

From correspondence it develops that a Mr. Drakeford, now employed on the Conemaugh Divisum, P. R. R., was guilty of scabbing at the Associated Press in Pittsburg, during the commercial telegraphers strike, last fall. It is to be hoped that the members on the Conemaugh Division will take note of this and make it just as pleasant as possible for this man. Remember, no card, no favors

It was decided by the division to dispense with the regular meeting, scheduled for the second Saturday in July, and in its stead to hold an informal reception in honor of Bro. S. J. Konenkamp, who has been elected president of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America. The C. T. U. of A. is to be congratulated on its selection, and there is no question but what they made a wise choice, for he is the right man for the job, and that there are brighter days ahead for them. Meeting closed at 10:45 p. m. Number of members present, eighteen.

Regular meeting in July held July 25th, Opened at 8:45 p. m. by Past Chief Telegrapher Bro. John Kiger. Roll call found the following officers absent: Chief telegrapher, first vice-chief, second vice-chief, marshal and outside sentinel. Vacancies filled by appointment. Three petitions for membership read and favorably acted upon, including one from the P. & L. E. R. R., and two from the Conemaugh Division, P. R. R. Bills amounting to \$44.50 and sick claims amounting to \$165.00 read and ordered paid. Five dollars more was appropriated towards the relief of Bro. J. M. Wildman. Bro. D. M. Young was reported to be in the Columbia hospital, Wilkinsburg, Pa., with typhoid fever. We all hope for his speedy recovery. Meeting closed at 10:50 p. m., with ninc members present.

The reception given in honor of Bro. S. J. Konenkamp, July 11th, was a success in every way. Not less than one hundred members being present to assist in showing Bro. Konenkamp that the division has appreciated his unselfish efforts in helping to make Division No. 52 what it now is. the leading division of the organization in many respects, and we are all proud of it and Bro. Konenkamp. The best wishes of each and every member goes with him in assuming his new Those of our members who were absent missed one of the best events ever held by the division. The Entertainment Committee is to be congratulated also for the able manner in which they handled the affair. Bro. Konenkamp was presented with a handsome watch, a slight token of esteem, by the members of the division.

In the notes from the Allegheny Division, P. R. R., which appeared in the June TELEGRAPHER,

there appeared an item which stated that Sister Cara M. Dorschell, our certificate No. 504, is not a member of the organization. We wish to contradict this statement. Miss Dorschell is a member of Division No. 52, with dues paid up to December 31, 1008.

Regular meeting in August, held August 8th. Opened by Chief Telegrapher J. J. Standley. Roll call found the following officers absent: Second vice-chief, secretary and marshal. Bro. Campbell acting as secretary, while your humble servant was stealing several weeks' vacation in Canada. Two petitions for membership were acted upon, including one from the Pittsburg and one from the Conemaugh Divisions P. R. R. Bills amounting to \$38.75, and one sick claim for \$5.00 were ordered paid. Bro. G. A. Clear, of Oakmont, Pa., was reported on the sick list, having fallen and broken his shoulder blade. We hope for his speedy recovery. Regular routine business being very light, meeting closed at 10:45 p. m., with but a small attendance.

News items are very scarce.

Bro. D. M. Young, who was confined in the Columbia hospital, Wilkinsburg, for the past four weeks, was able to leave that institution on August 22d. He having suffered an attack of typhoid fever. We will all be glad to see his beaming countenance among us once more.

At this writing I have seven petitions for membership to be acted upon. Let them come. Don't be afraid of overworking the secretary. He is used to it.

I am surprised at not receiving from our members the names of members of other divisions who are now located in our territory for transfer to this division. I am positive that there are quite a few who hold membership in other divisions within our jurisdiction. Brothers and sisters, wake up and let us know who and where they are. It won't take you long to find out and drop the secretary a line. Do it now.

I want to impress upon your minds once again the necessity for rendering the company good service, as indifferent service always reflects more or less upon the O. R. T., and your committee, the next time they go before the management, will be sure to hear of any indifference on your part, whether thoughtless or otherwise. KLING.

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, An All-wise Providence has seen fit to remove from our midst our esteemed and worthy brother, J. R. Miller, of Paxton, Pa.; therefore be it

Resolved, That Division No. 52 extend to the bereaved family its most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their great sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be published in the journal, a copy sent to the bereaved family and a copy spread upon the minutes of Division No. 52.

II. A. ROBERTS,

T. J. McGee, Jas. Dignam, Committee.

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, Death has removed from our midst our faithful and esteemed brother, R. B. Furnier, of Allenport, Pa.; therefore be it

Resolved, That Division No. 52 extend to the bereaved wife and family its most sincere sympathy in their great sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be published in our journal in memory of our departed brother, a copy be sent to the bereaved family and a copy be spread upon the minutes of Division No. 52.

H. A. ROBERTS,

C. A. Burgess,

R. L. PATRICK,

Committee.

Wilmington Div., No. 58.

Division 58 held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, August 19th, in Red Men's Hall, Wilmington. Bro. Coverdale presiding in the absence of Bro. Kennedy.

There were quite a number of out-of-town memhers present. One brother coming from Snow Hill, Md., which goes to show that the boys on the Delaware Division are not afraid to sacrifice a little rest when it is for the good of the Order.

It is surprising that so many of the brothers who live in Wilmington will permit themselves to become so lax in attending the meetings. They pay their dues promptly, but it is hard work to get them out to the meetings. Six of the brothers who have day jobs in "WD," were conspicuous by their absence from our last meeting. We hope they will take this little rap and come out to our next meeting, or we may mention some names.

Maryland Division-

Bro. Miles has returned from Buffalo, N. Y., where he has been spending his vacation.

Bro. Rudolph, assistant manager at "WD," Wilmington, spent his vacation in New England gunning and fishing.

Bro. Lipscomb, of "WD," we understand, is going into the mercantile business.

Bro. C. T. Denny, of "WD," absent a few days suffering with the rheumatism. He is able to be around again.

Bro. N. Steel, record clerk at "D," Wilmington, has been spending a few days at Woodlawn Camp, in Maryland. Bro. Cosden relieving him.

Mr. J. N. Kates, division operator, on vacation at Rehoboth, Del. Mr. Stewart, Bros. Rudolph, MacDonald, Livermore and Warren moved up one turn during his absence.

Bro. Robert H. Tull has accepted a position with the Armour Company, in Philaadelphia.

Bro. Frank Melvin, who has been spending his vacation at Atlantic City, N. J., has returned, and is making his daily trips to Newport.

We all extend our most sincere sympathies to Mr. W. H. Uffelman, of "WD," in the loss of his wife.

The boys in "WD" were pleased to receive notice that, commencing with the present year, they will receive ten days' vacation, instead of seven. they have previously had.

There is some dissatisfaction among the operators in "WD" about a position being filled in that office without being advertised, as per rule. We, however, expect this to be adjusted.

Delaware Division-

Bro. Dean, of "A," bid in second trick at "DJ," where he was formerly located. A new man at "CB." Have not heard whether he carries a little up-to-date or not.

I "13" Bro. Townsend, second trick at "BE," is doing a few fishing stunts on the canal now-adays. Only a few of us can enjoy the luxuries of life.

Bro. Kirk, of Middletown, off on sick list. Bro. Stein, of "WN," relieving him. Mr. Coppage, an extra man, relieving Bro. Stein at "WN."

Mr. Richards, first trick at "WN," seems to have caught the base ball fever, and is pitching a good game for his home team. "13" he intends to get in line soon.

Bro. Bartlett, of "C," worked a few days at Rehoboth this month.

Bro. H. E. Mills, first assistant Greenwood, is ill with typhoid fever at his father's home, near Delmar. Mr. H. W. Russell, of Farmington, relieving him.

Bro. L. F. Wright, of "CN," who has been off with typhoid fever, has resumed duty. O'Neill and Rodney relieved him while off. Both nons.

Bro. S. L. Richard, agent at Greenwood, is summering his family at Lewes Beach.

Bro. C. V. Lewis, of "B," is off on sick list. Mr. Wessels, a non, relieving him.

"GD" tower, Greenwood, has recently been painted, both the exterior and interior, which makes quite an improvement.

Bro. E. H. Butler and wife spent a part of their honeymoon at Bowers Beach.

Bro. G. A. Morrison, who bid in "GD," is filling in at "RS."

Bros. Bennet and Elliott and Mr. Hastings, of "DA," off on sick list.

Bro. Van Sant, our ever-smiling friend of "DR," spent his relief day at his native home on the shores of the Chester River, at Crumpton, Md.

Most of the boys below "SF" are making trips to Laurel Camp this week.

Bro. Taylor spent a day in Philadelphia recently.

Bro. Freeny, of "DR," spent his relief, day at home.

Bro. Easom is now working second trick at "DA."

Mr. Webb, our popular main line third trick dispatcher, was off on two weeks' vacation during August. He spent the greater portion of it at Bowers Beach, bathing and fishing. He reports having had a fine time.

Mr. Wise, second trick, branch road dispatcher, relieved Mr. Webb. Bro. Hill in Mr. Wise's place. Mr. Brown on sheet, which left Bro. Dabson to do the easy stunt. He only had four

heavy wires to work. Says he did not draw a long breath while on duty for two weeks.

Mr. Metz, first assistant at Snow Hill, confined in Cambridge hospital with typhoid fever.

Bro. Shortall and Mr. Webb, of "X," spent a day in Philadelphia one day in August. While there attended a game of base ball, which was the "real thing," they say.

Bro. Byrd, of "DR," took in the "sights" at Peccomoke fair in August.

On account of so much sickness, no one was given any relief day in August except a few at the first of the month.

Bro. J. T. Taylor, agent at Snow Hill, spent two days in Cambridge recently.

Bro. Henry informs us that he is living on the "best of the land" at his new location, Kennedy-ville. Is sorry he is unable to be present at our monthly meetings.

At the present rate applications are being received a non will be a scarce article on this division in a short time. "Get'in line," boys. Don't stand out in the cold.

Relief operators and extra agents are as scarce as "hen" teeth at present on the pike.

Recently there came to this division a person claiming to be from one of the well-organized O. R. T. Southern roads. He was, and is yet sporting a neat little O. R. T. button. When asked if he was an O. R. T. man, he said: "Oh, yes; that is the only thing," was his reply. I have since learned that this fellow at one time did belong to N. Y., P. & N. Division of Division 58, but has not paid any dues in this division since January, 1907, yet he wears his button and imposes on the Order. As the boys were not disposed to doubt his word, they accepted his answer for the "real thing" without asking for his up-todate card. It is such people as these that make the relief man's job such an unenviable one as we "13" he has left behind him one or two people who shake their heads and say operators are slow pay. Do any of you think it is right for us to be imposed upon in such a manner? If the party can disprove the foregoing by producing an upto-date we will gladly retract the above in next issue.

I wish to thank Bro. Butler, of "DR," for several items of interest.

Bro. Hudson, formerly relief agent, advises us that he likes the merchandise business much better. He has entered into a partnership with his brothers in a first-class grocery store at Georgetown, but says he intends to hold his membership in the good old O. R. T.

If I have made any errors in calling a person "Mr." when it should have been "brother," advise me. So many are coming into the ranks it is hard to keep posted.

Hope that every one will attend our meetings at every possible opportunity, as they are very interesting. "73" to all. CRRT. 113.

Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

Bro. W. C. Sherer, former agent at Elrick, relieved Bro. H. A. Boughtin at Rockwell.

Bro. H. B. Cole, of Division 130, is the new night man at Ackley nights.

Agent Wood, of Abbott Crossing, resigned; relieved by a Mr. Chapman. Can not say if new man is up-to-date or not.

Bro. A. L. Gardner, of Abbott, just returned from a three weeks' vacation through the West; relieved by Bro. C. T. Hardin.

Two new men at Gifford—Lane and Ryland. Can not say if up-to-date or not, but hope so. Bro. Carder quit railroading to work in postoffice at Gifford.

Bro. E. R. Urbine, of Union, trying to get away on vacation, but can find no one to relieve him. Station bulletined for relief man.

Agency of Liscomb again on the bargain counter on account of the resignation of Mr. Tapp.

Bro. Frank Lamansky, formerly of Marsh, is now located at Grandvicw, on the M., N. & S. He says he has plenty to do, but likes his new position.

Brighton was made a night office for a few rights first of this month (August), to keep trains moving on that division on account of numerous trains turning there.

Bro. Clyde Hunter has accepted the agency at Marsh. It seems difficult for the boys to get board and lodging at that point.

The east end boys certainly put it all over the north enders in the way of attendance at the August meeting. North enders please take notice, and brace up. (That item from our east end correspondent) but the east enders never consider that we north end members can't get home until from 7:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m., according to our locations. 'Tis a pleasant experience to be up most of the night to meeting and then ride half of the day getting home. Oh, yes.

Bro. O. L. Davis, of Richland, was laying off the first of the month (August), on account of sickness of his wife. Mrs. Davis was operated on at Proctor hospital, Peoria, and is getting along nicely. Bro. Clyde Hunter was relief man, and Bro. Davis certainly appreciates the way Clyde helped him out.

Some of the good brothers who like to sit back and tell how it should be done, recently had a chance to demonstrate. But talk about "cold feet," they certainly did fluke. Who was it?

Bro. George Pendray, formerly of Division 71, now with the Northern Pacific in Montana, has been visiting his folks at Oskaloosa, and calling on some of the brothers at different points.

By this time next month we will have several new members. Several of the nons have asked for application blanks, and that certainly looks good. "Let the good work go on."

The S. & T. reports just a few of the brothers have not yet paid their dues for this half of the year. Boys, this should not be. We are sure it would save the S. & T. a whole lot of trouble if he could balance up his books without so much

delay. It seems queer some of the boys have to be "dug" into about every so often about keeping their dues up. Such ones evidently take great interest in the Order.

Understand Mr. Woods, formerly of Abbott Crossing, has taken the agency at Farmington.

The boilermakers' and car men's strike is stili on at Marshalltown, and it is showing itself in the way trains are running. Passenger trains all the way from thirty minutes to three hours late, and one can not say for certain whether there will be a local freight along or not.

Wonder some of the boys on branches would not wake up once in a while and make a noise like a few items. There is certainly something doing once in a while worth telling.

Scranton Div., No. 87.

Pennsylvania Division, Delaware & Hudson Rail-

Each division should have a regular correspondent who would furnish a write-up for each issue, and in this way arouse more interest among the boys along the road.

Bro. H. C. Miller, who was recently appointed to the agency at Jermyn, finds conditions very much different than at Winton.

There has been another man added to the payroll at Peckville station, making three men there. Λ . E. Stecher, former agent at Providence, is acting in the capacity of first assistant.

Bro. "Bob" Nolan filled Bro. Moon's position at "J" office while the latter was filling McNulty's position at Scranton ticket office during Mack's vacation.

Bros. Loftus and Davis were very much in evidence at the conductors' clam bake at Lake Lodare, on the 19th.

Bro. "Dy" Taylor is acting as agent at Waymart while Bro. Stephenson is on his vacation.
"Mike" Glennon, a non, filled Bro. Kessler's boots at: "WF," Wilkesbarre, during his vacation.

Bros. Davenport and Burke, at a clam bake which was held by a few Archbald boys recently.

Bro. Tennent is doing the relief work at "ND"

while the boys there are taking their vacations.

Bro. "Hogan" Hastings enjoyed a ten days' camping outing with the C. T. A. U. Lancers at Lake George during the fore part of the month.

The third trick at "WB" is being held down by former Bro. Sheehan while the regular man is taking a try at the broker business.

E. W. Reining has been doing relief work along the line while the agents have been on their vacations.

We have not heard from either John Neary, James Lynch, Carl Parry, Charles Miller, Hines, Dr. Hager, or a few others who have "promised." The brothers who have a chance should keep reminding them. We are pretty strong, but every little bit added to what we have, makes "much."

Bro. Broad, of "SY," is taking quite a vacation. The berry season is over, so he may be back in the harness soon. Joe Betts, the new addition to the staff in "ND," is quite popular with the boys.

The regular meetings of the division are held in Archbald on first Monday evening of each month. The boys should make an effort to attend the meetings. There is no reason why the majority of the first and third trick men could not get around.

Bro. Davenport had quite a heavy business at "A" during the summer months on account of the large berry crop. He would have a pretty good job if it would stay summer time for the twelve menths of the year.

CERT. 32.

CARD OF THANKS.

ATLANTIC, MASS., August 29, 1908.

Members and officers of Boston Division 89:

Mrs. Smith and myself wish to thank all members of Boston Division 89 for the card of sympathy and the beautiful floral tribute received at the time of the death of our beloved daughter. Annie E. Yours fraternally,

BRO. JOHN M. SMITH.

Chicago Div., No. 91.

At our July meeting we had with us President Perham, Past President Ramsay, First Vice-President Newman, General Chairman Renshaw and General Secretary and Treasurer Soyster, of Division 23. It is not necessary to say that the members of 91 and the visiting brothers greatly appreciated the talks that were given on that occasion. At that meeting Division 91 decided to affiliate with the Chicago Federation of Labor, and elected Chief Telegrapher Jones and Bros. Long and McDonald as delegates. This move was taken in accordance with the spirit of the times in labor circles, that we should now vote as we talk, for our friends only. Past President Ramsay was a candidate for municipal court judge at the primaries, August 8th, and was the eleventh man in a list of fifty-eight, the first nine being elected. Bro. Ramsay is very well satisfied with the result, as the corporation interests were against him.

The Commercial Telegraphers' Union had three candidates in the field, two of whom were nominated. Bro. James T. McDermott, for Congress from the Fourth District of Illinois, and Bro. James J. Brady for county commissioner. Bro. McDermott took an active part in the nine-hour hearings in Washington last spring, and will be a valuable aid to President Perham in future hearings. He is sure of re-election, as his district is practically solid for him.

At the August meeting of Division 91 we had five candidates for initiation. For the first time in the recollection of the secretary and treasurer, we did not have a quorum present. This was very discouraging to the brother who secured the applications of these men, and the candidates were not favorably impressed with the earnestness of the members of our division. We are promised five more candidates for our September meeting, the fourth Saturday night in the month, and trust that all of the brothers will take this as sufficient

notice to be present and assist in the work on that night. You owe it to your national officers who have secured such great advantage for you, also to your local officers who are compelled, by virtue of their office, to attend the meetings.

Our Chief Telegrapher Bro. G. Dal Jones has been sick in the Lake View Hospital for the past two weeks with nervous prostration. This was brought on by his great work during the commercial telegraphers' strike, and his work of organizing for the O. R. T. since then. The brothers will be glad to hear that he is convalescing, and will be able to resume his duties within the next ten days.

Sec. and Treas.

Elmira Div., No. 100.

Bro. A. P. Furman still doing the first trick stont at Dyke Line Junction.

Bro. Peterman now working second trick at "RG" tower until transfer of Bro. Barrow from Cowley. Understand Bro. Barrow landed second trick there. Bro. Bryant holding third trick at the very best.

Mr. Shinvay, second trick at Trout Run. spending two weeks with his parents at Wellsburg, N. Y.; relieved by Sister C. A. Miller.

Bro. R. F. Cupp, third trick at Trout Run, off few days to Harrisburg; relieved by Sister Miller

Bro. Evans, agent, looking for relief agent. He expects to take in the sights at Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

Bro. Miller, first trick at Trout Run, spent Sunday at Watkins and Elmira; relieved by Bro. H. E. Grav.

Bro. F. W. Gray, second trick at Bodine Siding, taking ten days' vacation; relieved by Hadley.

Bro. Hoag, third trick at Ralston, on vacation for a couple of weeks; relieved by Mr. McGee.

Bro. Brewer, second trick at R. Branch, off several days on account of spraining his ankle playing ball; relieved by Sister Miller.

Mr. Bokus working second trick, at Penbyn. Time for him to get busy.

Bro. C. G. McLaughlin, second trick at Canton, spent a few days with his parents at Bodines; relieved by Bro. Miller.

Bro. Furman, third trick at Fassett, off on ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. H. E. Gray.

Bro. H. C. Jones, first trick at Columbia Cross Roads, off a few days visiting friends in New York City.

Brothers of Elmira Division we are not attending meeting, and you are not wise to the good things that are in the air. Let us all endeavor to turn out to the meetings and hear some of the good news. Let us also get after the nons. There are several of them on our division, and now is the time to capture them. They are all afraid to go home in the dark. You can spot them easily.

Bros. Elliott, Miller, Fox, Wood, Furman and Jchnson attended the smoker given by Winsport Division 24, on August 14th, and were royally entertained. A bunch of good fellows down that way.

Do not forget the smoker at Sunbury, Division 12, September 21st, to which we are invited. Let's turn out and show our appreciation of their kindness.

Daylight meeting held at Elmira, N. Y., August 7th, was shown up in good style, with twenty-three brothers and sisters in attendance. Division Operator Shearer gave a brief talk, which was listened to with attention by all present, after which he excused himself, and the meeting proceeded to do business in the usual way. I think all understand Mr. Shearer's position, and each and every one should give the best service possible, as we are now enjoying the eight hours for work, eight for sleep and eight for pleasure.

Bro. Tipton has been relieving Mr. Parks, ticket agent at Watkins, for a few days.

Sorry to say that Bro. W. A. Weeks, at Newark, N. Y., has asked for a withdrawal card since he has been promoted to chief clerk at that point.

Bro. Dunning has been working at "BN," Southport, for a few days.

Bro.. Havens, who is bucking the list, has been working at Penn Yan, second trick, for a few days, and also relieved Bro. Fuller at "D" tower, South End, Canandaigua, third trick, August 7th.

Bro. C. H. Cayward transferred from Penn Yan, second trick, to Hall, first trick, on bid.

Bro. Goodman, regular third trick at Penn Yan, is now working second trick until the second trick is awarded, and Mr. Wilson, from Hall, second trick, is working third trick in place of Bro. Goodman. It is understood that W. W. Mc. Laughlin, from Gillett, has been awarded the second trick, and the transfer will take place as soon as possible. Do not know whether Mr. McLaughlin is a brother or not, but trust that he is, and if he is not, he should be.

Bro. Wood, regular first trick at Rock Stream, is off on a week's vacation; relieved by Mr. Darling. Mr. Darling is a new man, and has some other trade, and soon as shops open up again he will return to his regular work.

It is understood that Mr. and Mrs. Bower, at Coal Switch, have been landed, and not with their naptha launch, but with the necessary initiation fee to carry an up-to-date card in the future.

Bro. Hodges, of Starkey, second trick, has been off on a twelve days' vacation; relieved by Mr. Bromley, of Penn Yan.

Bro. Fox has been relieving Mr. Hunt, agent at Rock Stream, a few days recently.

It is said that Ennerdale will be opened permanently about September 1st.

Bro. Havens, at Stanley a few days recently, working third trick.

Bro. Watkins, first trick at "G," Himrods Junction, was off on business August 6th; relieved by Mr. W. Pettingill.

Bro. Hill, third trick at "G," Himrods Junction, and Bro. Pierson, third trick at Starkey, spent August 1st and 2d at Sodus Point and Rochester; relieved by Mr. James and Mr. Bromley, respectively.

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Bro. C. S. Quick, first trick at Milo, is off a few days on account of the serious illness of his father-in-law, and Sister Kisor is at Milo, first trick, until Bro. Quick's return.

Mr. Livingston, from "RG" tower, worked at Cogan Valley, third trick, August 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th.

Bro. G. H. Fake, first trick at "D" tower, South End Canandaigua yard, off the week ending August 1st; relieved by Bro. Hadley. Bro. Hadley is a Cornell student, and a member of the freshmen class. Recently, when the freshmen from Cornell University had their boat race wi h Pough-keepsie, am glad to say that our good Bro. Hadley was on the victorious side.

Bro. H. R. Reynolds, second trick at Milo, off August 10th; relieved by Sister Kisor. Bro. Quick resuming work, first trick, on that date.

Bro. T. L. Brewer off a few days camping near Kenka Lake.

Bro. E. A. Johnson off for fifteen days; relieved by Bro. H. D. Hadley. Div. Cor.

Philadelphia Div., No. 102.

We are still afflicted with the same old trouble: the lack of notes; or, rather, I should say, the lack of interest taken by the members in supplying them. Despite our repeated efforts, we are still unable to secure enough material to make a presentable write-up in the journal. I sincerely wish some of the brothers would take sufficient interest in this matter to communicate with the secretary and furnish him with some notes in order that he may see that they are forwarded to the editor.

Our Employment Committee, a full description of which was in the June TELEGRAFHER, is doing excellent work. We are glad to report that several brothers have been helped to employment through the efforts of the committee. Although this committee is but a creation of a few months, it has more than exceeded the expectations of its promoters, and the latter should feel proud of the unqualified success that has crowned their efforts.

It appears to me that other divisions should do well to follow the course of 102 in this matter, and establish like committees. Only a trial can prove the popularity of the idea.

The claim has been made that 102 has no membership except on the Philadelphia and Reading. While we are essentially a Reading division, still we have on our rolls quite a number of Pennsylvania Railroad men; in fact, some of our best and most faithful members are employed on that road. We are far from being dead around Philadelphia, as has been claimed.

This statement could have been substantiated at our August meeting. We can safely say that less than 50 per cent of those in attendance were employed on the Reading. But "Pennsy" and Reading alike, we had a very enjoyable evening, not the least pleasant feature of which was the discussion of the refreshments.

Apropos of the student question, the wire chief at "PC" office has been instructed by the Reading management to keep a close watch on the wires along the Norristown branch, on account of the number of students between Conshohocken and Manayunk. Doesn't it seem foolish for a man to run the risk of getting into serious trouble, and the certainty of keeping his wages at a starvation point, merely for the trifling benefit he derives from the student? Said benefit consisting of a relief from the unpleasant duties of station work, such as cleaning lamps, etc.

Leaving the teachings of the Order out of the question, I can not see how any one can be so willfully blind to his present as well as to his future interests as to harbor a student. Still there is the old proverb: "There is none so blind as he who does not want to see." "Szilow."

Ayer Div., No. 104.

The regular meeting of Division 104 was held in Pierce Hall, Clinton, Sunday, August 16th, and was well attended. Bro. Willard called the meeting to order at 10:30, and the members proceeded to do business. Every one appeared to have something to say, and many important subjects were discussed.

Bro. McDermott gave a very interesting talk on the conditions of the telegraphers as they were a few years ago, and as they are at the present time, and pointed out to them that it was through the O. R. T. that we secured the working conditions and higher pay that we have at the present time. He said all members should become individual organizers, and get all the nons into line. Let us do as Bro. "Mac" says, and start at once to organize. Bro. Mullin also gave a very interesting talk. Our first vice-president, Bro. Cook, was unable to attend the meeting, as he is in Vermont enjoying a well-earned vacation.

Bro. Fee has been assigned to Nashua, east yard, temporarily. His old job at Pepperell being covered by Mr. Foley, a member of the C. T. U. of A.

Bro. Lee, of Hollis, is enjoying a vacation, being relieved by Mr. Mason.

Bro. Longbottom, agent at South Lancaster, who has been on the farm during the summer, will resume his duties at "SA" on Augus' 24th, and Bro. Patterson, who has been acting agent, will take second trick. Bro. McLenna, who has had second trick temporarily, will work spare.

Bro. Moran, who has been at East Switch since March, has been sent to "BC" office, Worcester.

Bro. Healy, of the N. Y., N. H. & H., at Clinton, will enjoy a trip to New York this week, accompanied by his wife.

We expect our local chairman, Bro. Jones, to be present at our next meeting, which will be held at Clinton on September 20th, and we want a good attendance, so come along, boys, and help out.

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Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular July meeting was held at Corry on July 15th. Seven members present, and promises for a much better attendance at the next meeting.

In future Division 110 will hold two meetings per month, alternating at Emporium and Corry. This arrangement should bring out the workers, and the members should be able to get in closer touch with each other for the mutual benefit of all concerned. We sincerely hope that much good will be accomplished by this arrangement.

Bro. Krape, of Cameron, captured a large yellow rattlesnake, and has had Bro. A. K. Pierce, O. R. C., Renovo, Pa., mount it. The snake koks as natural as life.

Bro. M. L. Vought, third trick at "JN" tower, Emporium, who has been off on several days' vacation, has returned to duty, and everything is roving. He was relieved by Mr. McCartan.

Bro. G. S. Vought, of "OW," Wilcox, third trick, who has been on the sick list, has returned to duty, and it is a pleasure to hear him on the wire again.

Bro. Edgett, formerly of Erie, has anchored at Spring Creek, third trick, and is making things ham at that point.

Bro. Emert, of "CT," Keating, is on the sick list; relieved by Bro. Bechtold, of Wistar.

Bro. Fleming, second trick at "MS," Wistar, was held up and robbed of \$3.00 on pay-day night, July 16th, by a hobo as he was going home from duty. Fortunately, Bro. Fleming had his month's pay hidden in his shoe, so he did not lose that. The "gentlemen of the road" are getting very bold along the line of late.

Sister Clara M. Thursten, of Kane, off on a two weeks' vacation the latter part of June, and visited friends in Indianapolis, reporting a very enjoyable trip; relieved by Operator Cupp.

"Our organization throughout this great nation Is lifting our lives from dull care, With our eight-hour day we are happy and gay, And our joys with our families we share.

"Eight hours for work, which we never will shirk; Eight hours our strength we'll renew. Then eight hours' leisure enjoying life's pleasures, Then we're ready our duty to do."

As a reminder, would say that each person, on becoming a member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, takes upon him or herself a solemn obligation. This obligation should be respected by each and every member if we expect to maintain our integrity.

Let all members familiarize themselves with the purport of the obligation, and then ask themselves if it is being respected, and if not, take steps at once to see that it is done. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

Members are requested to read the editorial on page 1097 of the July journal, and please be gov-

eined accordingly. Remember your "scribe" lives in one of the remote corners of the earth.

The regular August meeting was held in Odd Fellows' Hall, Emporium, August 19th, with a fair attendance, among whom were Local Chairman Bro. Edwards, of Westport; S. and T. Bro. Getchell, Chief Bro. O'Leary, and Bro. Goodwin, of Emporium, and Bro. R. I. Price, of Jackson.

Bro. J. B. Devinney, of Division 33, is relieving Bro. Griskey at "JN" tower, Emporium, while the latter is visiting relatives in and around Scranton. Bro. Devinney comes to us well recommended, and is a first-class man. We understand he will relieve all the force at "JN" before he leaves Emporium.

Bro. A. L. Goodwin, of "RM" tower, Emporium, is taking a well-deserved vacation visiting relatives and friends in the northern part of New York State. He is relieved by Bro. R. I. Price, of Jackson.

Sister Fisher, of "HA," Howards, is enjoying a two weeks' trip to Toledo and other points of interest in Ohio, being relieved by Mr. Mathewson, who is regular third trick man. Mr. Mathewson being relieved by Bro. Bierley.

Bro. J. H. James, of "HY" tower, Huntley, has taken the third trick at "FN," Warren, in order to be near his home. Mr. Carroll, of Meadville, Pa., taking the vacancy at "HY."

Bro. Perry, of "CT" tower, Keating, is enjoying a short vacation, being relieved by Bro. Bechtold, of Wistar.

Don't forget where the old division correspondent lives, and give him some news once in a while.

Division 110 held its first annual picnic at Garland, Pa., Tuesday, August 11th, and we are pleased to say that practically all who were so situated as to permit their being present came, saw, and were charmed.

Train connections were such as to enable a goodly number to come from the Western District, but we regret that those from the Eastern District were compelled to forego the pleasure.

The Picnic Committee consisted of Bros. James and Johnson, of Garland; Johnson, of Spring Creek; Roach, of Corry; Gilvaire and Keepe, of Elgin, and Lindquist, of Sheffield. They acquitted themselves like veterans, and nothing was left undone that would add to the entertainment of the visitors. Innocent games and amusements were provided, toothsome refreshments and lunches were served by committees from the churches of Garland, who also furnished phonograph concerts at each stand.

Base ball was the leading feature, forenoon and afternoon. Telegraphers vs. Garland. Honors were evenly divided, so closely were the teams matched. For the good of the Order our boys hiked off with the morning game to the tune of ten to eight, but Garland emerged victors from the afternoon game with a like score, ten to eight.

Lineman John H. Hanrahan, of Buffalo, unpired both games, dispensing justice to both sides. This genial lineman is a fan from Fandom, and made many friends who will welcome him with us

The main feature of the forenoon game was the heavy hitting by Connolly, Steele, Patch and St. Clair. The only hit by Armstrong was when he hit Lord in the eye with the ball. Lord did not care for his eye, but was afraid his people would not approve of his looks. The put-out of Johnson on second showed him to be an old player, and well able (?) to play his part in the game.

In the afternoon game there was more enthu siasm, because of a larger crowd. Lindquist, on first base, said the pitcher threw the ball too swift, so he could not catch it. His put-out on second base resembled Johnson's of the morning.

Line-up, morning game:

Steele, c.; Armstrong, p.; Patch, s. s.; Connolly, 1st b.; Alverson, 2d b.; Lord, 3d b.; Burns, l. f.; G. Johnson, c. f.; St. Clair, r. f.

Line-up afternoon game:

Myers, c.; Long, p.; Lindquist, 1st b.; Alverson, 2d b.; Longphere, l. f.; H. Johnson, 3d b.; Barner, s. s.; Hartlieb, r. f.; Roach, r. f.; Price, c. f.

Olean Div., No. 135.

The regular meeting of Division 135 took place at Olean, N. Y., August 18th, with a fair attendance, but not as large a per cent as should have been. Wake up, brothers, and get out of that comatose state. Shed that old habit of "goas-you-please-suit-myself." Get up a little energy. Rub your bump of punctuality, and try and present yourself at these monthly meetings. Do you call it fair to stay at home and let a few members do all the work? I never knew of a fellow to do much good towards helping build up our meetings when he was about twenty-five or fifty miles away. I know sometimes it is impossible for each memher to be present, but I do not see any reason why 50 per cent of the members can not be present. Do you?

live applications were turned in, showing that some of the members are doing good work.

Bros. W. J. McCarthy and R. J. White have received a petition from a dozen pretty young ladies in Olean requesting that we hold our annual bail there. Well, now, we certainly appreciate this kind remembrance, and we hope to see it occur.

Bro. Dillon, who has been working first trick at Ebenezer, returned back to first trick at "GD." Operator Kelly, first trick at "GD," to first trick at "OW." Bro. Shear, first trick at Ebenezer.

Bro. D. F. Cain working second trick at Aurora. Bro. Frank Carroll, first trick at Holland, off a few days last month; relieved by Operator Campbell.

Bro. Lynn Wolcott has bid in second trick at "AD," Olean.

Bro. Z. C. Burt, second trick at Delevan, off a few days last month on account of his father's death; relieved by Operator Boyd.

Swift & Co. and Armour & Co. are such large concerns that you can not damage their trade. What is the use trying to compete with these large

firms? If you have no respect for yourself, have a little for the O. R. T., and parboil those hams, and sell them to some restaurant keeper for sandwiches.

A good-standing union card with a record of a duty well done, is the best certificate of character any worker can possess.

Bro. G. B. Valentine, after serving several years as telegraph operator with the Pennsylvania Railway, has resigned and accepted a position with the Standard Oil Company, at Bradford, Pa. He also served one term as secretary and treasurer of Division 135. The work of Bro. Valentine has been such that he deserves great praise, and al: the members of the division surely appreciate what he has done for us in the past term. There is more in the office of the secretary and treasurer than can be seen from the outside, and Bro. Valentine several times had to sacrifice both pleasure and sleep to serve us. His work was always done in a business way, and always up-to-date. The brothers all feel very grateful toward Bro. Valentine, and wish him success in his new position. He is succeeded by our worthy Bro. E. L. Bron old, of Olean, who has always been a faithful worker for the Order. You can rest assured "Ed' will make a success. CRRT. 23.

Reading Div., No. 136.

What has become of the regular correspondent from this division? Have seen one or two writeups in about a year, so will write a few words myself to let the brothers know that there are still a few members left in Division 136.

Boys, what is the trouble? I made inquiry along the line, and find that some few of the boys have allowed themselves to drop out of the Order. Why is this?

Are you contented now that you have shorter hours with the same pay you received when working twelve hours per day?

Do you not know that all the railroad companies made a strong effort to get the nine-hour law repealed?

There are several eight-hour jobs advertised, but our chief dispatcher, I understand, has sevcral extra men from which to fill them with.

Let us hear from the correspondent next month. Most of the boys have paid up for the current term, and it is expected that the few delinquent ones will come to time by the end of this month Pull together, and see if we can not make things hum.

"MoxIE."

North Adams Div., No. 139.

The picnic was a great success. The boys be gan to gather early at Sand Spring Park, and with their wives, sweethearts and children, proceeded to enjoy the day. It was ideal weather, and every one was in good spirits. Swings, bathing, music and games were in order. The attendance was good, considering the train service. which made the time shorter for those coming from the east, but about seventy-five were there, and you know where all are in the spirit, and

with one accord, thinge move. An abundance of good things were provided, so those who were at the second and third tables were not slighted. In addition to the edibles brought in baskets, ice-cream and soft drinks were supplied. It would not be fair to mention all the names and special occurrences, as it would take the space of our journal, and leave our brother divisions out of this issue.

Take it all around, with the good order of the crowd, it was a day which will linger in the memory of all present. It was voted to hold a clam bake somewhere in the neighborhood of Greenfield next year. We hope to have Bro. Banker and family with us next year to furnish the music, as the amusement furnished by the little ones was of a high order.

Applications of Agents Purdy and Schnurr, of McIrose and Lansingsburgh, were presented and accepted at our August meeting. We may add brother to their names hereafter.

Agent Kirkpatrick, of Troy, transferred to Mc-

Agent Way, of North Adams, to Troy. Agent Booker, of Shelburne Falls, to North Adams.

This will leave one of the stations under our schedule to be advertised.

Vacations are in order. Dispatcher Price off for two weeks. Dispatcher Barry working second trick, Mr. White third trick, and Bro. Quick making good on the side wire.

Agent Allen, of Hoosick Junction, relieved by Bro. Nesbitt.

Agent Bro. Schnurr, of Lansingsburgh, relieved by Bro. Powers.

Agent Buskirks, Bro. Moston, relieved by Bro. .

Agent Walloomsac, Mr. Friar, relieved by Bro. Wickham.

Bro. Oliver is working Bro. Quick's tower job at Rotterdam.

Bro. M. H. Garrigan, of Rotterdam, is relieving Bro. Speanburg at Eagle Bridge.

Bro. Van Wort working first trick at Johnsonville while Bro. Aken is away.

Bro. Albert Nesbitt working third trick at "XN," Hoosick Junction, X Over, in place of Bro. Wickham.

Operator Clark, of Albany, third trick at Hoosick Junction.

Operator Ditty, of New Haven, first trick at "HJ."

Operator Spiar, of North Hoosick, first trick at Schaghticoke.

It seems to be the desire of the company to give all the boys a chance to work in agent's positions as far as possible.

In an interview with an official recently 1 was informed that he was in favor of our Order, and understood our position. Had the greatest respect for our committee, and would do all in his power to encourage the members of our Order. To the nons, if asked for his opinion, he would say join the Order. This is very encouraging to those who have had to fight for our schedule, and it is

up to us as an organization to get in line and show that we have the interest of the company at heart, and co-operate with those who would meet us half way.

Only four nons between Troy and North Adams. Three of these undesirable. A good record for our Order. Any new men coming on the line should be looked after, and given to understand it is O. R. T. or a hard life.

I was reading of one of our men in the West who, after vain attempts to interest a non, took off his coat, and after a good scrap convinced Mr. Non the right thing to do was to get in line. It worked, so the story goes, and the man was one of the most enthusiastic members of that division.

Operator Nolan, third trick at Charlemont, was ossified with the block at stop. The conductor of a freight got hold of Bro. Hunt and notified the dispatcher, and Bro. Quick, of North Adams, was sent to finish out the trick. I am glad to report he (Nolan) was not our breed. It is this kind of work that gives our profession a black eye, and when we find one of this kind we should steer clear and remember the keynote, no card, no favors.

Arizona Dick, Mr. Benedict, worked third trick at Shelburne tower for a week or two. He has left for parts unknown. Good luck to him. May he never come back.

When working with Saratoga or Schuylerville remember Bro. Marsh and Bro. Barney are members of Division 139.

It is sad to report the sickness and death of Bro. Anderson, of Rotterdam Junction. He was a member of Division 54. The members of our Order from the W. S. and B. & M. had charge of the funeral. His remains were interred at Rotterdam. Far from home, but among friends. We were glad to assist the family in their hour of distress. Bro. Anderson carried \$1,000 insurance in our Order, which will give the family a chance to get a start again.

It has been said by several who do not belong to our Order, and who would never join, not but they believe it is the proper thing, that some of the articles published since I began to act as correspondent were too stiff, and that in order to get the nons (I wish I could write this word as small as some of them appear), we should use molasses the same as they catch flies and bugs. When an operator will work for two or three years under our schedule, and knows the benefits derived from an organized body of men, and will give the flimsy excuses they do when approached with an application blank, I think it is a case which needs harsh measures. If our publisher will print my estimation of these parasites as I write them up in the future, there will be more chance for kicking, for it is my purpose to show up this little gang of three or four who persist in digging our Order when they get a chance at our backs. It is a wonder these little fellows would not get out and let some good men in their places. They

are a disgrace to the profession, and should go on the canal.

Remember the meeting Saturday, October 10th, and make it your business to be present.

To all of our members who may have received a copy of the Railroad Employe, dated July, and who chanced to read the article on the telephone, together with the full-page ad opposite explaining the wonderful new method recently patented, I would say, "Don't get stampeded over into the O. R. S. A. It looks as if it was a game of the scab order to get our members to drop out or join their Order. The article on the telegraph operator and the low morale credited to the O. R. T, refusing to learn students, is a sure sign that the ham schools are not turning out the material claimed by our enemies. It is quite evident the men back of the publication are connected with the railroad corporation, and can not get over the slap we gave them when the nine-hour law wen: into effect. Boys, the fight has just begun. We want an eight-hour law for the agents and operators, and it is coming just as sure as the sun will rise tomorrow. All we need to do is keep at it; be true to our officials of the Order, and the thing will work out.

It was voted at our August meeting to assess the members of Division 139 the sum of \$1.00 each to create an emergency fund. The need of this was shown when it was announced that Bro. Anderson had died at Rotterdam, and that he was hundreds of miles from relatives, with a family reduced in circumstances by his long sickness. A check for \$100 was sent by special messenger to those in charge of the funeral at Rotterdam, which proved a godsend. This amount of money, of course, reduced our treasury somewhat, so, at our regular meeting it was decided to make an assessment so as to be in the position to help our members if called upon suddenly. The funds are to be held by our regular treasurer for the abovenamed purpose. Who may be the next to need this help? He that moves the universe only knows. It may be you, my brother; so let us pay the dollar cheerfully, and be ready for the call.

Do not forget the date, October 10th, at North Adams. CERT. 117.

Grand Trunk Ry.

Southern Division-

Southern Division held a good meeting at Bridgeburg, July 29th, and hope to land some of the nons from that section soon.

Bro. Austin, Cayuga, took in the sights of the Falls August 10th.

Now, boys, we have received two new applications this month so far, and I hope for more soon. Everybody get busy and help the good cause along.

In so far as possible the good work goes on steadily on the Southern Division, and things are in much better shape than a year ago by a whole lot; the result of our telegraphers having "sat up and took notice." Still there is room for improvement.

There are a few nons left, some of whom have intimated that they will come in when they get ready. Yes, they may, but only the desirable ones, and the undesirable won't be accepted. A few others have promised repeatedly that they will come in "next month," sure; that they know it is right to do so, and that they have the money to do so, only they neglect it. No wonder railroad corporations lay down castiron rules for one and all alike, and well they have, for where would their finish be in cases like I have mentioned, were it not that such men are compelled to do their duty or get the run? We should expect those who have promised so long to make good promptly, and will welcome them to our Order, hoping to help them and be helped. After becoming a member, then turn to and assist us in the good work. You can find something to do, or, if not, just drop the local chairman a line and he will outline some work for you. The work you should be doing is being neglected now, and just because you won't help; so, Mr. Non, can you not see that you are at fault? "Sit up and take notice." If you receive a copy of THE TELEGRA-PHER from some member, after reading it, mail it to another telegrapher who does not get it, and try to get him to come in with you. Each can do a lot of good, if only a little effort is put forth; then, when the time comes, and you begin to look around for better things, you will find they will come easier, because you have helped.

"Sit up and take notice!" Times are changing. Any old kind of go-as-you-please service will not suffice in these modern times. When you have performed your duty faithfully and well each day, there will be good reason for giving us increased remuneration when we ask for it.

To avoid personalities, I have withheld the names of non-members pro tem., hoping that by next month there will not be any to mention. So, brothers, get to your bearings, and dig in and help clean up the pike. I mean you. You who bave sat around and done nothing for the good of the Order for fear some one in an official chair would find out that you belonged to the Order. Shame on you, if you entertain such fears. Don't join anything you are ashamed of in the first place. But why afraid? Our Order is just as grand, good, uplifting and ennobling as any under the sun. You should then be proud of it, and care not who knows it, for those who know it will think a whole lot more of you for being a member than a non. Stir yourself to action, for the night cometh when no man can work. Did it ever occur to you that you won't always have such golden opportunities of doing good for yourself and others? You have good health, strength, peace and happiness; so, then, now is the time to do your best, and you will only be adding sunshine to pleasure.

There is some stir along the line among the boys who are slated for holidays, and we should experience no difficulty in being relieved, as it appears our chief dispatcher, Mr. Hogan, is very prompt in attending to our wants.



Mr. Livingstone, formerly of the Pere Marquette, is now relieving Mr. Cotter, of Nelles Corners, who expects to return to work next Saturday, the 15th.

On account of a few members who fail to send in their dues promptly, our worthy general secretary and treasurer, Bro. D. L. Shaw, is obliged to remind us frequently of dues, and I would suggest to each and every one that we establish a record for ourselves for prompt payment of dues by all members on System Division No. 1. Let us make a record for ourselves just once, at least, so that he can give us praise instead of a dun. Easier to pay now than a month or six months from now. Also send the local chairman a few lines of news or suggestions for the good of the Order.

W. E. S.

Wabash Ry.

Decatur Division-

We are informed that Agent Tracy, of Strawn, has taken an indefinite leave of absence. The auditor is endeavoring to straighten out affairs.

Mr. Geo. Brown, who has been in the hospital suffering from an attack of typhoid fever, is again able to be about, and at present is acting as relief man as second trick at Manhattan.

W. Norvell, day man at Chicago Ridge tower, taking a few days off; relieved by Operator Michener, from Reddick.

Night Towerman Smithson, of Chicago Ridge, has accepted the agency at that point for the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad; relieved by Mr. D. Kennedy.

Bro. R. E. Lane, first trick man at Banks tower, has as a guest his brother from Ohio this week. Bob put up a plea for off duty a week or so that he might show his brother the wonders of the Windy City, but the chief said nit on account of no extra man in sight.

Bro. J. A. Hagerman, formerly agent at Stewardson, is now doing a clerkship stunt at Landers. Bro. Hagerman was one of the boys that got "struck" on account of the shake-up last March.

Agent Naechel, of Palos Park, has changed his mind about climbing the ladder of success on the Wabash. He thinks the opportunities of the golden Northwest brighter, hence, has packed his little belongings and hied away to that great unknown to seek a fortune shocking wheat at a prospective per day of \$2.50 to \$2.75 per ten hours. Thinks that will, with a few added, beat \$30.00 per on the Wabash.

Hammond, III., on the Eighth District, which was one of those places that felt the strong arm of the nine-hour law, and has been closed as a telegraph office ever since early spring, has been made a joint office with the C., H. & D. R. R., and is again opened as a telegraph point. We understand the joint man is a C., H. & D. man.

Bro. Stephens, second trick man at Bement, we understand, is getting somewhat acclimated to the climate, and contemplates moving there and settling down. Bement is not very bad.

We wish to thank Bro. Ives, of Banks, for a number of items this month, and incidentally waking us up on that score, too. By the way, I might add that if a few of the boys now and then would use a spare moment to drop me a few items it would help out wonderfully. You need not go to any pains to put up an elaborate letter; just jot down a few dots and dashes any old way that will give me an idea of what is doing, and we will do the rest. All we want is some pointers, then you will find something from the Decatur Division. What you may send me may probably seem of no particular interest to you, but will interest others surely. What the boys want, is news.

Have you got next to Bro. Stephens', oi "DN," new mecograph? She's a peach; at least, to look at. Watch him tear the weeds up with it.

Decatur Division seemingly doing very good business. All schedules usually filled, and the usual number of green rags carried.

Professor E. L. Andrist, late of the Illinois Business College of Springfield, Ill., has been working as third trick man at Sidney. We understand the professor to claim that he has turned out students complete in three months. How's that for being swift? We wonder why the professor is lingering at Sidney.

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Detroit-Chicago Division-

If the brothers and sisters of this, Detroit-Chicago Division, will just make a note of any little occurrence or change that they happen to see or hear of, and send it to our local chairman, V. A. Wood, at Milan, Mich., he will see that your correspondent gets it, and it will be appreciated very much. Don't wait until you get four or five items before sending them in, but as soon as you get anything send it in. The more you send the better, of course, but we will be thankful for only one.

We hope that this appeal will bring out such a flood of news that Bro. Wood will think he is in the mail-order business.

That little "germ" bump has not been entirely exterminated on this division yet. He made another trip along the line, and quite a number were affected. The start was made at New Paris when Day Telegrapher Bro. D. E. Taylor's office was closed, and a towerman put in his place. Bro. Taylor then bumped Bro. J. M. Seibert, first trick at Milan. Bro. Seibert bumps Bro. Karl Speicer, third trick at Romulus. Bro. Speicer bumps Bro. Lauer then bumps Sister Cook at Ashley, and we "13" that Sister Cook will bump Bro. Phillips, third trick at Sand Creek. What Bro. Phillips intends to do we have not yet heard. How is that for a record?

Bro. Jones relieved Bro. Wood, second trick at Milan, for a couple of days.

Britton agency was bulletined some time ago, but it seems that no one wanted it, as it was not bid in. A Mr. Davis, who hails from the Clover Leaf, and who is a brother of Operator Davis, of Montpelier office, landed the job.

Bro. Cook, Alvordton, third trick, is back at work again after an enforced absence caused by his having an operation performed on one of his feet.

As a result of the Milan depot burning down last winter, and the telegraph office being placed in the interlocking tower, temporary, the towermen have been eliminated, and the operators promoted to operator and towerman, with the promise that it is to be a permanent thing. This telegraph job was a roast by itself, and we presume it can now be called a "roaster."

Bro. Hitchingham, "BO" tower, third trick, visited friends and relatives at Whittaker recently.

Bro. A. N. Chambers has resumed work at Whittaker after a few days' absence.

An operator who is one of the extra men on this division, was recently heard to say the O. R. T. never did anything for me. Now, what do you think of that? This fellow has four or five years experience as an operator, and from the fact that he is bucking the extra board we might change what he has said to something like this: "I never did anything for myself."

When an operator of this man's experience stoops so low as to knock an organization that has done as much for its members as the O. R. T. has done for us, we can not help but believe that there is something radically wrong in his make-up. We feel safe in saying that there is not an operator in the United States that has not been benefited in some way by our organization. How about the national nine-hour law? What influence secured its passage? What prevented the wages of operaters from being cut during the financial flurries of the past year? The answer is found in three letters, O. R. T. It should take no argument to convince any fair-minded person of these facts. A blind man could see them, but "who are so blind they who won't see?"

Bro. and Mrs. L. A. Yoder, of Milan, visited in Detroit August 13th.

Bro. F. D. Spurling, second trick at Adrian, off ten days visiting at Hamilton, Ind., and Ashtabula, Ohio. Relieved by Sister F. Jones.

Bro. W. H. Sellers, who has been working as relief agent at Britton, is back at his old job, first trick at Romulus.

Sister E. M. Jackel, third trick at Adrian, expects to take a two weeks' vacation, beginning the last of August, and will visit at Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Toronto and other Eastern points. She will be relieved by Sister F. Jones.

Bro. J. M. Seibert's wife is visiting with relatives and friends at Defiance, Ohio.

Am indebted to Bro. Yoder for part of these items, and hope to hear from him again.

CERT. 1274.

Moberly Division-

It is something the writer can not understand why our men do not take more interest in our journal than they do. The first thing we all do is to look for items from our own division, and think how long the boys on the Moberly Division have looked in vain.

Everything is moving along nicely under the nine-hour law, and the boys all seem to be very well pleased.

The O. R. T. boys showed their sympathy to the bereaved wife of Bro. A. B. Matheney by sending a beautiful wreath of flowers.

Several changes have been made recently, a few of which are listed below:

Bro. G. N. Little, who relieved our late Bro. A. B. Matheney at "V," is now visiting home folks at Sumner.

Bro. B. L. Faist relieved Agent Keeler at Blanchard. He is off for thirty days.

Bro. H. M. Schweisy will soon be relieved at Malvern by Bro. R. H. Miller, of Imogene.

Bro. B. W. Thompson and wife, of Silver City, spent Saturday evening at Malvern. Bro. B. W. says he would rather be off evenings than make the overtime.

Bro. Jake Hartzell, of Mineola, is often seen riding around on the trains. Guess he enjoys working nine hours.

Bro. M. H. Meeker, of "BO," enjoyed a visit with his sister a short time ago.

Bro. P. E. Gray, of "FD" office, visited a few days with home folks; relieved by Bro. G. N. Little, CERT. 2207.

C. & A. Ry.

Eastern Division, Dwight Branch-

Understand Mr. Tinkham, agent at Varna, is taking a vacation of about a month, and incidentally a trip through the West, being relievéd at Varna by Mr. Mason. Understand he will return about August 12th.

Bro. W. B. Stott has been working the extra stunt the past couple of months, working as agent at Cayuga, ticket clerk, Union Station at Bloomington, agent at Gardner, agent at Wenona, agent at Munster, and now holding down second trick at Dwight.

The new depot at Streator is about finished. The freight and passenger stations to be under the same roof, instead of on opposite sides of the track, as heretofore.

Mr. B. Hoots, formerly agent at Munster, has been promoted to the agency at La Rose. Now some one get busy and sell him a card.

New man at Munster. Some one go after him, too.

Bro. G. B. Seibert, agent at Garfield, has been away on a vacation the past three weeks, being relieved by Mr. B. R. Reinman, who was agent there several years ago, and who is now running an elevator and coal business there. It appears to keep him pretty busy to run both "ranches" at once.

Two new trains to run over a part of the branch, effective August 2d. Local passenger leaving Streator about 8 a. m., through to Bloomington via Dwight, and returning, leaving Bloomington about 7 p. m. This will improve the branch

passenger service a great deal, giving Streator and stations east, three trains to Chicago daily.

Wish some one could make Henry Grennan, operator and freight clerk at Streator, see the errer of his ways and discontinue running his "ham factory." Henry is a fast operator, and would make a valuable member. CERT. 3125.

Union Pacific Ry.

Fastern District, Kansas Division-

Bro. Horton, from the G. N., relieved Bro. Cosley in "Z" office, Kansas City, who, in turn, relieved Bro, Chandley, who relieved Dispatcher

Bro. Coddington relieved Bro. Johnson at Bonner Springs while "DA" took unto himself a betterhalf.

Bro. Shannon, at Glenwood Springs for his health. Bro. Coddington relieving.

Bro. C. D. Wyatt relieving Bro. Pinett, R. I. Innetion.

Bro. Odell relieved Bro. Brown at Perry and Bro. Temple to Perry as second operator. Understand Bro. J. S. Farrell bid in Perry nights.

Bro. F. G. Raines, Williamstown, resigned to accept position as ticket agent at Frisco. Bro. Stoddard relieving.

Bro. Keane relieving at Topeka, Bro. Odell going to Perry.

Bro. J. C. High from Topeka to Junction City nights, regular,

Bro. Wm. Dunaway was the senior applicant for Lansing. Several of the brothers were looking toward the "Pen." with longing eyes.

Bro. L. McKee, Belvue, has resigned to accept a better position in the East.

Understand Bro. Hooven has gone to telegraphing again. Unable to say where.

Mr. John Wray relieved Bro. Price, St. George, while Bro. Price took his wedding tour.

Bro. Vogel O. Brunner, the artist, fourth operator at Manhattan.

Sister N. A. Wade, Marietta, taking her vacation, being relieved by her brother, Mr. E. H. Wade.

Bro. C. A. Smith, Holmesville, relieved by Mr. E. H. Wade, while Bro. Smith placed his wife in the hospital. Last reports were to the effect that

Mrs. Smith was getting along nicely. Bro. J. S. Farrell fell into Ogdensburg nights,

when that station was opened up again.

Bro. Wiggle is back at his first love, Fort Riley, regular. Bro. Abbott having bid in Natoma.

Bro. Klasse, having a touch of war at Pawnee these days.

Bro. F. Ripple, with a card in the C. T. U. of A., working fourth trick at Junction City.

Bro. J. G. Routt relieved Mr. Bowers at Junction City, who was hit with a time-check where it did the most good. Another non-air thereby going to his reward.

Bro. O. C. Griswold relieved Bro. Hughey at Tunction City, while Bro. Hughey embarked upon that long-delayed trip on the sea of matrimony. We are patiently waiting for Bro. Deighan to come to the front.

Bro, C. B. Wade from Clay Center to Lansing,

Bro. Logan, from the Frisco, relieving Sister M. I. Nixon in "FY," Kansas City. The last seen of Sister Nixon was on the rear of the Denver Flyer.

Mr. Wray from St. George to Dorrance. Understand Bro. Brown bumps him.

Two new applications this month, Bros. Brown and Temple both rounded-up by Bro. Jette at Perry, with the big can tied to Mr. Folsome, at Lansing, and Mr. Bowers, at Junction City, and excepting Col. H. A. (MD) Hawkins, we are only burdened with three non-members on this end,

If there is such a thing as "retribution," Mr. Folsome, of Lansing, most certainly ran into a bunch of it. It falls to the lot of very few to lose a wife and baby and gain another wife in the short space of a month; to scab during a strike, to be discharged for unsatisfactory service, and face a divorce proceeding, and through it all be so full and running over with excuses, complaints and hard luck stories. Here again we have proved beyond all doubt the fact that where you find a chronic non-air, it will pay you to keep your eye on the gentleman, and if you will only dig deep enough you will find him rotten to the core, for the man who does not believe in unionism is lacking somewhere, usually in the head. This is about the only theory on which their actions can be explained.

Nebraska Division, Western District-

Business getting so good I can hardly find time to write. Mr. Harriman was surely pleased with the outlook during his recent trip over the system, for we can see nothing to be ashamed of in the way of increasing freight business. All we hear now is "green fruit specials" from the West, a greater volume of business in that line than ever before. These trains are run on a schedule of eighty hours from departure at Ogden to arrival and delivery to connecting lines at Council Bluffs. This time, including all the dead time at terminals, icing and switching, and you see it is absolutely impossible to put up with any petty, unnecessary delay. Let's help the road to retain this business, for if they fall down on it this year you know what kind of an effect it will have on future business.

Bro. C. F. Prough, Grand Island yards, called to Illinois on account of the sickness of his wife. Relieved by Bro. S. R. Faust, from Hanna, Wyo., and a member of Division 6.

Extra Dispatcher McNutt working second trick at Kearney. I understand the third trick man is not a member, either, which makes it the first time for ages that Kearney has not been repre-

Operator Davis, of the First District, bid in second trick at Lexington, but has not appeared on the scene as yet, so do not know where he E. M. Wellman, agent at Callaway, off for a month; relieved by C. R. Haines from Josselyn.

Bro. J. A. Byrne back at Cozad from his Eastern trip. Bro. Thornbrugh going to Gothenburg to relieve Bro. Frank Hannum, who is spending a vacation near Cheyenne.

Several contemplating vacations, and no trouble to get relief, except we need good station men—always need them. Why is it we do not watch this, and make ourselves thorough in this branch as well as in telegraphy?

Chief Anderson has lost several days this month consulting specialists in Omaha in regard to his eyes. Recently he got a cinder in his eye, and though it was extracted, his eyes have given him trouble continually since. We hope it proves nothing serious.

There are still two or three members on this district who have not paid the special assessment of a few months ago. This will necessitate some decisive action if they do not move. It is manifestly unfair for some of the members to pay these assessments and others go through without doing so. There are also two or three other things I should like to speak of, though I rather hate to mention them here. One is that we are too slow about paying our dues. It is true we can put it off a month or two, and still save our skins. but by procrastinating this way we get so carcless that we put it off too long, and soon find ourselves delinquent. You cause the secretary a great deal of unnecessary work in this way, and your chairman a great deal of worry as to whether you are coming at all or not. Let 3 be prompt in these

You will also notice that the majority of men coming to the line now are not up-to-date. Don't know whether it has been lack of work or what, but it lowers our percentage so materially that if it is kept up something must be done. The majority of our third trick men are nons, and some of our agents also; something which I have not seen before so generally since I have been here. If there is not a movement of some kind made in the next month or two by us, some one else will have to look after it, for we can not leave it as it is. I wish to ask this much of you who are members, ask those around whom you do not know to be members, sound them, and if you can not get them moving, kindly furnish me their names, and I will make it a point to get next to them. Now, don't make this a resolution to live as long as you are reading THE TELEGRAPHER. There are boys on the line in whom I can depend, surely, for they have helped in the past. A card to 510 East Fourth street, Grand Island, will be all that is necessary. Let's pull together now and see what we can do in the next two months.

I am glad to know that some of the boys on the district have invested in the proposed bond company, and again I recommend it to the consideration of those who have not. Your local chairman or Bro. Quick can give you the necessary information. Are you studying the coming election, the candidates and their platforms? The day of the independent voter is here. Are you studying these problems and conditions yourself, or are you still voting the way grandfather and father did? Keep your eye on both national and State elections, and be found there at the polls casting your vote for the man whom you think represents the square deal for all.

CERT. 765.

Nebraska Division, Eastern District-

The student, agent and telephone business has caused much excitement over the system, and much amusement also. Poor old Seivers has done his best, but that his best has been very little is demonstrated by the fact that he has only succeeded in establishing about twelve student-agents on the entire Nebraska Division.

As to the service performed by these poor misguided fellows, just listen to the howl from the patrons along the line, the auditing department. the traveling auditor. At the present time it keeps Seivers, the traveling auditor and relief agent on the keen jump to keep them lined-up, and last week the traveling auditor from the Kansas Division was called in to help keep them up with their work. I fail to see where the company is saving anything by such economy as this, to 52y nothing of the business that they are losing. Very few of these students will stay at a station when they learn the true conditions, and there is a system in operation whereby they do learn them. To these boys that refuse to go to work at student prices we should show every kindness, and help out in every manner possible, but the curs that deliberately take a position at a cut of \$15.00 per month, with the full knowledge of the situation explained to them, should be promptly recored on the scab list, where they belong. Some of them have the nerve to ask O. R. T. men for information in regard to the work. No doubt by this time they can see how a scab is regarded by all fair-minded men; not only by the members of our Order, but by business men, the traveling public and the train men. An engineer remarked to me the other day that one of these agents was always on the platform waving at him as he pulled into the station, but all that he got in return was a stony stare. How is Seivers greeted when he goes over the line? Given a wide berth and a stony stare. Never saw him given the glad hand yet, although he tries to be very agreeable. He oh jects to the title, Scab, and I don't know but what his objection is well-founded. Think Scab Herder would be more appropriate.

Notwithstanding the fact that the officials are giving out the impression that the telephone is more reliable than the telegraph, I noticed that when Harriman passed over the system last weel there were strict orders to handle his messages by telegraph, although there is a copper circuit phone system in operation from Omaha to Ogden. The telephone for use in handling train orders is a very good bluff; nothing more. In clear weather it works fairly well, but in damp weather it is a

izilure, but even if the claims of the officials were true, what advantage have they gained if they do establish a telephone system at a big expense. The mechanism is more complicated, the battery material more costly and shorter lived. Its maintenance requires more efficient linemen, and its operation for the movement of trains requires efficient railroad men who are just as eligible to membership in our Order as a telegrapher, and who will not work for a less wage. I can not see what we have to fear from the telephone.

Brothers, keep cases on all violations of our schedule. Watch the situation closely, and promptly inform your chairman of any infringement on our rights. Any minors placed in charge of night offices, any railroad messages or train orders handled by student agents or student helpers. These things will all come up soon, and what we want is facts, not gossips. With best wishes, I will cut out.

A STAND PATER.

Nebraska Division, First District-

It is the same old story. News is scarce.

Business is picking up somewhat, but My L—what drags they are hauling. Had second No. 5 a few weeks ago with only 130 cars.

They are having quite a time to keep a man at Sanberg nights. Don't blame any one for not wanting to stay there. Bro. Leach, of the I. C., was there for a few nights, and quit. Now Bro. Riley, who was at Gilmore for a long time, is holding the job down.

Bro. R. A. Combs, who worked at Gilmore, is working at Lincoln. Can not say whether days or nights, though.

Understand that F. C. Potter, who was agent at Gilmore, has gone to the "U" office.

Operator C. A. Martin, Fremont, had a two weeks' vacation. Bro. Byrne taking the day job and Operator Sims taking the night job during Martin's absence.

Bro. C. A. Buck is relieving Sister Fink at Stromsburg. Bro. Buck formerly held Oconee station, but the company closed up the office, so that will throw Bro. Buck on the extra list.

Operator Sims is working in the "YD" office. We are unable to say if he has the little pasteboard or not.

Bro. Vibyral, of North Bend, can skin any one on fishing. He was telling us the other day that he caught a fish so big that he could not carry it home. "QN."

If some of you fellows don't help me out with some news in the near future there is going to be something doing.

Well, at last we are going to have the double track completed. On August 24th they started to run trains from Riverside. Understand that they are going to close North Bend nights when the double track is completed. This will also cut out the operators and switch tenders at Silver Creek, Benton and "WX" office. This will throw four men on the extra list. I think there are about four or five extra men now, so that will leave

quite a bunch of extra men on the First District.

Bro. Byrne, Fremont, is taking his vacation, and has gone to Cedar Rapids. Operator Davis is relieving him.

Bro. Clark, Columbus, is laying off for a week or ten days. Operator Sims is holding the job down during Bro. Clark's absence.

Operator Davis relieved Bro. De France at Silver Creek for a few nights.

It is worse than pulling teeth to get hold of news on this division. It seems the brothers think when they have got a division correspondent that is all that is required; but there is where they are wrong. It is a shame to see a division like this one not have a good write-up every month. It may be that the correspondent is not the man for the place that you now have. But one thing we do know, and that is we used to do a little scribbling when we were working for the C. & N. W., and with success. But do you know why? The brothers over there helped out every month, and we can have the same thing here if you fellows wake up and get busy.

Carl Johnson, dispatcher of this district, has been transferred to third trick at Grand Island, Second District. The boys up there will find Carl a dandy fellow to work with. We worked with him about three or four months, and never worked with a better man. He is all wool and a yard wide. And we think without a doubt that the boys up there will give him the glad hand.

Understand that P. K. Jeffries has left the service and tried to ride the blind baggage out of Omaha to North Platte on No. 11 one night, but the crew on the engine happened to se him, and when he saw the jig was up, he flashed a message on them supposed to be from Mr. Cahill, to carry him to North Platte. But the game did not work.

Nebraska Division, Western District-

Work not so plentiful yet that we have much booming. Every one seems to be attending strictly to business. It is nice to work with a bunch of fellows who know a few things without having to be told every time. Keep it up. Remember our old saw to "keep things up to the standard of excellency required," etc. While we have a lot of fun out of that phrase it fits the spot exactly. We are all very well satisfied under the circumstances, as we can see the old confidence is being slowly restored.

Bro. J. A. Byrne, Cozad, off for a month of recreation, and left for New York to "give my regards to Broadway." However, he did not neglect to pay up for the current term before going. Some of you fellows seem to think if you are going to lay off a while you will need the money too much yourself, but it is just like buying your round-trip before you start anywhere. See? Bro. Thornbrugh, Kearney, doing the relief stunt at Cozad while the position of relief agent is open on bulletin. Understand no one bid on it, either.

Second and third tricks at Kearney were also passed up, when open, by any who were good ticket men. This shows hardly the right spirit. It is all right to hunt a snap, but you should be prepared to take hold of any job that is open, no matter what is required. Don't be afraid of station and ticket work. Be a thorough station man; then you stand some show.

Bro. W. C. Hennigan, Grand Island yard office, off fifteen days the first of July spending the Fourth with his former landlady in Columbus, I guess. Later visiting his home folks. Relieved by Extra Dispatcher McNutt and a new man, E. C. Matthews.

Bro. Conger, who was bumped out of St. Libory by one of the student helpers, has taken his old station at Dannebrog back. Mr. Grimes at present on extra list, relieving Bro. Starkey at Boelus, who is off for fifteen days visiting in Sioux City.

L. J. Morton, who has been agent at Lexington for several years, has resigned to engage in the restaurant business in that city, I understand. As this is a non-schedule job, F. A. Moeder, formerly chief clerk in Grand Island yard office, was given the station.

C. R. Haines to Josselyn nights.

Bro. C. E. Ford, Gothenburg nights, laying off; relieved by J. D. Maloney, also new to the U. P. Quite a bit of amusement caused some time ago when Bro. Horne, at Maxwell, had the Baptist car, "Glad Tidings," at his station for movement to Denver, and was instructed to bill it by freight. He thereupon sent the following message to Mr. C. J. Lane, freight agent at Omaha: "Please name rate on glad tidings, Maxwell to Denver," and got in return the following: "Rate on glad tidings just twice as much as on bad tidings." Who said the officials could not see the humorous?

It recently came to my notice that our chief dispatcher asked the assistant superintendent to bulletin a certain job on this district, and was told there was a bulletin out about a week before covering this vacancy. Not a one in this office had seen it. Wish if any of you do not get these bulletins promptly you would notify me, as it is the company's wish that all be supplied.

Did you notice the article in this month's TELEG-RAPHER concerning the proposed bond company, and have you done anything to help this along? Did you know we have a man off on this district at this very time, unjustly losing time because of the mighty Pacific Express Company? The railroad would gladly have him back to work-they say so; but he can not give bond until it is straightened out, and they can not work without bend, and there you are. I have heard several who know, say the Order has never attempted a better thing. Very few of you but who can spare at least \$50.00 to help this cause, and more, since \$5.00, monthly payment plan, has been adopted. How do you know who will be the next to meet this same fate? Your being a good man won't save you. So was this man. As few complaints

against him as any man in the employ of the U. P., on this district; yet he is suffering. Straight blackmail because he won't pay for some one's mistake, and the express company have no chance to get it out of the guilty party, and are sticking him. Help us to take these things and put them in the hands of our friends—into our own hands, in fact—where we know justice will be done. I can furnish any of those who wish them application blanks for stock.

Don't forget the nons and new men. You regular men, when a new man comes into your station get a line on him, and give me his name, and if a member, his card reference, and if not a member, we will both land on him. If you will help me we can keep this about solid, and you know our standing in numbers this year determines the number of delegates we get to the next convention.

Have not time for a more lengthy write-up this month. You who have promised me help in getting these items do not forget me this time. I know one thing—you are no busier than I.

CERT. 765.

Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division-

Business keeps picking up. News is scarce.

Mr. A. Dowling, agent at McNairey, Tenn., off looking for health, I understand; relieved by Mr. R. E. Sanders, his student. Mr. Dowling promises to join as soon as he gets enough ahead to spare. Red is a fine boy, but just has bad ideas in waiting to join.

Bro. Barr, agent at Laketon, Ky., off trying to get rid of a case of chills. "13" "CB" can see chills hanging on trees at "GR." Mr. Overall, extra operator from Dyer, doing the twelve-hour stunt while Bro. Barr is off.

Bro. Armstrong, second trick operator at "CO," Cairo, left the service. Understand he has gone back to commercial work. Bro. Hudson, from Columbus, Ky., relieved him at "CO."

Bro. Bryant, third trick at Mill Creek, secured third trick at Tamms Yards when Bro. K. N. left the service.

Bro. Henderson has returned to Mill Creek after being off on vacation for thirty days.

Bro. Nolan returned to work as agent at Red Bud, after spending several days in Wickliffe, Ky., with old friends and relatives.

Mr. P. J. Kerlin, second trick operator at Red Bud, off sick, has gone to Jordan, Ky., to recuperate; relieved by a man from Campbell Hill. Unable to say if he has the necessary pasteboard

Bro. Heileman, former agent at Campbell Hill. left the service; relieved by Bro. Williamson, third trick man, from East St. Louis.

I understand some of our members are teaching telegraphy without dispensation from Bro. Perham. Boys, this is wrong. You signed an obligation not to do this when you became a member of the O. R. T. If you have any cubs around your office, run them out, and live up to your

obligation. If you don't be careful you might lose your card, and go out in disgrace. I know you don't want to do that.

There are far too many operators in the country now. God knows we get little enough as it is. How do you expect to better our conditions when you are flooding the country with hams? We will admit that they are not competent operators, but they will help out wonderfully in case of trouble. They can handle OS, jobs very well, when the company can get no one else. Of course you will say my ham won't do this. But you never know. They want a job, and want it bad, and consequently will do these things, not thinking you know, and that will hurt just as bad as if they were thinking.

It is your duty to keep these kids away from your office. Do that before some one takes it up and has you expelled.

Boys, let me have the happenings along the line so I can get up something to say from the Mollio. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

District No. 1, Laggan to Kamloops-

Grand Secretary and Treasurer Bro. L. W. Quick, Third Vice-President Campbell and General Chairman Robertson on their way to Vancouver to have a rally. Sorry to say they went through here on the run. We tried hard to get up a meeting, but Bro. Mooney, our delegate at Shuswap, wired back to them: "Unable to do so, as every available man was working, and no one to relieve them." A good sign. The twelve-hour day on this side of the line is a barrier to our Yankee cousins. It is a long day, boys, but keep a stiff upper lip; there are brighter days in store for us all ere many moons.

Glad to say every one on this district is evidently giving satisfaction, and I hope they have all their new cards for the ensuing half year, and have paid up the \$3.00 assessment. To those who have not paid up, I say "do so."

Several brothers have passed through Revelstake bound for the "bread-basket of the world"—the Northwest, and every one had the emblem. It is a good sight to look at in a lonely spot.

Bro. White, from an unknown road relieving Bro. Belding at Secamous Junction, carries the button and card.

Bro. Mosher, of the O. R. & N., taking Bro. Mauthies' place at Arrowhead. Bro. Mauthies relieves Bro. Donovan, who is on an extended leave of absence.

Bro. Hover, of the N. P., relieved Bro. Davies at Notch Hill for two weeks, then struck out for Medicine Hat, where he is going in for pushing wheat trains.

Bro. La Chance, from the Province of Quebec, relieved Bro. "Scotty" Allan at Revelstoke Pit, thus putting the "Scot" into "BY" office as copyist for the dispatcher's and other wires for a few days, but the "few days" were extended to three weeks, when he was relieved on August 3d to go up to Emerald with the "Big Betsy"—the ninety-

ton shovel. Bro. Dunlap relieving him at Revelstoke.

Bro. Classon, of Donald, now at Beavermouth, Donald being closed for a time. They have a brand of mosquitoes there they call the "selkirk grays." They are very musical, as Bro. Stevenson, at Beavermouth, knows.

Bro. Anslow has taken a fancy to the Kootenay country, and has come to the conclusion he wants to be his own master.

Bro. Boggs relieving Bro. Sharp, Albert Canyou, for two weeks, who has gone visiting friends on the Pacific Coast.

The dispatching staff at Revelstoke down to three men instead of six on account of the slack business, but hope to see six instead of three ere

Bro. Sweadfeger bid for O'Kenagan Landing, and leaves a vacancy in the dispatching staff. Expect to see a change ere long when freight begins to move more rapidly.

"337."

District No. 2. Pacific Division-

It was with considerable pleasure and benefit that a gathering of the members of this district, in Vancouver, Sunday, July 26th, listened to words of encouragement and information from Grand Officers Quick and Campbell, and our new general chairman, Bro. Robertson. Local Chairman Bro. Rowland called the meeting to order about 14 K. Former general chairman, Bro. Goulet, was present, and the members who could get away turned out fairly well.

Bro. Campbell gave us a good outline of the progress of the Order, touching on organization and the general solid standing of the Order, financially and otherwise. Amongst other statements made, Bro. Campbell said that the C. P. System, while taking second place to the C. & N. W. in regard to numbers, is easily first of all divisions in the matter of being an up-to-date and thoroughly organized system of the O. R. T. This statement in itself is very gratifying, and I think indicates that as time goes on, the boys are working more and more harmoniously towards the desired end.

Bro. Robertson dealt principally with matters financial and past schedule negotiations undertaken by the C. P. telegraphers, showing that we have done exceedingly well under the difficulties from time to time to be at present in such good shape. I am sure that all of the brothers who are fortunate enough to meet Bro. Robertson during his stay in the West, will, no doubt, see that we have the right man in the right place, and having all his time available for Order work, the unfortunate members should soon have reason to believe the same. He surely ought to benefit by his trip West, and, while taking notice of everything of value to his office and the Order, he urges that members keep him posted by promptly writing him direct, giving full particulars of cases or suggestions, which will ease off the work. His address is 141 Dunn avenue, Toronto, Ont. Bro. Campbell also asked that members having any case or suggestion to offer, should not delay in ac quainting our general chairman with them, as well as keeping them alive amongst local officials and brothers.

Bro. Quick gave us a fine talk, being evidently much pleased with his first trip to this part of the country. I am sure we ought to benefit greatly from his words of encouragement, as he certainly gave us a good, clear understanding of things concerning his office, as well as matters of general importance to the Order. His history of the struggle to keep above water, as it were, in the early days of the Order, when things looked gloomy at times, was indeed very interesting.

Altogether, the afternoon was very pleasantly spent, and all seemed to realize the benefit to be derived from such a meeting. Before closing, Bro. Gculet spoke, stating briefly that he had done all in his power, while negotiating schedules and performing other duties pertaining to his former office, at the same time stating that a good deal depended upon the solidness of the members, as a unit, behind him. A vote of thanks, moved by Bro. Goulet and seconded by Bro. Freer, thanking Bros. Quick, Campbell and Robertson for their visit and remarks, was most heartily applauded, and the meeting closed to allow officials and members from the line time to catch No. 96 East.

A word to local members: Having been given the task of keeping the journal supplied with news from this district, I will do the best I can to keep it up. You all know where to catch me, and I would ask you to kindly assist by dropping me a note, giving any news or suggestions that might be of interest.

Bro. Presley, night operator at Ashcraft, bid in the relieving agency, and was appointed to that position. But on consideration, withdrew, and Bro. Whitly is now appointed relieving agent. Bro. Whitly at present relieving Bro. McPhee, who is away on holidays.

Bro. Garvin, night operator at Savonas, has been moved to Lytton, nights. Savonas closed as a night office.

New man at Thompson, a Mr. Cameron, but I am glad to say, he has the blanks, and will be in next 15th.

DIV. Cor.

Western Division, District No. 3-

Local Chairman Bro. Macdonald away on his annual holidays. This time to the coast. No doubt, on his return will have picked up many items of interest to the craft. We make this assertion, knowing his watchword is "O. R. T." first, last and always.

Red Deer bulletined. Your correspondent does not yet know what Bro. Lindsay's intentions are. In any case we trust he will stay in our midst. We should be sorry to lose our worthy brother from amongst us.

Bro. J. C. Miller in the chair, acting chief dispatcher. Each and every one of the boys have a feeling of delight and confidence in this promotion,

which, though only temporary, it is assured will be followed by the permanent official position that our worthy Bro. J. C. M. duly merits.

Bro. Johnston, of Penhold, away on holidays, being relieved by Bro. Bickell. Among the many notable events and places taken in by Bro. Johnston was the Quebec Tercentenary, as also did Bro. Halliday, of Lacombe.

On account of our local chairman being on holidays, our regular meeting, which was to have taken place yesterday, was postponed, we understand, for a couple of weeks. This was done on account of the excessive business to come before this meeting, requiring the able assistance of the chairman.

Three candidates for initiation this coming meeting. Oh, ye; officers get in line, and be sure the goat is well fed for the occasion.

LOCAL COR.

From the Crows Nest-

One of the most enthusiastic meetings to be held in the Crows Nest, was pulled off at Cranbrook, in the Cranbrook Hotel, on Tuesday evening, July 28th.

Among the distinguished brethren present was Bro. L. W. Quick, grand secretary and treasurer; Bro. Campbell, third vice-president, and Bro. Robertson, general chairman.

The meeting was very instructive, and it is to be regretted that it is an impossibility for us all to be present at meetings of this kind, and it is to be hoped that those who were unfortunate in this respect will profit through the information gained from brothers who were present.

To the brothers who were not present, although they might have been, you have missed an opportunity that can not be expected at very many meetings in this locality, and that is to meet with Bros. Quick, Campbell and Robertson in discussing the different workings of the Order which we, as telegraphers, should take more of an interest in.

Bros. Campbell and Robertson furnished very valuable information to the brothers present in connection with the workings of our own dission, and although we were not large in numbers, we were there with the right spirit when it came to matters pertaining to Division No. 7.

The meeting broke up at a very early hour of the morning, the brethren journeying to their respective positions none the worse for the few hours they had spent in conversing with those who have a large share of the handling of our grand organization at stake, with the exception of Bro. Hart, who, we understand, went to Marysville to have a few days' fishing before returning to work.

We understand Bro. Inglis, from Jaffray, has resigned to take a government position. We wish him every success in his new sphere.

Bro. Green, of Wardner, is at present on holidays, being relieved by Bro. Workman, relieving agent. Bro. Willson, local chairman, we understand, journeys East, August 15th. It is rumored the return transportation reads: Mr. and Mrs. Willson. He will reside in Benedict on his return.

CERT. 616.

Lake Superior Division-

Bro. Chisholm, Nipigon, is on his vacation at present, we "13," at St. Johns, N. B. Bro. Giffer doing the day stunt and Bro. Wilcox the "owl."

Bro. Smith is relieving Mr. Finch at Hurkett. It is reported that Mr. Finch will soon be Bro. Finch, That's talking. We'll soon be solid clear through, boys.

Mr. Booth, from "RU," and Len Mersereau, lineman, "WR" to "B," sent their documents tonight on No. 2., Two more. Two more some other day and one more a day or so after that again, is what make the good old O. R. T. loom up the way it should. Keep 'em a-rollin' in, boys. The more the merrier. The faster the better.

Bro. Ross, formerly relieving "NI," nights, now at "MK," nights.

Bro. Fred Davis, who is at present on his vacation, received notice the other evening of the sudden death of his brother's wife, Mrs. W. Davis, of Fort William. We extend our deepest sympathy to both brothers.

Sister Ripley, formerly Mackenzie, days, now at Gravel, nights. We have both sisters at "V" now. Only two little sisters we have, too.

The writer had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Dowd, who held down Heron Bay nights, about three years ago, not long ago. He is now holding down an agency in Alberta, and was going East on his vacation. He expressed his good wishes to all the boys, and asked to be remembered to them. Many of you will no doubt remember him.

Bro. Smith, of "DA" office, has departed, and his place is filled by a Mr. Drummond. Can not say if he is solid or not.

And still the operator at "RM" hangs out against the Order. Yes, and if the company raised all operator's salaries to \$500.00 a month, the same lad would ram it into his dip and never crack a smile. Then if some one mildly suggested "how about coming in with us next pay-day," the horrified expression on his features would bust a pumpkin. Do not know what his reasons are.

How any man can take a nice fat increase like that recent 14 per cent wallop, without joining the body of worker: that sweated and toiled and worried to get it for him is a puzzle that has the world-famous "How old is Ann" twister faded to a standstill.

Bro. Baker, of "GU," has left us for a better position down East.

Chapleau, Schreiber agencies both bulletined. Two good positions for the right men.

Bro. Barnes now agent at "GU," vice Bro. Baker, transferred. This gentleman is one of our newest brothers. We give him the best of weltomes, and sincerely trust he may never regret coming in with us. For a fact, we know he will not.

Everything in connection with the car men's and mechanics' strike is quiet. The boys seem to be saying nothing but sawing wood. Sawing wood is a good line. We wish them best success. They are putting up a gentlemanly fight, and they should win.

Wish to express my thanks to the only member who sent in "the doi 1gs" around his part of the pike. He is first. The first month I had none at all. Next month I hope to have several news budgets. Come on, fellows; let's keep this thing going. I know you all like news of what is doing, and even if it is put up like a boarding-house "steak pie," still it is news, and that is what we are after.

CERT. 1642.

New York Central Ry.

Mohawk Division-

No. 25, the Twentieth Century Limited, made a new record for speed on August 9th, making the distance, Albany to Syracuse, 149 miles, in 129 minutes. That is going some.

The B. of R. T. excursion, held August 23d, at Sylvan Beach, was well attended and a success, as usual.

Bro. J. Driscoll and his best girl spent the Fourth of July at Niagara Falls.

Bro. Walker, of West Albany, recently had his week off duty.

Bro. Quinn is on his vacation at this writing.

Our meeting at Albany, N. Y., on the evening of August 19th, was very enthusiastic, and I dare say, one of the best meetings ever held on the Mohawk Division, and the eighty members present certainly enjoyed it. Four applications for membership were read and accepted. Bro. Pierson, our worthy vice-president, was present and gave us a very interesting and instructive address. which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Bro. Manion, general chairman of the N. Y., N. H. & H., Bro. Nichols, of Division 78, and Bro. Woolley, our general chairman, also favored us with addresses. We hope we will be fortunate enough to have these worthy brothers with us soon again. Meeting was not adjourned until after midnight. An elaborate luncheon was served at Keeler's after the meeting.

The battery man, Robert Roberts, has been laid off, and as there appears to be no provision made for taking care of batteries in the smaller offices, it will be up to some one to get dirty hands again.

The injured from this city in Boonville wreck are not improving very fast. Among those were W. H. Wood, general yardmaster; J. W. Connors, yardmaster; Geo. Sacher, freight house foreman, and Yard Conductor J. Carney. The two last named are still laid up, and will likely be for some time to come.

Bro. Clifford Oakes, night telegrapher, operator and ticket agent for the N. Y. C. at Malone Junction, was held up in true western style shortly before

2 o'clock, July 29th, and compelled to hand over about \$81.00. Bro. Oakes had finished some work near the ticket window, and turned to go to the train registry window. As he did so he found himself gazing into the muzzle of a revolver pointed at him. As the stranger had the drop on him he threw up his hands. The stranger then directed him to hand over what money he had.

Bro. Oakes says he was simply scared stiff, and is recovering from the shock nicely, and is on the job, and proposes to do a little holding up himself if he is tackled again.

Drv. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an Allwise Providence to remove from our midst our beloved friend and brother, C. G. Anderson, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of the Most High, who doeth all things well, and

WHEREAS, We deeply feel the loss of our brother and esteemed friend, his wife and mother have lost a devoted husband and son who can never be replaced; therefore be it

Resolved, That to the sorrowing widow and mother we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation; and be it further

Resolved, That we send a copy of these resolutions to the editor of THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication and a copy to the bereaved family.

M. J. WOOD,

A. N. LORING,

M. B. LYNCH,

H. B. Morey,

C. F. Loring,

Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

! desire, through the columns of the O. R. T. journal, to extend my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the members of N. Y. C. System Division, No. 8, and North Adams Division, No. 139, for their kindness shown me during the time of my great bereavement occasioned by the death of my husband at Rotterdam, N. Y., on July 29th, and for the beautiful floral O. R. T. design furnished.

MRS. C. G. ANDERSON.

New York Central & Hudson River Ry.

R. W. & O. Division, East End-

We wish to thank all brothers and all others who assisted us in getting the beautiful floral piece, "N. Y. C.," which was prized so highly by the bereaved parents and friends of Bro. B. A. Hazen. Bert always carried an up-to-date, and may we all be as worthy and willing as he.

Bro. Arthur, of Lowville, spent August 18th in Utica, the guest of his well-known brother, "Arthur, the Clothier."

Bro. Flansburg, at LaFargeville, is off on his vacation, unable to ascertain where he is spending this short week,

Bro. Virkler, of Castorland, off for his vacation, September 1st. He plans to visit Niagara Falls, New York and Boston.

We are all glad to learn that Conductor Unser and Engineer Hughes, who were so seriously inured in the Boonville wreck, are able to be out on the street, and we look forward with pleasure to the time they will be able to resume their duties.

Bro. Jones is again at his trick, second at Barneveld; all glad to see him again after the short absence.

Bro. Barnard, at Stittville, second now. They always have a third trick man there (sometimes).

Bro. Heigh, at "MJ" tower, first, while Mullen and Spring do second and third.

Understand our former dispatcher, Watson, is thinking of taking the agency at Hilton.

Bro. R. A. Phillips has taken the agency at Great Bent, vice C. F. Farland.

We will soon shake hands with C. F. Farland. He is making out the papers. Boys, welcome the new members.

Bro. E. H. Miller, of Morristown, has been on the sick list, but is now back on the job again; all glad to see and hear him again.

Mr. E. Karkan, second trick at Black River, 15 making out the papers, boys.

We are looking forward with interest to the proposed changes which are to be made in the near future on this division. We are told that the title R. W. & O. is to be a thing of the past, and that we are to be known as the St. Lawrence Division on this end, and as the Oswego Division on the west end. This will be quite a change all around.

Hudson Division-

Mr. Ed Schumaker went on his annual two weeks' vacation and was relieved by Bro. Moss, while Inspector Kiley worked first trick at "13" pro tem; even Bro. Walker took a day off to "stretch his legs."

The hitherto sequestered existence of "B. S. 8" has been seriously disrupted owing to "midsummer vacations," to wit, Bro. Frank off one month and Bro. Steede "three weeks," caused the tollowing juggle: Bro. Donoughue, late of the N. Y., N. H. & H., works second on the wire, while Bro. Smith relieves Bro. Steede; Bro. Butterfield takes Bro. Frank's place, and Bro. Gordon, leaving "12," in charge of Mr. Bowen, helps out Bro. Schultz on first at the Brass.

Bro. Collins does not think very much of the French railroads, after having spent ten days seeing all there was to be seen of interest in the French capital, while on his vacation. He now works third at "28."

Bro. Coombs, third trick at "14½," went off one week, with a "half-rate" reading to include the entire State of Pennsylvania.

Bro. Olsen has resigned from the Hudson Division to take up a \$75 per on the Electric Division.

Bro. Thompson, after a very brilliant but somewhat curtailed career on the "Long Island," is back in our neighborhood, but we regret to say, at time of writing, "straddling the Porcine."

Bro. Moore, first at "32," by way of a vacation, is having a dandy time with his cat-rigged sloop, the "Saucy Sou."

Bro. Buckley, on the Putnam Division, is back to his old job, second trick at Van Cortlandt Junction, having been superseded by Bro. Stevens, of the Electric Division, who is now working as agent at Pocantico Hills.

The agency of Mount Hope was closed for two weeks to enable Bro. Leiber, of the Western Union, to relieve Bro. Nugent, assistant agent at Dunwoodie, who took the time off to visit the Saratoga meet.

Perhaps the most interesting item of this month's notes is concerning the baseball game played at Van Cortlandt Park on the first of August between the O. R. T. team and one from the clerical staff of the superintendent's office, and which resulted in favor of our team by a score of 4 to 3. Both sides played excellent ball, and exhibited champion efficiency in all the branches of the national game.

The chief features of the game were the home run of Reilly, who gave clear signals to a prize inshoot, which cleared the block for three runs in the sixth inning, and the smart fielding of Bro. Cannon, who side-tracked a warm line out off Batter Mulligan, which prospected to have executed a move of like temerity as that of Reilly's.

A return game is to be played on the 19th of September, which we hope will also be to our credit.

Hans Wagner Hyatt, our genial shortstop, does get around the bases, and at the recent game at Van C. Park he gave an exhibition of reaching third base via the subway.

Connors, extra out of Hudson, is slated for the undoing of the Hapso's at League Park, Poughkeepsie, September 19th.

A number of our boys are anticipating a week's vacation at Little Old New York or Asbury Park, but the realization of their anticipation all depends on the result of the game September 19th. It looks like easy money.

How does it sound, "Hudson Division, O. R. T., champions of the N. Y. C." We challenge all who dispute it.

Bro. Burns, at "59," with his bulldog tenacity and samsonized physique, is causing the repairman no little worry by breaking levers and, incidentally, records; his next close competitor being Bro. Buys.

Have we another Tobin in H. Rector at "B. S. 73." the nerve that he is capable of displaying will even phase Old St. Peter when he requests his card.

Things are progressing favorably for the second annual eight-hour ball. Don't miss this grand function, and don't fail to see that every one has a ticket or two. Bro. Gramp is still working second trick at "84," Bro. Pine at "68," third.

Our team journeyed to Schodack and took that famous team into camp; score 5 to 4, in favor of O. R. T.

Occasionally the writer of these notes is called upon for an apology, for a presumed misquoting of facts. While I have never been caught with the goods on, it has occurred that after an explanation of certain acts were given the incident, it proves a misunderstanding on both sides. A case I wish to mention, the notes in August issue bear hard on certain parties for promenading with the O. R. T. button, and Mr. Keck's—Bro. Keck now—is mentioned among them. I wish to say this was done as a joke, and with no thought of the seriousness of it, and Bro. Keck has since shown which side of the fence he is on, so give him the glad hand.

Bro. Lester, from the Electric Division, was a conspicuous figure at the August meeting, and at the close of the meeting he entertained the boys with a few of his own compositions, which Lew Dockstader has an option on.

Smiling Tim, at "PD," is still one of those procrastinating nons.

Wanted, some of the brothers on the north end to furnish me with a few notes from that end of the line.

I will cut out, saying, don't forget our big stick, "No cards, no favors." CERT. 525.

Beech Creek Division-

With deepest regret I announce the loss of our regular division correspondent, Bro. R. A. Snyder, who was working Panther, third trick, he having resigned to accept a position on another road, the vacancy at "RN," Panther, being filled by Operator B. H. Craft.

How many of the members are interested enough to send just one item each month? If each one would, just imagine what a nice newsy column we would have in the journal each month, and it would be appreciated, would it not? Don't you always turn to the B. C. news when you get your journal? I hear someone saying "Yes;" well then, why not help? Appoint a regular correspondent and then help him, is not that fair?

Bro. Croll, who was working "MI," Munson, days, has bid in and is now working "MO," Monument, second trick.

Sister M. V. Murrey was seen on the train going to Clearfield, Friday, August 7th.

Mr. C. D. Meek, who was working Walton, first trick, has been awarded Panther, second trick. Think he is O. K.

We can now address Mr. B. F. Sterling, of "UM," Lumber, third trick, as brother, as he has the necessary papers.

Several weddings have been reported in the last few weeks on this division.

How many of the boys are wearing a button? Put a button on your coat and get after that non. There are very few left on this division. Get after them and we will soon be solid. If every member would get one new member just imagine what that would be. Why, it would keep the recording angel in heaven busy writing down the good deeds of the members.

Bro. G. W. Bierly, second trick man at Gorton, took a couple of weeks' vacation this month; relieved by Operator F. O. Solsbury. "13" there was a wedding about that time.

Mr. Bierly, third trick at Hayes, who was off on a vacation of a couple of weeks this month, helped Bro. G. W. celebrate.

Mr. Rumfelt bid in Mowry, third trick.

Birch, third trick, not assigned yet.

Bro. W. B. Graham has bid in Birch, first trick. Bro. G. S. Stover has bid in "WB" tower, third trick, and is now on the job.

Glad to see every one of the boys being Johnnie on the spot. How easy and smooth things move. That's the spirit that wins the esteem of your officials. Keep it up, it pays.

How many of the brothers and sisters would like to have a meeting, to be held at Clearfield, or any other convenient point along the road, one during the day and one at night, in the near future. All in favor of this write your local chairman, Bro. J. W. Martenis, Vilas, and he will arrange for the meeting. Let's hear from you all.

Bro. Barber, operator at Cherry Tree, has gone into the moving picture business. He reports a very successful opening, and indications since point to a profitable undertaking.

Business gradually picking up on the Beech Creek and Fall Brook; still short of normal.

The New York Evening Call claims to have in their possession a copy of an order sent to all superintendents by the Pennsylvania Railroad, in which war is declared against many of the unions. The order reads:

"It is expected that employes of the Pennsylvania Railway system, outside of the classified service, should not be connected with labor organizations. It is ordered that superintendents will, through their organization, inform themselves concerning such employes in these various classes as may be members of these unions, and remove at the earliest possible moment the leaders in our employ, and that they will follow this up with the removal of all other employes, members of the above-named unions, that have not severed their connections with the unions. This is altogether proper under recent rulings of the court, and it is thought that the present is an opportune time to clean out these unions, so far as our system is concerned. While it should be done in a discreet way, that will involve no publicity, yet it is strictly enjoined that it be effective."

What do you think of that now! Ye gods of war; have you so soon forgotten the words of Herman Justi, of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association, when he remarked: "All talk of wiping out our organized labor is not only idle talk, but it is a grievous mistake; organized labor has come to stay, and while you may demoralize organized labor, and defeat it for a time, you can depend

upon it that the laborer everywhere is not any more likely to go back to the conditions that once prevailed and to the unscientific systems that were once in force than you are going back from your electric light to the tallow dip."

Bro. Martenis, our local chairman, has informed me that Mr. Lytle, agent at Gazzam, has forwarded his papers and money, and is at this time a member in good standing. With request I make note of it in the items from this district. You will please take notice and hereafter greet him as Bro. Lytle.

The nons are getting so scarce here we will soon be down to only one left, then we will all join in and sing, "One More River to Cross."

I am instructed, through our local chairman, to say to you agents if any of the organizers of the O. R. S. A. call on you to give them a wide berth, and write Bro. Perham, or Bro. Quick. They can give you a full history of the whole bunch.

It is only a matter of a short time until our committee meets with the officials for revision of agreement, and I would suggest to any one that may have anything to offer in the way of changes in the articles, that they take the matter up with Bro. Martenis.

Now, just one more word and I am through, and that word is about students: Remember you are worthy members of that grand and noble O. R. T. and should not forget the obligation you have taken. Is there a student in your office? They can not learn without some one to help them, and every new operator is just one more step to doing away with the nine hours.

CERT. 2117.

Fall Brook District-

Now, brothers, it is drawing near election; before casting your vote carefully consider your man, carefully review his past doings, and vote for the man that will prove loyal to your cause. Let it not be said of us that the capitalist votes for his man and the laborer for his party.

It seems to me the brothers on the north end would take a tumble to themselves, and try to get out to the meetings. Brothers, you ought to appreciate what your worthy local chairman has done for you enough to come out to the meetings. Now that your hours are shorter there is no reasonable excuse for at least the first trick men.

What do you suppose your local chairman thinks when you come forth with a load of excuses for not attending the meetings? If I were he I would frankly tell you what I think of it. I notice when any of the brothers want to go anywhere else they generally find a way of getting there. Now, boys, you know as well as I do that this is not right. If each of you would make an effort to go we would have a better attendance at our meetings. It is for your interest as well as mine. Don't sit back and expect a few to do it all. The only way to keep the ball rolling is for each one to lend a helping hand.



We should make a vigorous effort to do our best at all times, always looking after the company's interests, make it a point to be on the job during our eight hours, report trains promptly. Don't have the dispatcher call five or ten minutes for a report of each train. When the dispatcher asks a question be in a position to say yes or no. When a train stops at your office for any cause don't let the dispatcher ask four or five times what is detaining them, but find out and let him know promptly. Keep order blanks handy, so that when the dispatcher sends you an order each one in turn want to say, "go ahead number." Anything that would be of any help to dispatcher, notify him; by so doing we will gain his good will, and both will entertain a better feeling toward each other.

Bro. Wedge, of "JS" tower, has returned from a visit at Jersey City.

Bro. Wilson, of Cedar Run, off on a few days' vacation.

Bro. Cole, of Ferenbaugh, off on vacation, doing New York City.

Bro. Hosier, of "JC" tower, is off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Hanrahan.

On account of no operators Ross office was closed, third trick, for several nights.

Bro. Raemore reports a good time.

Our worthy chief, Mr. J. W. Lynahan, is now enjoying a few days' vacation.

Mr. Matches, of "FN" office, on his vacation; relieved by Mr. Torrence McMahon.

Mr. Klinger, of "GY" tower, has bid in "NB" junction, second trick.

Bro. Vandeventer bid in second trick at Watkins, Bro. Odea taking third trick.

Just a word in closing, when you cast your vote this fall stand up for the man that will stand up for you.

Wing Ling.

Norfolk & Western Ry.

Scioto Division-

Improvement in business still continues on this division. During the last month decided increase in tonnage has been noticed. Class M engines, handling 5,500 tons, double head, 750 to 800 loads, westbound daily, indicating return of old times. We hope for a continuance of increased business, so that it will be necessary to increase the force of telegraphers. At this time there have been no offices reopened that were closed when the panic began,

Bro. U. G. Chambers, agent at Hanging Rock, Ohio, was successful applicant for Kenova freight agency. Bro. Chambers having filled the agency at Hanging Rock for a number of years, is qualified for his new position.

First vacancy bulletined for many months came out July 26th advertising the agency at Hanging Rock, Ohio, and new office to be opened at Newtown, Ohio, temporarily, at gravel pit, while the

gravel trains are in service. Work of track improvement is on in earnest. Tie-renewals and distribution of gravel is being pushed with all possible rapidity. Bro. L. B. Cailey, who has been on the sick list a greater part of the summer, has returned to work. This time at Webb, W. Va., displacing Bro. D. H. Billips, third trick operator.

Bro. Benton Mosser, agent at Wayne, W. Va., who has been ill for some time, has resumed his duties.

Bro. Frank Terrell acted as agent during the illness of Bro. Mosser.

That part of service bulletin for month of July relating to our district, shows up for us very encouraging, indeed. We hope to hold service up to this same standard from now on. Do not fear to attend to business, for it is one of the conditions of our existence.

A series of accidents have occurred on this division within the last few weeks. None so far are chargeable to the telegraph department. Circulars have recently been issued as to handling of semaphore at points where block rules are not in effect, and it is hoped all will familiarize themselves with instructions contained in the circular, remembering discipline may result for violation of instructions set forth in them.

Statistics—Dividends of \$308,137,924 were declared by railways in the United States during the last year.

Bro. C. Talbot, agent at Piketon, Ohio, enjoyed his vacation during the fair at his place; relieved by Bro. A. L. Peake.

Miss Minnie Gentry, of Prichard, W. Va., one of our O. R. T. sisters, has just returned from an extended visit to old Virginia.

Bro. J. A. Billups, one of the younger in service, who was cut off at the time of the reduction, has engaged in agricultural pursuits. Our membership is industrious, and do not fear to do the lick that gets an honorable living.

Bro. J. L. Smith, of Prichard, W. Va., spent his vacation in Charleston, W. Va., during the Democratic State Convention, during the latter part of July. On this trip he represented the reporting staff of the Fort Gay *Leader*, one of the busy county papers.

Bro. W. L. Grace landed the agency at Hanging Rock, Ohio. This being the scene of his childhood.

Lucasville, Ohio, agency was advertised August 5, 1908. Several applications will be made for this position, it being one of the nicest little villages on the Valley, and does considerable business.

Since so many night offices have been closed on the Big Sandy Line, the day operators are frequently called after hours for service. To those that are called out of hours, remember your duty in properly reporting full particulars to your chief dispatcher in accordance with his instructions. This being an important matter to all concerned.

R. N. Scott and wife, ticket agent at Ironton, Ohio, will leave for Frederick, Ark., about September 1st for an extended visit at the former home of Mrs. Scott. At this time we do not know who relieved his office during his absence.

The following account of the head-on collision, near Hewlett, W. Va., appeared in the Wayne

County papers: "Last Tuesday morning passenger train No. 3 met extra, east, 1058, head-on at switch, just west of the office at Hewlet. W. Va. In this case the extra broke in two, and immediately sent out a flagman to protect against train No. 3, which was due in a few minutes. It is understood the flagman did not get to a point far enough ahead to prevent the calamity. The balance of the crew, in the meantime, were making their best efforts to make repairs as quickly as possible in order not to delay No. 3. However, too much time was consumed in making repairs for them to get clear for No. 3, with result above stated. No passengers were injured in the accident. Conductor Wilson, who was in charge of No. 3, was the only employe injured. Outside of a severe shaking up, his injuries are apparently light."

"Hewlet, W. Va., was closed as a telegraph station early last fall when a general cut was made in the telegraph forces on this division, and had this still been maintained as a telegraph station the accident probably would not have occurred; the office being located at the west end of the siding. It is estimated the cost of the affair would have more than paid for the maintenance of Hewlet. W. Va., as a telegraph station for a period of one to two years. This part of the road was formerly in the absolute block district, during which time we have no record of similar accidents. At the present time absolute block rules are in effect only in certain territory, on the B. S. Line. It is in the tunnel regions. The damage consists of two engines demolished, one baggage car and some freight cars. N. & W. has the best record of any road in this country for handling passengers in safety, and it is to be hoped whatever cause this matter is chargeable to will be improved, and retain its good record."

Our meeting at Portsmouth, Ohio, Saturday, August 15th, was one of usual interest and well attended. Several new faces were noticed at this meeting. Bro. Layman presided. Considerable business was transacted at the meeting. Some good letters were read, and several good speeches on the work of the organization were heard. Bro. Swinger, from the Poca, was present, and was honored with the secretary's chair, as he understands the art of pushing the pen. Appeal from President Gompers of the A. F. of L., to organized labor was read, and a good talk from Bro. Layman in regard to it was had, and those that failed to attend this meeting missed one of the most interesting meetings held at Portsmouth, Ohio. Your local chairman had occasion to speak to several members on his return from the meeting Sunday, who did not attend, and has found to his sorrow, our good old Order has been given up for things we certainly know is of less importance to you than your O. R. T. matters and duty thereto. The excuse is something like this: "Obliged to attend Chapter," "base ball game at ---, and I was the captain," "Had to attend Odd Fellows' meeting," "West to K. P. meeting," and so on. Now, boys, we know that all of these

Orders are good. Many of us hold membership in one, two, and in some cases, more of them, but we wish to impress upon one and all of you the importance of attending O. R. T. meetings. Our organization is one of fraternalism, industry and business, and you must realize what it has to do with your financial, moral and industrial conditions, and that all other organizations to which you may belong, it matters not what they are, or where they are located, are, to a more or less extent, dependent upon the O. R. T. and all labor organizations for their welfare, and the fact that they are able to exist. Just as a man's means are, just so will be his ability to continue and perpetuate his fraternities.

This being the case, his labor organization should be his primary, and not his secondary consideration. We deplore the fact that many never come to meetings until in the time of trouble.

If our organizations are primary, why not seek them instead of the division room of their labor fraternity, which has received their attention only in a matter of dues, and looked upon by you as of minor importance than your other Orders or fraternities. It is from this source your working conditions are maintained, and it should be your first thought and desire to attend our meetings. We mention this as a thought, and hope that all of you will consider the meaning of your neglect of our Order for anything else in life.

In reading the minutes of our last meeting at Bluefield, some good suggestions along this line will be found.

The non question on this line has become a matter of very small importance. There are only a few of them, and they are either unconscious of duty to their fellowman or undesirable. These are the only possible reasons. It may happen some of our nons have accumulated enough funds to live easy, even were they to lose positions scheduled by the Order. A selfish man is not a man among men, and the good things that mark his path are unnoticed.

Bro. Talbott, agent at Piketon, has been allowed a helper on account of the heavy business at his station.

Bro. J. W. Pratt assisted Bro. A. L. Peake at Piketon during the fair, which was well attended and a success.

Bro. A. S. Godfrey, agent at Sardinia, Ohio, was off on his vacation during the fair at his place; relieved by Bro. A. L. Peake.

Bro. F. L. Bauer, agent at Waverly, Ohio, took his vacation during the latter part of August; relieved by Bro. W. L. Clardy, relieving agent.

Last vacancy bulletin advertises Prichard, W. Va., agent and operator.

Bro. B. F. Gentry, who has been agent at Prichard, W. Va., for the last few years, has been appointed agent at Lucasville, Ohio. Vacancy advertised August 5, 1908.

Bro. C. F. Bushman has been assigned to service at West Vivian, W. Va., on the Poca Division. Bush explains he found plenty of work on his trip through the West, but it was mixed up so badly in

the hot sun he could not stand the pressure, and returned to his home at Ironton, Ohio.

It is estimated by Mr. B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Frisco and Rock Island Lines, that railroad employes are losing \$1,000,000 daily through the slump in all branches of business that began last fall. The railroads are purchasing supplies and repairing the rolling stock during this period.

We have been requested to show in our journal names of the non-members on our division, but just now we do not feel that it is the right thing to do. We know who all the nons are on our division, and don't you forget it. We also know the many times they have been solicited for membership, and that he is standing in two bad lights -that of the organization and the corporation. It is his duty to support the organization through whose medium the corporation expects more perfect service. The Norfolk & Western are in thorough accord with the efforts of the various organizations, and the secret to the whole proposition is the narrowness of a few men in holding aloof from the organization, thereby hoping for some special favor to be handed out to their misguided souls.

Cases of Bro. J. M. Sotcher and Mrs. L. A. Spaulding will be taken to higher courts.

Matter of having division meetings at Portsmouth, Ohio, every sixty days is being considered, and will no doubt be arranged on account of the increased work, and ninety days between meetings appears to be too long, as it holds session until a late hour. At these meetings it is desired that the membership have better opportunity of making acquaintance with one another. Heretofore the entire time has been taken up with division work. We hope, when this arrangement has been completed, to see a good number respond to the call of our division chairman every sixty days.

Messrs. L. J. Bricker and J. V. Clayman hustling representatives of the Burlington and Northern Pacific Routes, were along the N. & W. during the last week in August getting acquainted with the boys on the line.

In closing our August items, we will ask all that possibly can to contribute your items. It is, indeed, discouraging to your correspondents in their efforts to get what is going on along the line, without your assistance. We appreciate an item of any kind, and trust you will assist us liberally during the next few months of the current calendar year. With best wishes.

CERT. 750.

Shenandoah Division-

Bro. J. H. Bender, second trick at Loch Laird, is now acting as division correspondent from the Shenandoah Division. Let us all try and give him all the news possible, as he has certainly done his part in the past helping yours truly. Had it not been for his help from the Winston end while at Price, N. C., that end of the division would certainly have gone blank, so let's each try to give all the news we can, as we want to keep our

side up with the boys of the other divisions. The next and most important thing is "service." Why can't we have our dispatchers say the same for us that the dispatchers on the Scioto Division say? Would it not be a pleasure to have your dispatcher say all he had to do when he desired any information, was to make your office call and say what he wanted, and always got the necessary answer. I notice some of the boys on this division are this prompt. Why can't all do this? Not saying that the service is not good, but it can always be made better, up to the point of perfection.

The changes are not so numerous on this division this month, but, nevertheless, we will try and give all that we know of so far.

Bro. Probst, relief agent, now at Troutville, we understand.

Bro. Reynolds, regular agent, is still on the sick list, but we hope soon to see him back at the old stand.

Bro. Macomb, regular agent at Berryville, has been taking his fifteen days' vacation, being relieved by Bro. H. H. Burks.

Bro. Kelly, second trick at Shenandoah Junction, off on vacation a short time ago.

Bro. Stockton, at Ashby, taking his vacation. Bro. Biedler, relief agent, doing the relief act.

Bro. Perry, at Luray, was off a short time ago on account of the serious illness of his wife; relieved by Bro. Wine, second trick man. Bro. Harris working second trick. Do not know who worked third trick.

Bro. Wilson, first trick at Elkton, off for a few days. Do not know who is doing the relief act.

We hear Bro. A. S. Maupin working first trick as agent at Grottoes.

"GO" on the bulletin.

Bro. Wise, agent at Riverside, expects to take his vacation, commencing September 5th.

Now, boys, the election is coming on in the near future, and do not forget our friend, and the man that gave President Gompers what he was asking for for the union men. The convention at Chicago turned a deaf ear to him. So my parting words will be, "remember."

Bro. H. H. Burks, second trick at Glasgow, relieved Bro. J. E. Mickell, agent at Natural Bridge, while on vacation.

Bro. L. R. Partlow holding down second trick at Glasgow and Miss Threkeld third trick.

Bro. J. W. Taylor, first trick at Buena Vista, was off for a few days on account of the death of his father. Bro. J. W. Milton relieving.

Bro. H. M. Davis, second trick at Shenandoah, has resumed duty after spending a very pleasant vacation.

Bro. J. W. Milton to "ND," Roanoke, side wires, for a few days.

Bro. C. B. Lackes, second trick dispatcher north end, held down the chief's chair while our chief, Mr. C. A. Graves, was absent for a few days. Bro. J. M. Apple on the second trick.

Bro. W. R. Staples, late from Asheville, N. C., has relieved Miss Threkeld on the third trick at

Glasgow. "13" Bro. Staples is a member of Division 59.

Bro. G. W. Skelton relieved Bro. W. W. Kelley, second trick at Shenandoah Junction, while on vacation

After relieving Bro. C. E. Smith for a few days, Bro. Skelton went to second trick at Riverton, relieving Bro. D. C. Grubbs.

Bro. J. S. Biedler has returned from taking his vacation, and is relieving Bro. M. E. Bolinger, agent at Charlestown.

Bro. Z. J. Compton, agent at Riverton, is off for a while; relieved by Bro. W. T. Gentry, from first trick Winston Salem.

Bro. F. B. Franklin, second trick dispatcher at South end, has returned from his vacation. Bro. S. F. Maffett relieving.

Bro. H. A. Bickers, third trick at Shenandoah, on the sick list; Bro. H. C. Davis relieving.

"13" Bro. R. S. Smylie, agent at Rippon, bid in Lithia Grottoes, and Rippon is on bulletin.

Bro. H. S. Teague, agent at Martinsville, is taking his vacation. Bro. W. H. Shultz, first trick, relieving. Bro. H. F. Coleman, second trick in turn, relieving Bro. Shultz, and Bro. W. S. Rothrock working second trick.

Bro. H. C. Davis relieved Bro. O. H. Grubbs, second trick at Walnut Cone, while on his vacation.

Winston-Salem District-

Bro. S. T. Hodgin, our popular agent at Stoneville, is taking his vacation at home with his babies, eating watermelons and talking politics with the neighbors. Bro. Layman, from Winston, stands between Stonevillians and the company in the meantime.

Bro. E. V. Wyatt, agent at Philpott, has just returned from his annual vacation, which was pleasantly spent at his old home, Buchanan, Va., with several side trips to Norfolk, Hagerstown and other points.

. Bros. W. P. Wheeler and O. H. Grubbs, of the Walnut Cove force, spent several days of their vacation in New York City, returning via Norfolk.

Bro. F. S. Shultz, agent at Pine Hall, is spending his annual vacation at Greenville, his old home; relieved by a non by the name of J. B. Moffett.

J. H. B.

Norfolk Division-

In the outset the first duty is to thank Bros. W. A. Nesbit and J. H. Tucker for their assistance in getting notes for the journal. We hope that the entire membership will feel interested in this work of the Order, and count it a pleasure to give any news when requested by the correspondent or his assistants.

The all-absorbing topic among all the railroad organizations for the past thirty days is the wage reduction proposed by the company, submitted to the various general chairmen for a vote from the membership. We have always felt that this proposition was submitted for a vote in the proper spirit by our N. & W. officials, but more thor-

oughly convinced are we that this is true since reading the reply of Mr. L. E. Johnson, president, when the result of the vote was handed in by the various chairmen representing different branches of train service, the vote being unanimous that we could not see our way clear to submit to a reduction in the present rate of pay. all conditions considered. Thinking that our general correspondent may not quote the reply of President Johnson, I feel that it would be wise to insert it for the benefit of all telegraphers, so that they may appreciate the spirit that seems to prevail on both sides, and recognize the great importance of further co-operation with the management in making this line of railroad everything that goes to make up a thorough up-to-date business line; free from accidents in so far as human skill and activities can be applied as preventatives, especially should this be done in all branches of train service. Following is a copy of Mr. Johnson's letter to the various general chairmen:

"In the absence of Vice-President and General Manager Maher I received your answer to the proposition submitted by him to the employes in train service, through you gentlemen as general chairmen of the various classes of service.

"Your answer is accepted in the same spirit that the proposition was submitted to you, with the assurance that we appreciate the work and action of you gentlemen as chairmen, and of the men themselves. It having been decided that, under the existing conditions, the men could not voluntarily consent to a reduction of the basis of rates of pay, as they now exist, the question will entirely cease; no further propositions will be submitted, and it will be our effort to operate the road without a decrease in wages.

"Trusting most sincerely that it will not be necessary for us to again raise this question in any form or manner, I remain,

"Yours very truly,

"(Signed) L. E. Johnson, President."

The above needs no comment. It is recognized that good service is appreciated, and of unlimited value to both employer and employe. Let this be a further manifestation that the best of service of which we are capable of giving is absolutely necessary, and we hope that while there are few, if any, that are careless in their duty they will begin right now to give to our employer the best that's in us, always being awake to our duty.

Now a word to those that persist in remaining out of the Order. I have often wondered how a man felt that receives something for nothing. I can not quite understand how this fellow feels, or appreciates what he enjoys through the efforts of some one else. He must feel very lonely among so many that can see the lenefits of being organized, working hard to maintain the organization, etc. He must change the wording of the Scriptures, "It is more blessed to give than 10 receive." I would imagine that he feels that it is more "profit to receive than to give" when he receives his check for increased salary and get-

ting other benefits at the expense of the labors of those of his craft.

People often do not understand the purpose of organization; it is not altogether to increase salaries, working conditions, etc., but we feel that there is a broader reason; we feel that in an organization there is such a feeling of mutual interest among the men that they will also cooperate to the best interest of their employer, and in every way possible seek to work with this object in view. The non-union man has no object in view, no special interest of his employer, no reputation to build up, and of course his main object is to do just so much and no more, and wait for pay-day to come. Among our membership we have always stood for mutual interest of both employe and employer, what is the gain of one is the gain of the other. Now, my dear non-member, why not come in the organization and feel more comfortable? You can not help but feel that it is your duty.

A great many of our brothers have taken their vacation, which, during the depression in business, has been quite a help to the extra telegraphers. Most of the brothers west of Crewe, as far as your correspondent has been able to find out, have taken their vacation before this writing.

At Lowry, Bro. Ford off on vacation; relieved by Mr. Byrne, an old-time telegrapher, back in service since the eight-hour law, and who has in his application.

At Bedford, Bro. Arthur is off on vacation; relieved by Bro. W. C. Smith. Bro. Smith just back from college.

At "K," Crewe, Bro. W. S. Hubbard, extra, on fourth trick, while Bro. T. S. Harlan does the extra dispatching.

At "DS," Crewe, Bro. C. B. Lane, second trick, east end, off a couple of days; relieved by Bro. T. S. Harlan. Mr. Page off one day; relieved by Bro. Harlan. Bro. W. E. Robertson takes vacation August 17th; relieved by Bro. Lane; Bro. Lane relieved by Mr. Page, who, in turn, is relieved by Bro. Harlan.

At Evergreen, Bro. C. S. McDearmon off on vacation, visiting his brother, M. L. McDearmon, at Thaxton; relieved by Bro. J. D. McDearmon.

Bro. T. J. Buckley has been "doing the stunts" on the Durham District this month; could not find out who he relieved. Bro. Buckley speaks very highly of the boys on Durham District. Some of the brothers on Durham District send us some news. Send to Magann, at Thaxton. You'll find it appears in the journal, if you will.

At Nottoway, Bro. Cardwell, from the west end, now regular third trick; relieved Bro. M. H. Rose, Bro. Rose going to Addison, relieving Bro. R. H. Moody, second trick, off on vacation.

At Blackstone, Bro. R. W. Jones, second trick, returned from his vacation trip to New York, Niagara Falls, and several other points in Canada, and is now relieving the first trick, Bro. L. C. Coleman, who is spending his vacation at Blue Ridge Springs. Bro. W. H. White, third trick, working second while Bro. R. W. Jones,

regular second trick, relieving first trick. Bro. White, third trick, is relieved by Mr. G. W. Collins, extra man.

At Wilson, Bro. T. C. Coleman returned from his vacation trip to Canada and other Northern cities, accompanied by Bro. R. W. Jones, from Blackstone; relieved by Bro. S. Sutherland, who has been assigned regularly to relief agency. Bro. Coleman was also off one day the latter part of July on account of the death of his uncle in Richmond; relieved by Bro. Sears, extra man, from west end. Bro. W. A. Nesbitt, third trick, working second trick while it is advertised on account of Bro. Sutherland being assigned to relief agency. Bro. Nesbitt off two days; relieved by Bro. O. Pressnell, returned, relieving Bro. Pressnell, who was assigned to Yadkin, regular third trick. Mr. D. C. Bailey is working third trick extra; will join us in the near future.

At Ford, Bros. A. S. Vaiden, second trick, and R. J. Dewsbury, third trick, off on vacation, 1st to 15th of July, took trips to Columbus, Ohio, and Washington, D. C., accompanied by Bro. G. E. Dewsbury, third trick at Petersburg. Vaiden and Dewsbury relieved by Bro. Lewis, from Crewe, and Mr. E. H. Williams, from Wellville, both extra men.

At Church Road, Bro. J. H. Hardy, second trick, off one day on account of death of relative; relieved by Mr. Ferbush, extra man. Bro. E. C. Talley, third trick, off two days, attending Sundayschool convention; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra man.

At Addison, Bro. R. H. Moody off on vacation. He is adding another handsome residence to the town, and is superintending the job while on vacation; relieved by Bro. M. H. Rose, extra man. Mr. G. B. Moody, regular third trick, resigned on the 17th, and is being relieved by Mr. E. H. Williams, extra man, until it is filled by regular man.

At Petersburg, Bro. G. E. Dewsburg, third trick, off on vacation, 1st to 15th of July; relieved by Bro. J. W. Bray, from Crewe, extra man, and was also off three days the latter part of the month on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra man.

Disputanta, Bro. J. H. Bindford, agent and first trick telegrapher, off on his vacation; relieved by Bro. Sid Sutherland, relief agent.

At Waverly, Bro. C. W. Waters off on vacation trip to Boston and Providence; relieved by Bro. A. W. Arnold, extra man.

At Wakefield, Bro. P. O. Rucks off on vacation; relieved by Bro. E. F. Ware, third trick, and now regularly assigned to second trick at Wilson. Mr. J. J. Bailey relieving Bro. Ware. Bro. Persell, second trick, off on vacation; relieved by Mr. D. C. Bailey, extra man. Bro. W. H. Kirchmire, agent, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Sutherland, regular relief agent.

At Ivor, Mr. J. A. Mahoney, agent and telegrapher, on vacation; relieved by Bro. E. D. Bates, extra relief agent.

At Dwight, Bro. J. W. Hodge, first trick telegrapher, one of our most loyal members, died on

July 13th. His place is being filled by Bro. J. W. Boiseau, extra man, until it can be filled regular. Bro. L. D. Shannon is working third on account of Bro. E. C. Horton being off sick, but understand he will soon be able to resume duty at his old stand.

At Windsor, Bro. R. S. Nicholson, agent and telegrapher, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. T. J. Buckley, regular relief agent. Bro. M. C. Eley, third trick, off a few days; relieved by Mr. Kallefrath, extra man.

At Suffolk, Bro. W. T. Bailey off four days on trip to his old home, Jetersville, Va.; relieved by Bro. L. C. Cook.

At Juniper, second trick closed temporarily. Bro. J. Carmack third extra while it is being advertised.

At Yadkin, Bro. O. Pressnell has been assigned regular to third trick here, relieving Mr. W. P. Williams on July 17th.

At Portlock (Norfolk Terminal), Bro. E. H. Branch off on vacation, accompanied by his family, visiting in Boston and Portland, Me.; relieved by Bro. L. C. Cook, extra man.

Brothers, don't put off paying your dues for the present term. It is encouraging to note that our division is in pretty good shape, men all pretty well settled, and we want to see those that are standing back to pay up like men. Remember, "United we stand, divided we fall." This has been strongly demonstrated recently, and we hope that a word to the wise will be sufficient.

Send us notes, and we will do the best we can to always have the Norfolk Division represented. With kindest regards to all and very best wishes.

Pocahontas Division, West End-

Business is getting better on this division.

This finds our worthy brother, T. O. Weeks, again in our midst, this time working third trick at Claren; double track being extended to that point, and have three men there. Our worthy dispatchers had not forgotten the good service Bro. Weeks gave them while on the Pocahontas last fall, and they welcomed him upon his return.

Our last meeting in "BF" came off as usual in proper style, with Bro. Layman presiding, but I am sorry to say that there were few boys from the Pocahontas Division there. Wake up, boys, and let's see how many of us can get out next time. This is the only way we can do anything and those that do not attend have no room to kick on what the others do.

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Radford Division-

Business conditions are fast getting to be normal. For the past few days we have averaged over this division twenty-one coal trains for each twenty-four hours. Shawsville office, which was closed at night on account of the panic, has been reopened, and it is reported that other block offices will be reopened in the near future. We sincerely hope one of the next will be Singer. We are all anxious to see Bro. Wilson back at the key again.

Bro. Nunley, at Ada, W. Va., spent a few days recently at Princeton Court. Bro. Woodward, also of Ada, was taking his much-needed vacation, part of which was spent with friends in Bristol, Tenn.

Vacancies are again beginning to show up. Third trick at Atkins, Va., which is now on the board, is a nice position, and the boys are bidding heavy on it.

Bro. J. A. Dutton, agent at Meadow View, Va., is taking his vacation, being relieved by Bro. C. M. Asbury, better known as "Kildee." Bro. Allison is doing the third stunt at Glade Spring during Bro. Asbury's absence.

Bro. J. R. Wyatt is being relieved at "UN" tower by Bro. Thompson, he (Bro. Wyatt) holding cashier's position at East Radford, Va. This arrangement being made to give Mr. Roberts, yard-master and agent, his vacation, regular cashier being used as agent and yardmaster. Mr. Roberts is one of the old-timers, and is a hard worker, and his rest was a much-needed one.

All of the boys in the cabbage district (Wytheville to Glade Spring) are being kept unusually busy at this time on account of the heavy vegetable movement to the south. They are forwarding from twenty to thirty-five cars daily.

Bro. S. S. Parrish has been assigned to third, Pembroke, regular.

Bro. F. B. Thomas, who was recently cut out at Singer, has accepted first trick at Shawsville, Va.

Bro. R. S. Fry, assistant chaîrman New River District, spent a few days recently at Saltville and Marion, Va.

Bro. J. M. Hodge, first trick at Bristol, Tenn., spent his vacation with friends and relatives at Cincinnati, Ohio, Bro. Parrish moving up on first, with Mr. Southern second. Southern promises to line up right away and relieve his conscience. Don't let him forget it, boys.

We sometimes wonder if the brothers take as much interest in reading the journal as they do in sending in news for it. If so, it is hardly worth the time of a correspondent to attempt to get up anything. We can not understand this indifference. If your correspondent is not the one you wish he will gladly give up the place to some one else, and do his part to assist any one you may wish to take his place.

Since our last letter, death has visited the home of our brother, Ernest Brown, at Abingdon, and removed from earth his beloved wife, and also the wife of our esteemed division superintendent, Mr. J. W. Cook.

Bro. Sabine has returned from a three weeks' trip to Ozone, Tenn., his old home. Bro. Wilson filled the second trick at Glenvar during his absence.

Bro. Vest spent a week at Appomattox with his family recently, Bro. Weatherly working second at Salem during his absence.

Bro. Apgar has resumed duty, after a two months' vacation, Bro. Kinzer working second at Elliston during his absence. Bro. F. B. Thomas took the position at Shawsville, made vacant by Bro. Sid Parrish resigning on account of the long hours. The second and third trick men have been put back at that point and these positions are now up for bids. Bro. Thomas struck it lucky, as he will hold the first trick there.

Bro. Sid Parrish got third at Pembrook Tank, and Bro. S. H. Stuart third at Wills.

Atkins, third trick, is now on the board.

Everything seemed to be working so nicely up to the 15th of the month. Only one brother getting a suspension of five days for a minor offense, while there were quite a number of credits of from ten to thirty days for looking after the interest of the company's property.

Bro. Weatherly has been off duty for some time on account of the serious illness of his wife and little boy. We hope they will soon be well again.

Bro. Wilson had the misfortune, in July, to lose his pocket-book between his home at Singer and Salem, with \$120 in cash and notes amounting to \$170. He has heard nothing from it yet. This would have been a big loss in times of prosperity, but during the panic it is enough to paralyze a man, almost.

The change in the seniority rule of our new agreement continues to be the leading subject for discussion when any of the brothers get together. If there are any who are not in favor of the old clause we have not seen them.

Don't neglect sending in your dues promptly. We must keep our Order up and everything in good condition, so we will be able to face the officials when they talk of a reduction in salary.

Let us all send our correspondent something to put in our column to show that we are taking an interest in the Order and work, and we should also strive to give the company the very best service possible, for our hours are short and plenty of time for rest.

Bro. Fuller has been working third trick at Blake for a few nights, in place of Mr. Akers, non and student teacher.

Bro. Fisher, third trick at Ripplemead, made a flying trip to his home a few days ago.

Bro. Thomas, who has been working third at Pembroke for a few weeks, has gone to Shawsville and Pembroke has been advertised. Bro. Lucado is doing the extra work.

Bro. A. H. Williams has been off for a few days, being relieved by Mr. S. S. Williams.

IN MEMORIAM.

Resolutions from Division 14, Norfolk & Western Railway, Portsmouth, Ohio, Meeting—

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has deemed it best to remove from our midst the beloved wife of our worthy brother, E. R. Brown; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Norfolk & Western System Division, No. 14, do extend to Bto. Brown our sincere sympathies in this his hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy forwarded to our brother, and one to The Telegrapher for publication.

R. J. Watts,

W. M. JAYNES, W. L. CLARDY, Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our beloved brother, T. L. Maupin; therefore be it

Resolved, By the members of Division 14, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that in his death the Order has lost a true and worthy member, his employers a faithful servant, and his sorrowing family a kind and loving companion; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction, commending them, with reverence, to the comfort and solace of Him who doeth all things well; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes of this division, a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

R. J. WATTS,
W. M. JAYNES,
W. L. CLARDY,
Committee,

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our highly esteemed and beloved brother, F. L. Nace; be it

Resolved, That we thus express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition qualities that endeared him to all; and be it

Resolved, That we extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort in affliction, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes and a copy sent to the bereaved family, and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. J. WATTS,

W. M. JAYNES,
W. L. CLARDY,
Committee.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His love and wisdom has deemed it best to remove from our midst our beloved brother, M. W. Kyle. In manifestation of our grief and fraternal feeling, and sympathy for his family, be it

Resolved, By the members of Norfolk & Western System Division, No. 14, that we have lost a true and worthy brother, and the division a staunch support for the cause of right and justice, and his family a kind and loving son and brother; and be it Resolved, That to the sorrowing parents and relatives of the deceased we express our heartfelt sympathy, and mingle our tears with theirs in a common grief. We can not doubt that after life's fitful fever their beloved son and brother rests well, and that some time somewhere, in a space wherein pain and sorrow can not enter, we will meet and greet him again, and part no more; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and a copy to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

R. J. WATTS,
W. M. JAYNES,
W. L. CLARDY,
Committee.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the brothers of N. & W. Division, No. 14, for their beautiful floral offering, and their kind sympathin my behalf in the loss of my loving husband and companion.

Mrs. F. L. Nacz.

Norfolk & Western System-

Now that the wage reduction has been settled, and we hope for good, I want to again urge upon you the importance of giving first-class service at all times. I had intended to quote Mr. L. E. Johnson's letter, addressed to the general chairmen of the different organizations when he received the reply from them on the proposed wage reduction. However, Bro. Magann, of the Norfolk Division, who always tries to be first with everything that is good, has quoted it in his notes, and it will only be necessary for me to ask you to refer to it. You can see that Mr. Johnson appreciates good service. He wants good, reliable men. Let us show him that the best of them may be found in the telegraph department.

The service bulletins show a marked improvement in the service of our department. It is very encouraging to see so many credits entered to the records of our men recently for their watchfulness in finding broken rails, defective switches, brake-beams, or other rigging down under cars in passing trains, and stopping them, and in that way undoubtedly saving the company an enormous expense. Now, boys, keep this up. You are doing good work. Since you are working eight hours you always feel fresh, and take pleasure in your work. Just think of it: not a single serious accident on the railroads in the United States since the eight-hour law was enforced, and it is up to us to show to the public as well as to the railroad managers that this law is what the telegraphers needed, and what both the public and railroad stockholders needed, to avoid, not only loss of life, but to save thousands and thousands of dollars' worth of valuable property. I believe we can make this law a paying investment for the railroad rather than an additional expense, as was claimed in the efforts to get more time for its enforcement, and when we can show an eight-hour day pays, our prorata will be forthcoming, provided our organization is strong enough to demand it.

How about your dues? Have you paid up all right? If not, do it right now, and have a clear conscience. This is the only way to get it. Any man who takes the benefits that they know are obtained only through organization, and does not do his part towards paying the bills, always feels mean when he gets his check. He may say that he don't belong on account of his personal opinion on some subject. Something has been done that he don't just exactly like, and he don't feel like paying up. But right down in the bottom of his heart he wishes that he was a member, and if there is one among us that has no remorse of conscience for accepting what he knows he did not help to get, and justly belongs to some one else, it is because he has robbed us so long he has become hardened, and the chances are be would not be of much benefit to us any way, and the sooner the climate gets too warm for this class, the better it will be for all of us. Make them understand that we do not know whose hog they are, but we want them to stay out of our trough. Show them Bro. Quick's razor-back carteen. That will put them to thinking.

M. G. HARPER, General Correspondent.

Michigan Central Ry.

Valley-

July 21st, Bro. Hardke, at Hastings freight house, asked for relief for three or four weeks on account of his mother's illness. He is now being relieved by Relief Agent Thoms.

Bro. Leroy Mead, of Middleville, relieved Bro. Hardkee the first part of this month. Operator Wagner relieved Bro. Mead.

Bro. Healey, at Dutton, was relieved by Bro. Dell of Jackson, from July 24th to 27th.

Bro. G. D. Eddy, at Van Horn, was relieved by Mr. Clissold while the former attended the camp meeting at Eaton Rapids one day, August ad.

Bro. Shea relieved Mr. Hoffman at Nashville a few days while Mr. Hoffman took his vacation, and relieved Bro. Cook at Grand Rapids one day Sunday, August 16th.

Operator Clissold, from Jackson, relieved Bro-Ells at Charlotte one night.

Bro. C. J. Louks has resigned the position of agent at Rives Junction, and has been placed on the extra list of the Middle Division at his request. He is from the Saginaw Division.

Operator W. J. Black, who has his application papers ready to send in, relieved Bro. Louks at Rives Junction.

We hear a great deal of grumbling among the travelers about their being unable to find out anything about how the night trains are running on account of no night telegraph offices, and the only thing they can do is to hang around the depot all night waiting for late trains. As business picks up we feel sure that more night offices will be opened, using more of the extra operators, and in a short time everything will be running along smoothly again.



Do the best you can for your company and your Order, and the remainder will come out all right in the end.

To the brothers on the South Haven Division: I am after the nons over there by letter. Try to wake them up. We would like to hear some news from that division. I find it is not so hard after all, to send Bro. G. W. Lewis, general correspondent at Middleville, a little write-up each month. Try it.

Keep your eye on the equipment.

The general chairman reports that he is on a sort of a rounding-up trip, going over the road interviewing telegraphers in general, familiarizing himself with all the nons and attending meetings. He reports that he attended a very nicely-attended and enthusiastic meeting at Hammond recently, and that the general correspondent would probably get a write-up from the west end in regard to the same, but as yet nothing has shown up. It seems as though the West Division should turn in a good write-up each and every month. The idea of sending the general chairman out to do a little missionary work is an excellent one, indeed. It would not be a bad thing to have a representative out looking after things of interest all the time, acting as a sort of go-between, keeping the men in constant touch with each other and their interests appertaining to the Order. CERT. 328.

New York, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

Buffalo Division-

The amended rule governing the advertising of positions is a pronounced improvement, and calculated to deal out fairness to all. We trust our chief dispatchers will not make the mistake of shortening the time limit for bids to be filed. You will notice our committee were successful in having the new rule read "seven days," instead of "one week," as formerly. A few cases having been brought to their notice wherein the bids had been closed and operator assigned to position in less than one week. Apparently, six days being considered one week. Of course, it is not our desire to be too technical, but in this particular ruling some operator may place his bid at the eleventh hour, and if the position has been assigned to a junior operator it would necessitate the re-advertising of the position. However, it behooves all brothers to place their bids promptly and in every way lessen the work for the chief dispatcher. The only vacant position advertised in July was East End Double Track, Silver Creek. Bro. Harvey assigned to the position.

Not long ago our general chairman, Bro. Mulcahy, told the writer that during a conference with the officials at Cleveland last June, he asked if the service given by the telegraphers had improved any since March 4th, and the managing official replied that the service showed a decided improvement. Now, brothers, there is always room for a little improvement. Our committee will be called upon to face the music again at some future date, and it rests with you to make their task easier by giving the service that is required of you so that when the question is again put to the officials it will bring forth the same favorable reply.

We must not forget that whatever has been gained here came about through individual and collective effort. Thorough organization, truly, has been the main factor, but, nevertheless, a great deal depends on our work individually. Our committee must show that those whom they represent are up to the standard in efficiency, and there never has been a time when good service can more easily be given than now, with shorter hours. In a few cases more work has been heaped on the operator, but we must do the best we can, and I would like to say to our brothers on the dispatching force that a little patience sometimes, and courteous treatment will bring better results than sarcastic remarks, when matters are not running smoothly. A good train dispatcher will always bear this in mind, and fully realize the thing to do is to be civil to his assistants out on the line. and when this is done all will pull together, and the company will get the benefit in first-class

A word about the non-members: We have a few of them here yet who are accepting charity at the hands of the boys behind the guns. If Job came came back and surveyed the scene he would, indeed, lose patience. But keep after them, boys. I really do believe they are human, and some day will be so ashamed of themselves that they will lend us a helping hand.

I trust every member holding a card in other divisions will transfer to Division 18 at the earliest possible moment. We must send two representatives to the Atlanta Convention next May, and need every name on our roster that we can get. I will close, by inserting the following verse from the American Federationist:

GREATNESS.

There's a glory in being right and a splendor in being true

That is greater than anything else life can possibly bring to you.

For a man can fight when he's right, and knows that he knows that he is,

In a way that will make every blow that he strikes a blow to make victory his.

The greatest greatness there is that the world can bring to you

Is the glory of being right, and splendor of being true.

DIV. Cor.

Fort Wayne Division, Fourth District-

As we eagerly scan the pages of The Telegra-Pher for a write-up from this end, we do so with disappointment, as the scribe, no doubt, has grown tired of beseeching his brothers to contribute a few items, and has passed it up as a bad case.

Is there "nothing doing" up this way that is worthy of comment? Or have you fellows settled

back into a rest that knows no awakening, content with the present, and no desire to help a good cause along? Some of you fellows in the three men stands: Do you consider your work done, now that you have fallen heir to a patch of Paradise?

We note Bro. "Hix," on the Third District, has a write-up in each issue. Why not us? We probably could if we had a few brothers up this way with the make-up of Hix, who always has the good of the Order at heart. Let us get up and personally hand Bro. Quick a few items for publication. It may do some good, and certainly can do no harm.

Will the lucky brother who gets the most new members before December 31st, also the \$200, be from up our way? It will necessitate a considerable more dusting and stir, or it will be far from here. However, there is a field for action here at home, and we all have the opportunity. So let us get busy and add this \$200 to our bank account, and if we should fail to land the "wad," have it said that we did good missionary work.

CERT. 112.

Third District-

Bro. Ericson, third at Leipsic Junction, off for a week; relieved by Operator C. A. Wallace, a new man. Don't know if he has a card or not.

Operator Kiger, first at West Fort Wayne, on a vacation; was relieved by Second Trick Operator Gorham. Am unable to learn who relieved Gorham.

At Latty, Bro. Hedeen, first trick, has been away on an extended vacation. The second trick man relieved him. Think Operator Small took the second there. I understand there is a non in that office.

Bro. Stinman, from New Haven, second trick, is back at Fort Wayne again. Don't know who he is relieving or who is relieving him at "NE" though.

Took a few days' vacation myself, and was relieved by Operator Bigelow, who went from here to Dunfee. Think that he will get in the game as soon as he gets the money.

In regard to what was said concerning Mr. Adams, of Melrose, I wish to inform the membership that while Mr. Adams will not secure his card until he has eliminated the students, that his application, together with all fees and dues, is in the hands of our secretary, to be held until he is eligible, which will be soon now, we think.

How many of you ever refer to the advertisements in The Telegrapher when you want an article? The more pages of advertising the journal carries the more money in the general fund.

I understand we have one scab on this division. Not knowing this to be a fact and not wishing to wrong anyone, I will mention no names, but if proof can be obtained that this man is a scab I will publish the news. As far as I can learn the man in question refuses to fill out blanks and says he is going west soon and won't need them.

Is there any Western road where you don't need them? Must be the Katy.

I see that I have one companion in news-getting on the Nickel Plate, and that is the man on the Cleveland Division. Wonder if this brother has as hard a time to get items as I have. If so, I would like to shake hands with him. Hix.

Cleveland Division-

At Kimball, Mr. L. L. Gebhart is now working second trick, vice Mr. W. H. Flood, transferred to third trick at East Lorain. Mr. Bastian has third trick, vice Mr. R. B. Hammond, who is relieving Bro. Schwartz, second trick at Woodland.

At Shinrock, Bro. A. C. Stiles relieved Bro. Jump, second trick, for a few days.

At "CF," Cleveland dispatcher's office, Bro. J. E. Burnap is relieving the dispatchers, who are now getting their vacations.

At "CD," Cleveland yard, Bro. Wiltse is laying off; relieved by Bro. J. C. Ross, first trick, with Bro, "EZ" Schwartz, from Woodland, second.

At Painesville, Bro. "Shorty" Miller, first trick, off a couple of days; relieved by Bro. W. G. Lyman. Operator Ross, second trick, off a few days; relieved by Bro. Bussey, an old-timer. On third trick we have Bro. L. C. Raynor, who got third trick at Ashtabula by bid, but was knocked out there by Bro. W. G. Lyman.

At "XD," Conneaut yard, Old-timer (Dad) F. P. Marshall, first trick, was off a couple of days. Mr. Drewitt, second trick, relieved by some operator who signed "B" while he worked a trick in "MX," Conneaut.

At Perry, Mr. O. B. Tenney, agent and operator, relieved by relief agent, Bro. W. S. Carroll, for a few days.

If the brothers will kindly let us know what is going on on the division, we will try and write it up for the journal each month.

There are a few nons on this division, and it behooves us to follow Bro. Quick's excellent advice and "get busy" and keep busy until we land them all. There is no good reason why any rail. road telegrapher should not be a member in good standing in the O. R. T., when one considers the many benefits already secured by the Order, not only on this road, but all over the country, and also the advantages a member has in having the backing of the Order to secure his rights, and to protect the same. As an individual, a telegrapher has no earthly show whatever, and if we were to all drop out of the grand old O. R. T. and depend upon our individual efforts to secure our rights we would very speedily note the difference in our treatment, our conditions, and our salaries. It does not pay, fellow telegraphers, to fight alone, so file your applications at once, join us and help us to better our conditions, and thereby help your-

In union there is strength, and the stronger the union the more strength we have.

Don't forget that we have only postponed our fight for a \$75 minimum, not dropped it altogether, and in the meantime let us get ready for it by making our organization 100 per cent strong on all lines of railroads in this glorious land of the free and the brave.

We must move forward and never backward (we can't stand still), so come on and join us and hurry the day when we will get enough money. to make a decent living for ourselves and families. More next time.

Second District-

In our journal of July, 1908, in the N. Y. C. & St. L. write-up, there was a mistake made in the mention of Operators Sherwood and Ross as being brothers. Neither of these men are members, and I wish to correct the statement. This man Sherwood did the dirty act at Chicago during the C. T. U. A. trouble, last year, and it is an outrage to call him brother.

Operator Ross is not a member, but expect to and him soon.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN SECOND DISTRICT.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. I. & M. Division-

The joint meeting of S. M. and I. & M. Divisions, held at Austin, August 23d, with fair attendance. General Chairman Renshaw and General Secretary-Treasurer Soyster were with us and each gave an interesting talk on different questions of interest to the membership. Sorry there were not more of the brothers out to meet them. Hope to see you all out at our next meeting.

Not much doing in the line of news on this division, as all the boys seem to be satisfied.

Faribault, days, open for applications. Can't say who gets it at present writing.

Bro. F. N. Myers, at Le Roy, off on leave, being relieved by Relief Agent Losey. Do not know if he is a brother or not.

Bro. Webster is working the side table at Minneapolis while dispatchers are laying off; Bro. Pickell working trick.

Trick Dispatcher E. G. Fowler has gone to the Coast Extension, Bro. H. J. Gosha getting third

Bro. Anderson, Castle Rock, has gone to the Coast Extension, H. V. Pickell bidding in that station on bulletin.

Bro. Geo. Lieb, Owatonna days, off on leave; relieved by Bro. Sexter, night man. Can't say who is working nights there.

Now, brothers, send any items of news or changes to me at Austin, and I will try and have the I. & M. represented in the journal every CERT. 1066.

C. & C. B., Iowa Division-

Bro. Behm, from Miles, landed Bagley agency on bulletin.

Bro. Kruse Van Horne off for a few days; relieved by Operator Bell.

Bro. Olson relieves Bro. Blattleslee, of Defiance.

Bro. Richardson is relieving Bro. Huyck, at Madrid, until regular man is appointed.

Bro. Lee, of Cambridge, was in Des Moines the other day.

Bro. Lewison, of "GX," was in Slater visiting his brother at "RT" tower.

Bros. Rood and Hottle, of "RT" tower, were in Des Moines last week.

Bro. Zadnecheck was in Cambridge visiting the brothers in "CX" tower.

Bro. T. C. Peterman made a flying trip to Perry a few days ago. Bro. Peterman, who is a good all-around man, is now dispatcher on the branch lines out of Marion.

Bro. Robinson, of Ferguson, was off a couple of days this month; relieved by Operator Coughlin.

Bro. C. L. Schaffer is now nicely located in his new job at Keystone.

Operator White transferred from third trick at Capron to nights at Potter, being relieved by Bro. Rynor, regular man there, who has been enjoying a couple of weeks off, visiting his old home in Illinois.

Operator Coughlin holding down day trick at Tama, while Bro. Storm is doing the agent's stunt. Coughlin has promised to make good soon as possible.

Bro. Dearborn appointed night man at Vale, and, later, third trick at Olin.

Bro. Erwin returned to his regular job at Neola; relieved at Van Horne by Operator Leeb.

Bro. Huyck drew Hale agency.

Bro. Tazwell drew Miles agency. This will leave two good day positions open for bids.

A change in dispatchers caused J. J. Kindig to take first trick on Middle Division, in place of F. J. Yerkey, who went to the west end.

Bro. C. E. Miller, of Madrid, laying off; relieved by Operator Robinson, who has filled out the necessary papers and will be entitled to be called brother. Bro. Miller will go over the new

Bro. Bentley, of Rhodes, spent the evening of the 4th in Cambridge.

Bro. Lewison drew Madrid days.

Bro. Lee Cambridge, "CX," off for the Fourth; relieved by Bro. McClure, an old head at the business and recently with the G. N. at Sioux City.

Bro. L. M. Lewison, of Madrid days, has left us and I understand is going to work for the R. I.

Bro. Hottle, of "RT," Slater tower, was operated on for appendicitis July 7th, and is now doing fine, and we hope for a speedy recovery.

Bro. A. R. Williams, of the C. T. U. of A., is relieving Bro. Hottle at Slater during the latter's

Bro. P. J. McManus appointed operator at "BU," Council Bluffs freight house.

M. J. Flanigan is acting chief in Tony's ab-

Bro. M. A. Goode is working a trick, and Bro. N. P. Black is handling the side table in dispatcher's office. Bro. Brainard, of Manilla, working Newt's trick at "RH," Perry yard.

Bro. Miller has returned from the West and has resumed work at Madrid, Operator Robinson going to Bayard.

Our chief, A. J. Rozum, is back at work again after a two weeks' vacation over the extension.

Bro. Gamelin, Huxley, has returned from his vacation over the extension and is well impressed with the country out there.

Bro. Lewison, who relieved Bro. Gamelin at Huxley, goes to Madrid days.

Bro. Emmert, who was at Huxley for a few days, accepted a position on the extension, and has left for Miles City.

Bro. Lingham, of Ferguson, is off for a few days; relieved by Operator Stanton.

Bro. Cook, of Collins, was off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Gamelin.

Bro. Rensbarger, of Madrid, drew Gladstone agency.

Bro. Ray, of "MA" office, can look the world in the face now, as he has day work.

Bro. Hottle, of Slater tower, is back at work after a siege of appendicitis.

Bro. Embree, agent at Maxwell, is off for his vacation, and will visit several points of interest in the East, Niagara Falls, for instance; relieved by Bro. Olson.

Bro. Zadnecheck, third trick at "RT" tower, has returned and Operator White returned to Herndon.

DIV. Con.

Bro. C. A. Lee, Cambridge, off for a few days, visiting at Dawson; relieved by Operator McClure. Bro. Henry drew third trick at Cambridge.

Operator Olson is working third trick at Madrid until regular man is appointed. NICK.

C. & C. B. Illinois and R. & S. W. Divisions-

It is as hard to get the members to send in any news they know of as it is to get the nons we have on this pike to join. I noticed a write-up in the August TELEGRAPHER, where the correspodent said there was not a non on the division. Guess that is going some, and tends to show that all the fellows that were nons had become educated. Guess we will have to get a few pointers from the brothers on the Vicksburg Division of the Illinois Central, where this sort of unusual condition prevails. But then what can be expected of the nons up here when they will take a two or three months' leave of absence and go tending bar? For my part I would like to see all nons and backsliders take six months, twice a year, continuously, and tend bar, which is much too good a job for them. What they deserve is a job driving a garbage wagon. Make an exception of not a single non or backslider. The backsliders are less to be thought of than the nons, for they once belonged to our noble Order, but after reaping benefits, drop out, as they think there will be no more benefits, like an Indian, hit a fellow when his back is turned.

I "13" Bro. Correll, our local chairman, was off for a few days.

Bro. Reynolds, operator in dispatcher's office, and relief dispatcher, is at present working second trick R. & S. W. Division. Bro. H. W. Brown (I

think it is brother), is working the day trick. Bro. Chas. D. Hartley working in Bro. Reynold's place. Bro. Reynolds also relieved the dispatchers while on their vacations.

Bro. Pites, of Mount Carroll, took a leave of absence for a couple of weeks. "13" Bro. Hauth took his place.

Bro. Klugh has resumed his position at "SY," Savanna yard, after an absence of a month.

Bro. Cook, of "RK," Lanark, was off for a few days on account of a badly bruised thumb; relieved by Bro. Klome.

Bro. Klome and wife, of "RK," Lanark, took a trip to Colorado. Bro. Klome was relieved by Bro. Althaus, who has since left the service.

Bro. Klugh relieved Bro. Correll, of "SA," Savanna depot, for a few days.

Bro. W. Moyer, of "SY," Savanna yard, took a few days off, going West on business. He was relieved by a retired brother by the name of Nickolson, now in the insurance and real estate business in Savanna.

Bro. Welch, of "SY," took a few days' vacation, going to Chicago. He was relieved by Bro. Klugh.

Bro. Burrows, of Lauark, third trick at "K." Kittredge, took his better half and hied himself to Pittsburg for a three weeks' visit.

At last Bro. Easterday has located. He can now be found at "KD," Kirkland.

Bro. Cazell, of "XU," Ashdale, was relieved. and has gone to work for the Rock Island.

Bro. Brown, of "HK," Hickory Grove, off for a few weeks; relieved by Bro. Foils.

Bro. W. A. Adams, the genial agent at "HK," Hickory Grove, took a two weeks' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Foils.

Bro. Woodford took a few days off; relieved by Bro. Switzer.

Bro. Althaus relieved Bro. Burrows at Kittredge, and a man by the name of Taylor relieved Bro. Althaus.

New man by the name of Walter Curran working third trick at Mount Carroll.

Non named Gainaine working second trick at Mount Carroll. He is a brother to Bro. Ed. Gainaine, of Elkhorn.

Now you fellows around Mount Carroll, there are two or three nons working down that way.

Get after them strong.

TOHANN.

Third District-

Quite a few vacations being enjoyed, presumably, but your correspondent finds it quite difficult to find out who is off and who the relief is. If any are missed, it is not with the intention to slight any one, but because of the inability to get all the news.

Dispatcher T. C. Welsh, of the second trick on the Janesville Line, was the first dispatcher to take a vacation. He was followed in turn by Dispatcher Thomas Cox, who was on the C. & M., second trick. Cox has not returned at the present writing. Extra Dispatcher Sizer is handling the Janesville Line, first trick.



Bro. B. J. Simen, of Libertyville, new station, scrured an extended leave of absence, and has gone home for a while. His parents both being in poor health, and he felt his duty called him to them.

Bro. F. J. Alleman, our local chairman, with his brother, P. H. Alleman, are on a trip to the extension as far West as Butte, Mont. If Fred finds anything suitable out that way he may decide to locate.

Mr. Uthes, who tried the agency at Walworth, gave it up on short order as rather out of his line. Bro. McEntee then took it, and is doing fine business. Did you notice a brother can most always "hit the ball" while the other fellow (non) "strikes out" or "hits a foul?" It is queer the companies can not get next that a fellow that has the manhood and courage to stand up for right and justice is the one to do the business right.

Mr. J. A. Patterson relieving at Rock River tower on the second trick. There has been quite a few changes on the second and third trick at Walworth the last few days. Do not know where the regular men are.

We are very glad to see the steps taken by Bro. C. A. Larsen, agent at Fox Lake; Bros. Ben Laughren, second trick, and Earl Lamphart, third trick at Somers. We are sure these men will feel 100 per cent better from the fact of being with the boys. Bro. Lamphart secured the third trick at Somers permanently, and Bro. Laughren is relieving Bro. Lucas on the second trick.

Bro. Geo. Brown, of first trick at Rondout, "bunched the job" August 1st. He had been promised relief at that time, and when it did not materialize, after he had made arrangements for the vacation and some business, he took the only course open, and quit.

Bro. C. J. Fisher, who was on the second trick, secured the first trick on bulletin, and Bro. Burroughs, who has been a leverman at Pacific Junction for the year past, secured the second trick, made vacant by Fisher. Bro. Burroughs, I find, belongs to Division No. 91, and is up-to-date. Bro. Woda, of the third trick, is on a six weeks' vacation to his home at Columbus, Ohio, being relieved by Bro. E. R. Derrickson.

Bro. H. V. Carpenter, of the C., B. & Q., is visiting with his parents at Ranney. He is located at Gillette, Wyo.

Most of the new men coming to the road are cons. Many of them coming from supposedly good scheduled roads. It would seem from this fact that there is a wide field for missionary effort on all roads. Let us try and impress all desirable nons as to their plain duty to themselves and us, too, for them to keep up-to-date, also cut out some of this booming." It is certainly no honor to the profession to have many following it, going from pillar to post, with no object in view but to "boom." Many of us have to change too often as it is, from necessity. If all would settle

down and expend the effort toward the organization that many expend in looking for "a good thing" here and there, all of us would be by far better off.

Bro. Soyster's booklet with the speech of the Kansas minister on Unionism is certainly "straight goods," and placed in the hands of any fair-minded non, could not help but shame him into his duty. Let each of us see that some non peruses this speech. It is to be wondered if the Manufacturers' Association, etc., or any of the rest of the "grafters" can bring forward a mercenary-brained servant that can answer, to any extent, the facts in this speech.

The train dispatching and blocking telephone system has now been in service on the C. & M. for two weeks, and it can not be noticed that "train movements have been facilitated" any whatever. It has caused some delays to my knowledge. as no one knows how trains are without asking the dispatcher, and you can not always get in to ask him, and the train that should be helped is delayed. Only two storms, and small ones at that, since phones were started, and they had to come back to Morse both times. They have the dispatchers boxed up in an almost air-tight compartment at Chicago so that they may be able to hear. Still they expect men out on the road to hear with trains going by, block phones ringing, rest of instruments that are left in yet (for emergency), going, and at stations people asking questions, etc. We certainly will be justified in taking no chances while a train is going by, or any extraordinary noise is going on to try and get an order or an important message. Let things wait till we can hear so as not to be mixed in any loss of life accident, which is liable to happen. Let the phone system stand on its own merits, and do not favor it with any guess work, as the companies have put them in for no other purpose but to bluff us, and put us out of business, if they can. All the news items in technical journals state the companies are installing phones for the purpose of combatting the nine-hour law, claiming it will be cheaper. How will it be cheaper when a phone line costs seven times as much as a telegraph line. (This statement from a speech at the Convention of Railway Telegraph Superintendents at Toronto, Canada, this year). If they do not intend to reduce wages, and if they can get the nine-hour law repealed, go back to the old long hours? Now get wise, and everybody keep up-to-date so as to be in a position to support the organization that alone can fight your battles. You can not do it alone.

How are you going to vote? For some corporation servant who will not hesitate to slap you in the face or knife you in the back with anti-labor laws, or the evasion of labor laws we now have? If you do, then do not be surprised if your hidebound party regularity gets a decided pinch. Lall union men know to a certainty that each man he votes for is for justice and unionism. This may seem one sided. Let it be that or not; it is right. Therefore stand up for it.

CERT. 1129.

South Minnesota Division-

Bro. Berg, at Rushford, had a narrow escape recently when his depot caught fire from an engine. Fortunately, he had recently moved from the living rooms, and was saved the loss of his furniture.

Bro. Steves has been off for several weeks on account of sickness. Bro. Harmon, from the west end, doing the relief stunt,

Bro. Benson, at Peterson, will shortly return to his old haunts around Granada, Bro. H. H. Berg having returned from the Coast Extension.

Bro. Wood was relieved for a short time by Relief Agent Bro. Harmon.

H. M. Berg is working third trick at Ramsey in place of Bro. Knutson, who was transferred to Wells nights.

Bro. Fuller, agent at Alden, enjoying a short vacation; relieved by our old friend, E. Q. Stanley.

Relief Agent Parker, at Easton, running the station in the absence of Agent Lieser during the latter's illness, has resigned in favor of Mr. E. Q. Stanley.

Bro. Lieser assigned to Delavan station, permanently, and will shortly take charge, having recovered from his recent illness.

Bro. Sheehy will take a leave of absence for a period of six weeks or two months, and return to his regular station, Easton.

Understand there will soon be a day operator put on at Winnebago, which will greatly assist Bro. Canfield.

N. T. Thorsen, day operator at Jackson, out of the service; relieved temporarily by Ed. Malone. Position assigned to Bro. E. H. Laugen, at present doing the side wire stunt at La Crosse.

Side wire at La Crosse open for permanent assignment September 14th.

Bro. Griffin, at Bradley, called to Detroit, Minn., by the illness of his wife. Mr. Bennett, an oldtimer on the S. M. Division, relieved him.

Bryant bulletined for six months. Relief Agent Bennett in charge, but understand Bro. Harmon will soon take charge.

Wish all good O. R. T. men would assist in running down the foul-talking student on the wire. It is a disgrace to our profession to allow such work.

Since our last write-up we can extend the right hand of fellowship to Bros. Charles Johnson, Isinours; Leo. A. Schendel, Fairmont, and W. O. Burnett, Dexter. Applications are out for two more, which makes the South Minnesota one of the first in membership on the system.

Bro. W. G. Griffin has a few weeks off, and is spending it at the old home, at Detroit, Minn., with his wife and baby. J. C. Bennett relieving him

John Lieser of Delavan, and Charles Johnson to

Winnebago and Fairmont, day telegraph jobs, both bulletined, with very few applicants.

Plenty good work for all who want it.

A fraternal meeting was held at Austin, Minn., on August 23d, and all report a good time. Gen-

eral Chairman O. W. Renshaw and Secretary C. E. Soyster were both present, and gave good talks, explaining where we are at and why. The little Alphabet Line took the prize for attendance. Three out of five being in attendance.

There are only three telegraph stations between Madison and Wess Springs, a distance of seventy-five miles, viz.: Howard, Artesian and Woonsocket. The latter being on the J. R. Division. Winfred was a telegraph office, but wires were taken out and a telephone installed on account of hard times. The first telegraph office west of Madison, is Howard, with Bro. W. H. Fry as agent and operator. He just recently returned from Lemmon, S. D., a thriving new town on the Pacific Coast Extension, where he went to make final proof on a claim. The next office is Artesian. We have there as agent and operator Bro. V. E. West, a hustler, and a wide-awake agent.

We have a new man at Woonsocket. We have not as yet learned his name nor whether he is one of the boys, at least we hope he is. If not, he had better be or we will know the reason why.

Bro. L. Hurlburt, at Winfred, a non telegraph station, but he is a good O. R. T. man, just the same.

Dispatchers in La Crosse taking their annual vacations. Bro. T. P. Horton, extra dispatcher, and Bro. E. H. Laugen working side wire.

Agent Berg, at Rushford, attended Ringling's circus; relieved by Bro. Eggen.

Bro. H. R. Wood, at Lanesboro, is off for a few days' rest and recreation; relieved by Bro. Harmon.

Bro. J. E. Clayton, agent at Ramsey, was called home by the sickness of his father. Bro. C. W. Stephenson worked days, and our old friend, "Spike" Parker, worked second trick.

Bro. Lieser was relieved for some time by Bro. Harmon on acount of Agent Lieser's wife being seriously ill.

DIV. COR.

Vandalia Ry.

St. Louis Division, West End-

Telegrapher J. C. Phillips, of "DE," freight office, East St. Louis, is working in "GM," St. Louis, during the absence of the regular man.

Bro. Con Campion is doing the agency stunt at "QR," troy. Mr. Elliott laying off.

Bro. H. E. Weaver, second trick at "RY," East St. Louis, has been off spending his vacation at Brownstown, Illinois.

Telegrapher Harry Tucker, third trick at "RY," Fast St. Louis, off sick at present, being relieved by Bro. J. W. Gornett, formerly of Staunton, Indiana, east end.

If some of you fellows would get busy and drop us a note with reference to changes on the West End, we could get out a much more interesting write-up that would be of interest to all. I'll bet the first thing you do when you get The Telegrapher is to look for a write-up from the Van. Get busy.

And still the desirables come into the fold. Remember our motto: No card, no favors.



Telegrapher C. A. Middleton, third trick at "HG," Hagarstown, has been spending his honey-

Bro. V. F. Baughman, first trick at "FA," Formosa, is off on a thirty-day leave of absence.

Bro. T. J. Lynch, second trick at "CP," Collinsville, spent Sunday with his parents at Highland.

Bro. C. N. Jones, first trick at "RY," East St. Louis, spent Sunday with relatives at Opdyke, Illinois.

Telegrapher J. Q. Adams, second trick at "WF,"
Effingham, and family are spending their vacation in the South.

CERTS. 40 AND 152.

CARD OF THANKS.

KENNEY, ILL., August 27, 1908.

1 desire to thank each of the boys of Division
27 who so kindly remembered and assisted meduring illness and death of my wife.

E. B. NEELEY, Cert. 127.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has visited the home of our esteemed brother, E. B. Neeley, local chairman of Peoria Division, and removed therefrom his devoted and affectionate wife; be it

Resolved, That we deeply regret her untimely demise, realizing the aching hearts of our beloved brother and family, we, the fraternity, extend to them our heartfelt sympathy, and point them to Him who doeth all things well. May we all follow her example, and live a Christian life and meet her in that great beyond where sickness and death are no more; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Division 27, a copy forwarded our brother, and one to The RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

C. R. SHORTRIDGE, E. S. THOMPSON, J. W. ROACH,

Committee.

Missouri Pacific Ry.

St. Louis District-

Bro. Sitzman, Seventh street, off a few weeks. Did not hear who relieved him.

Bro. Manuel, third trick at "GR," I understand has resigned; relieved by Bro. Glynn, third trick at Kirkwood. Did not hear who relieved at Kirk-

Bro. Williams bid in second trick, and Bro. Powell bid in third trick at Washington.

Harry Pace, a new beginner, nights at Dundee.
Bro. Harrison, agent at Webster Groves, off a
couple of weeks; relieved by Bro. Huerner, from
Osage. Bro. Huerner relieved by Bro. Robb, and
Operator Spreckelmeyer working third trick at
Osage.

Bro. Kramer, from Osage, relieving Agent Phillips at Hermann for a couple of months. Bro. Kramer relieved at Osage by Bro. J. D. Cole. Bro. Tipton, nights at Morrison, bid in Napoleon agency, and was relieved by Operator Hunt, who worked a few nights and was relieved by Bro. W. H. Davis, formerly of this division, but who has been on the Cotton Beh for several months.

Bro. Walkley, second trick at Washington, bid in third trick at Jefferson City.

There is some talk of Pacific office (which was consolidated with Frisco) being opened again on account of business picking up and it being impossible to give satisfaction to both roads with the inconveniences in that office.

Agent Dornan, Labadie, has been trying for some time to get relief, but up to the present writing is unable to find an agent, there being plenty of operators, but none of them are familiar with station work. Nearly every operator has an opportunity to learn this work, and there would be fewer men looking for work if they would use what spare time they have in learning station work, instead of reading some novel or magazine. The education one receives through knowledge of station work fits him for most any kind of office work or business.

Joblin Division-

Bro. Sam Lowe, first trick at Joplin, is back from his vacation, being relieved by Operator Bettis, from the Frisco. Mr. Bettis says he is ready to talk O. R. T. as soon as pay-day comes around. He is working the night trick in "X" office, Nevada, now. Glad to see him willing, anyway.

Bro. Willard Pullins, for a long time night man in "X," has been promoted to day trick.

Some changing around in the dispatcher's office at Nevada. Dispatcher Shyrer transferred to Coffeyville, made a vacancy. Bro. Harry Ozee promoted from day trick in "X" to fill it.

Dispatcher Stevens went from first trick on Minden side to third trick on L. & S. side, Bro. Ozee taking first trick on Minden side.

We have a nice set of men to work with up there in "DS." We think they are reasonable, and they, with Chief Bevington, whom we all are inclined to like, should have the best that we have in us.

Bro. A. H. Cannon, Harrisonville, is off on a leave of absence; D. C. Jones relieving.

Bro. R. J. Malone, Archie, is still off at this writing. Bro. Tiffany is relieving him.

Bro. C. D. Springer seems to have fallen heir to the night trick at Adrian. Bro. Springer's lot should be easier than that. After eighteen years of continuous service for the company in the same office he seems to deserve more than a night job. We hope Bro. Springer will land something better soon.

Bro. C. H. Allen, agent at Panama, took a week off and spent it among relatives in Western Kansas. Bro. C. V. Rowe is relieving him, and Operator Lovick, from the Prisco, is taking Bro. Rowe's trick at Panama.

Bro. W. F. Saurey, agent at Bronaugh, did the same thing, spending a week in Western Kansas

among relatives, Bro. Rowe also doing the relief

Bro. J. E. Gilmartin, of Sherwin, was under the necessity of spending some of his time in the hospital at K. C., but glad to know he is able to be back at work.

Bro. Kuhne, days at Webb City, is back at his post of duty after a short vacation.

Several more of the boys want off during hot weather, but Chief Bevington says he can't get the men. What's become of all the "ops" that the railroad companies turned out last spring?

Cornell, nights, opened up regular again. Hard matter to keep it open, though, on account of the shortage of men.

Sedalia District-

Bro. W. F. Thomas, night chief in "DA," Sedalia, is taking a few days' recreation, being relieved by H. R. Martin.

Bro. N. W. Johnson gets Aullville agency per-

Bro. J. S. Wilkerson, of Division No. 93, and formerly a dispatcher on the I. C., is relieving Bro. McBride at Centerview.

Bro. Walkley, formerly at Washington, but who has been working in the dispatcher's office at Jeff. City for several months, was off several days in July on account of illness.

Bro. R. M. Cook, who handed me his application today, relieved Bro. McClain while the latter was on his wedding tour.

Bro. Barnett, days at Tipton, was off a few days, being relieved by Bro. R. M. Cook.

Bro. Hogue, formerly first trick in "CD," Kansas City, is now switching for the Missouri Pacific in Kansas City.

Bro. Hobbs, of Warrensburg, is taking in Colorado, being relieved by Mr. F. A. Lyons, of Pittsburg, Pa.

Bro. Greer, of Indianapolis, is working third trick in "CD," Kansas City.

I am indebted to Bro. Jones for frequent items, which is something I can not say for many of the brothers.

I did not receive an item from the River Division this month.

It would appear that the majority of the brothers are not in favor of publishing the changes and other news.

We should be able to fill two columns every month, and I hope when it gets a trifle cooler that you will all wake up and assist in furnishing Bro. Wood and myself with such items as you may be able to secure.

Another thing, while most of the brothers have remitted their dues for the current term, there are a few who have not yet done so.

Dues are a very important matter with the Order, as it can not be run on wind, and every brother should keep his dues paid up, so that our committee will have something to work on, and not be compelled to borrow money to be used in protecting you and securing further concessions for you.

If every brother should lay down, as a very few of you have done, how long would it be until we would be back in the old conditions of twenty years ago?

One member said to me, "I am waiting to see what the Order does," which remark I consider the most foolish I have ever heard. Don't wait to see what the Order is going to do, but remember what it has done for you, and assist by keeping your dues paid up.

W. L. W.

K. N. & D. Division-

Bro. W. T. Senior has concluded to quit railroading for a while, since they took the wire out of Devon, and has gone into politics, being nominated for Clerk of the Court in Borboun County.

Bro. R. O. Bundy has returned from a trip East, where he was a delegate to the National Sunday-school convention, and reports a fine time.

Miss Gertrude Rogers, agent at Glenloch, at present, and will, no doubt, be up-to-date soon.

Business is picking up on the K., N. & D., and several "turns" have been made to Topeka to clear Lomax. The coal run has also been put on the south end from Fort Scott to Garnett.

Bro. A. J. Smith is now agent at Michigan. We are in hopes the wire will be replaced in that office soon.

Superintendent Snedeker and Trainmaster Sommers were over this division the latter part of August in their motor car.

We wish to state that Bro. E. L. Sanders, now at Stillwell, is not one of the Katy scabs, as some of the boys think, but has been a member in good standing until the last term, and will be in good standing again by the time this is in print.

Business on the main line is picking up nicely, and we contemplate a good business this fall and winter

Lots of changes among the boys on the Kansas City Division, and it is a difficult task to keep track of them.

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Osawatomie to Hoisington-

W. J. Anderson, C. T. U. of A., night operator at Lomax, took a two weeks' vacation at Topeka. his home, and several other places. He was relieved by Ellis Charvoz, from Osage City.

Bro. Reginold, third trick at Osage City, laid off also; relieved by Vawter. Bro. Reginold got married during his lay off.

Bro. W. L. Young, first trick at Council Grove, took a month's lay off and has been having a time with his machine and the girls around Council Grove.

Bro. Neal is now working second trick at Herington, and G. W. Scott, nights, again on third trick. He has been out in Illinois the past year. Bro. Van Wei and Bro. Bowan resigned at Gyp City. This is quite a busy place and it seems as if its hard to keep an agent there. Bro. Bowan, who was correspondent and on the board, has a better position.



Bro. F. S. Betherumn, third trick at Marquette, haid off a few days; relieved by a man named Smith.

Bro. Johnson, agent at Langley, is laying off; relieved by Gray.

M. R. Nyquist, agent at Claffin, resigned and is back telegraphing again. A. L. Miller is now agent. He is from the Livestock Department at Kansas City. Miller used to do the agent stunt at Osage City some time ago.

Bro. Blosser, operator at Ottawa, was off a while on account of sickness, is back at work again.

H. J. Maurice is correspondent at Marquette, Kan., vice Bro. Bowan, resigned. If you have any news send it to him and it will be in print. This is the only way we can keep posted, also say whether member or not.

All vacancies will be bulletined soon, and see that the non you are working with has a card, if you believe in keeping up the schedule and wages, or if you think \$1 a day is enough, "like Taft says," join the nons. Get a card and be wise.

H. J. MAURICE.

St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Ry .-

This pike is supposed to have a solid membership, and with very few exceptions I think it has. The majority of the men, I am glad to say, are old heads I can also truthfully say they are not of the "home guard style." You wouldn't think so by the how! some of them make for their rights.

Quite a number of the older men were displaced by this "35-agent method." Immediately there started a rampage of bumping. That was just what the company wanted, so that these men would get disgusted and probably drop the Order. Did they do it? No; they clung to it all the more and are hotter Order men than they were before.

Take notice of the exclusive agent doing his four or six-hour stunt on the wire. Methinks he will probably ask to be represented by the committee next time they go in, and not crawfish to a bunch of bulldozing officials.

These \$35 agents, who took the jobs when they were made non-telegraphic, are not to blame, and should not be criticised. A few more delays to trains caused by so many non-telegraphic stations will probably put the company next to the fact that it is cheaper to employ a few operators than to put up with delay.

I think we should endeavor to get a decent set of working hours, in some cases they are certainly unreasonable, and we are all aware of why they are made that way. Such a bluff won't do any good with the boys on the mountain; they are wise.

In speaking to one of the \$35 agents a short while ago, I informed him that as long as he had the Western Union wire in his office and was compelled to work it, he should demand the salary called for by our schedule. He replied: "Oh, I can't do that, because I asked for the wire myself, so I could practice." He asked for that wire the same as the rest of those fellows did.

They got a very nice "hunch" from some official to the effect that the company was willing to do all they could for them, and winding up the conversation in such a manner that it's in order for this \$35 "sucker" to ask for it. A nice way of pulling the wool over the eyes of these farmer boys. I say again I have nothing whatever against the \$35 agents, for they are not to blame, but I do hope they will wise up pretty soon.

TONNIE ALWAYSBROKE.

St. L. & S. F. Ry.

Oklahoma and Chickasaw Districts-

Business is picking up rapidly and everybody seems to have all they can do. Work trains are doing their stunts at Wellston, and trains of ballast are run out from Sapulpa daily, so the outlook for better track between Sapulpa and Oklahoma City seems to be very favorable.

The changes among the boys are many, and nons are getting in up and down the line. Boys, something must be done to get them lined up.

A change has been made at Bristow recently, L. A. Schooler working nights and Bekerdith days.

G. A. Mattson relieved at Chandler recently, returning to "HO," Oklahoma City. Relieved at Chandler by Operator Powell, from K. C. S. He seems to be a non. Wonder where Bro. Mattson will go next, he seems to be the royal bumper.

CERT. 1106.

Kansas District-

Gee! Ain't it hot.

Bro. W. B. Kepler is working at Baxter now. Bro. J. W. Kraushaar is getting in some work lately, having relieved Bro. Butler at Pleasanton a while and now relieving Bro. Alden at Hillsdale.

Bro. Husted worked third trick at Olathe a while this month, while Joe Hunter relieved Hubbell, who got a touch of ptomaine poisoning.

Bro. J. W. Kraushaar went from Hillsdale to Rosedale, working Bro. Coles' trick. Bro. Cole, I understand, is on the sick list.

Bro. Hobson is back at his old trick at Paola, relieving Miss Helen Howard there. Understand Miss Howard went to "BK," Kansas City.

Bro. Williams, of Hammond, is taking a lay-off; relieved by Bro. W. A. Jones, of Ash Grove.

Operator Mack Masoner is relieving the telephone agent at Fulton. I hope all the boys have, or will right away, remit their semi-annual dues and get a clean card. Nobody can afford to drop out. We can't have any broken spokes in over wheel or it will go down.

Operator Collins is working the twelve-hour night trick at Pendelton, relieving Bro. Fleshner.

The season of work trains unloading ballast, etc., is at hand, and is quite unhandy for the dispatcher to have a work train out between two telegraph stations, with two or three "blind" stations between them.

The dispatchers have a hard time now that business is normal. With so tew train-order stations

it keeps them jumping to keep from getting some train snowed up in a blind station.

Mr. Samuels, formerly agent at Pleasanton, took the agency at Hillsdale, bumping Bro. E. E. Young. Bro. Young wil go to Bois d' Arc, I understand.

Bro. Mills, third trick at Hillsdale, is relieving Howard of "OX," Kansas City, a week. Bro. Young will work third trick at Hillsdale until Mills reopens.

Understand they are opening up Merriam office again today. Mr. Tappan, formerly agent there, goes back, so I suppose it is a telegraph job.

Some new operators have been getting work with the Frisco recently. Have heard that one or two got passes from Kansas City to Fort Scott recently, new ones. This looks good.

The Katy opened up night offices at Parker and Erie, Kan., on the Parsons District, recently, and I understand their night man at Erie, who was working an eleven-hour split-trick (special Katy brand) decamped with all the available funds and chattels about 4 o'clock in the morning. This was probably one of their trusty scabs, imported during 1904, but whoever he was he went on a small strike of his own.

CERT. 1228.

Southeastern Division, Tupelo District-

Brothers, we must line up and do something. We can not get along without a good local chairman; so I would be glad if some brother would suggest some one that will make a good local chairman, and let us take steps to have him elected. We lost our local chairman when the telegraph office at Olive Branch was cut out, as Bro. J. M. Flinn decided that he could better himself in other business.

Bro. Jones, of Potts Camp, bid in the first trick at Tupelo, as the agency at "PC" was too hard on him. He was relieved at Potts Camp by Bro. Burt, from Birmingham District.

Bro. Maben has decided to stay at Hickory Flat. The beauties of California had no effect on him. Bro. Lewis has been reinstated at Sherman, and

the telegraph office reopened.

Tupelo office has been moved to the Union Depot, and the Frisco boys do the act for the M. & O. Bro. Jones is now working first trick, with Bro. Moore doing the six-hour telegraph and three-hour clerical trick, and Bro. Oden on third. Bro. Coyle off on leave of absence.

Bro. Webb, at Nettleton, holds on with hopes of having telegraph office reopened this fall.

Dispatcher Flinn, at Amory, is taking a trip through Colorado and other points of interest; W. J. Sullivan relieving him.

Bro. Price is doing the telegraph stunt, from 12:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m. We understand he has been laid up a few days on account of cutting his toot. Mr. Camp is working the other extra trick. Don't think he holds an up-to-date, but hope to see his application go in soon.

The dispatchers do the telegraph stunt the remaining hours, as there is only two men on the job. Birmingham District-

Everything has been quiet for the past month on account of the miners' strike. There has been but very little coal movement, but understand the strike will be settled soon and normal conditions will be soon restored.

We are solid, with the exception of several new men, who have been among us only a short time, most of them between Jasper and Birmingham, as there have been twelve or fifteen new men put on on account of putting in the manual block. We hope to have them all in the fold shortly, and you, brothers in that territory make it your business to see that they do come in. Every one make a special effort to get a new member before next month's issue of the journal.

There are entirely to many students on the division, and we must try to remedy this, and every member do all he can to further the interests of the Order, for when our Order is dead we are dead.

Bro. McDougal has bid in second trick at Pratt City; relieved at Carbon Hill, third trick, by Bro. Wallace, from Division No. 59.

Bro. Black, second trick at Winfield, bid in first trick at Pratt City.

Mr. Hart, who has been working extra at Carbon Hill, has bid in third trick at Pratt City.

Bro. McBride has been promoted from third to second trick at Winfield, being relieved on third trick by Mr. Ferguson, from the L. & N.

Office at Bergins has been abolished and Bro. Keneman has bid in second trick at Dora.

Mr. Hairston, from Birmingham, works second trick at Coal Creek, Bro. Tolar working first trick, with Mrs. Tolar on third, which is a telephone trick.

There are three new men at Palos. I am unable to say as to their standing.

Bro. McCowan, from Kentucky, holds on to second trick at Adamsville, third trick being a telephone trick. These telephone tricks are something great, they work eight hours blocking trains and receive \$40 per.

Bro. Sims, "YD," Birmingham, is on first trick

Coal cars are now moving to the mines and we hope to soon have trains moving as fast as cars can be loaded.

We will look for a write-up from you in next month's journal. Now when I say "you," don't think I mean the other fellow, I mean you; so everybody come to the front and let's have a good write-up each month. Line up all the nons, if you do nothing else.

B. & O. Ry.

Notes from Connellsville Division-

Vacation time, and lots of the boys are enjoying theirs at present.

Last month a surplus of telegraphers existed; teday the demand exceeds the supply.

Mr. Souser, formerly of Rockwood, is at present dispatching trains on the S. & C. Branch.



Rro. J. W. Thornton is sojourning in the Sunny South, the land of his birth.

Bro. A. G. Fry is acting as wire chief in Bro. 1 hornton's absence. Mr. Ross relieving Bro. Fry. Bro. C. B. Furtney relieving division operator's

clerk during the latter's vacation. Div. Cor.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has entered the home of our esteemed and worthy brother, B. C. Bowers, and removed from his side his beloved wife.

Resolved, That we extend to the husband our profound and heartfelt sympathy. In this hour of affliction we can only pray that God in His infinite goodness and mercy will comfort and uphold him; that with our sympathy we would commend your dear wife to that One who doeth all things well. Let us endeavor to say, "Thy will be done." And be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the journal to be published, and a copy sent to our brother.

S. M. DE HUFF.

J. REYNOLDS, W. A. DE CORSE, W. J. CURRIE.

Committ'e.

West End, Cumberland Division-

If you want to enjoy a good O. R. T. meeting drop in Naylor's Hall, Oakland, Md., any third Thursday in each month, and I am sure you will be pleased with your visit.

I notice they have moved the helpers from Piedmont, and have also taken the leverman from Piedmont and Terra Alta. This puts a good bit more work on the brothers at these points, but do not think there was anything said about more

Bros. Rasche and Murphy got back from Pigs-

I made a mistake in my last write-up. It should have been Bro. J. Coyle, instead of Mr., as he has a card up-to-date.

Sorry to state at this reading Bro. C. W. Staub has a very sick baby.

Watch the next bulletin closely. Those who would like to get a chance to try to make dispatchers out of themselves should make an application when a vacancy shows up on the bulletin. Of course, if you don't make good in the time laid down by Mr. Potter you will have to get out and take your turn out on the line. You will soon get a chance to try it.

I think the brother in July journal, Cert. 6, is onto his book, and if everybody would do what is up to them to do, they will find Mr. Student in their way, and hindering them from doing their duty to the company.

Let us all get after the non. Drop him a line every little while. It may awaken him to his duty which he owes to his fellowman.

If you want to help your brother ask for unionmade goods. Accept nor buy no other. If you can not get them in your home stores, other towns will furnish them. Show your home merchant where he is standing in his own light.

Bro. W. M. Maloney, of Hardmans, bumped Bro. D. S. Moran out of third trick at Newburg. Bro. Moran got second trick at "FK." Bro. A. W. Cozad bumped Bro. J. A. Mouser out of third trick at Austen. Bro. J. H. Stevenson got third trick at Keyser tower, and Bro. G. A. Biggs bumped Bro. G. W. Hoover out of third trick at Rawlings. They have also closed Austen tower.

Mr. R. E. Rowe has promised his application so often but has not handed in his dough. He grabs what we got for him without helping to defray the expense of getting it.

There is some rumor of closing Mount Lake and Rinards block, and filling them out at an office to be opened just east of Mount Lake, and moving the Deer Park office to this new point to do the work. This, I "13," is being done so trains can be made to haul 2,000 tons, instead of 1,650 tons. There is also a rumor afloat that there will be a helping station opened at Corinth for this same increase of tonnage.

Cleveland Division-

Our last meeting was a tame one. Not many of the boys turned out.

Bro. Dick Blythe is promoted from "51" "CS," Cleveland, to third trick dispatcher on the Valley. Glad to see a good brother promoted, and we all wish him success in his new position.

Bro. Lucas, from first trick, Canal Dover, bids in "51," days at "CS," which was bulletined as temporary.

Did not learn who relieved Bro. Lucas at Canal Dover.

Bro. Ford S. Hoover accepted the agency at Sandyville. Mr. Martin, of Peninsula, relieved Bro. Hoover at Botzum.

Mr. James resigned from Piedmont agency, being relieved by Bro. H. D. Harris from Sandyville.

Mr. Killbow relieved Mr. Martin at Peninsula, second trick. Killbow promises to do the necessary soon as he has enough experience.

Bro. C. A. McGurk, second trick at Bridge 80, has resigned and left for the western coast. Mack intends to settle in the West.

Bro. H. B. Leith working second trick at Bridge 80.

Bro. O. R. Baumgardner and wife, of Columbia, visiting relatives in St. Louis, Mo., for several weeks. Operator H. Jackson working at Columbia during Bro. Baumgardner's absence.

Bro. B. H. Betton has returned to Columbia, third trick; after two weeks' visit with his parents in Wheeling, W. Va.

Bro. F. J. Mitchell, Canal Fulton, off one week enjoying his vacation and visiting relatives.

Bro. S. D. Bier, of Seville, was enjoying ten days' camping and fishing at Turkey Foot Lake.

Bro. Dan Brislin called to Cambridge on account of the death of his mother. We unite in extending sympathy.

Bro. C. W. Wood, from Benton, has bid in Elyria, first trick, vacated by Operator Huntzleman.

Canal Dover, third trick, and Bridge 80, second trick, open for bids.

Bro. Blank will do the write-up stunt next month while your correspondent is off on vacation. Expect to be gone two weeks the last of September for a visit with the old folks "on the banks of the Wabash," in Indiana.

DIV. COR.

New Castle Division-

The New Castle Division has the honor of two of its brothers reaching the 100 mark in the 600 examination. Bro. P. W. Adams, first trick at Sterling, and Bro. J. R. Quay, second trick at Ravenna, are the stars. The examination has now been over the entire division, and we have heard of none falling down so hard they could not rise again. Division Operator Mr. M. H. Cahill has men that he should be proud of, and we are sure that he is. Do your duty, and do it well. This is all he asks.

Bro. L. H. Browning and wife, of Middlefield, returned August 19th from a visit at their home in Virginia. They also visited a few days at Washington, D. C. Relief Agent Bro. H. L. Jordan handled the work at Middlefield during Bro. Browning's absence.

Mr. M. W. Hammond, agent and first trick at West Farmington, left August 22d with a fishing party on a special car via Painesville and L. S. & M. S., to Buffalo and G. T. to Lake Temegami, Canada, where he will spend a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Relief Agent Bro. H. L. Jordan.

Bro. N. C. Prinn, second trick at Ohio Junction, spent a three weeks' vacation visiting friends in Baltimore and vicinity; relieved by Bro. G. A. Mc-Bride, who afterwards went to Haselton, third trick, relieving Mr. Green, who went to Haselton when Bro. P. J. Barrett moved to "UN" tower, New Castle, Pa.

Bro. C. J. Benedict, formerly third trick at Newton Falls, has been assigned to third trick P. Y. & A. crossing. Bro. J. E. Byron, who was bumped out of Chardon, third trick, by Bro. W. E. Cecil, worked third trick P. Y. & A. crossing while being advertised. Bro. Benedict is now in Cleveland taking treatment, the result of an attack of a mad cow.

Mr. Bell, who worked first trick at Newton Falls during Bro. Jones' sickness, is now on third trick. Bro. Post working second trick during Mr. G. G. Steinmetz's vacation. Bro. Post made a brother of himself this month in spite of the effort of some "undesirable citizens" to keep him out.

Bro. R. O. Davis, first trick Ohio Junction, off August 19th attending a wedding in the family.

Mr. Fearer, who has not as yet made good his promise to cash in, is working second trick at "FS" tower, Charlestown, during advertisement. Understand Mr. Dove, who had it regular, has left the service.

Bro. T. A. Quigley, second trick P. Y. & A crossing, is getting quite famous as a fisherman.

Bro. F. E. Hawk, second trick at Haselton, off a month on account of his health. Expected to stay West longer, but climate did not agree with him; relieved by Bro. G. E. Fisher, who later took a leave of absence; relieved by Bro. G. A. McBride.

The boys at New Castle side wire have been taking their vacation, with Bro. C. M. Trussell working the relief. Bro. Trussell relieved from New Castle Junction by Bro. G. R. Fisher. Bro. M. F. Leahy, who works New Castle side wire regular nights, spent his three weeks' vacation, accompanied by his wife, visiting with the latter's brother and family at Gilmore, Ind. Your correspondent does not know where Bros. Griffin and Pfeil, who work side wires days at New Castle, spent their vacation.

Bro. W. C. Lane, who was knocked out of "FS" tower, first trick, by Bro. N. H. Shriver, has bid in first trick at "MR" tower.

Bro. B. Faust, first trick at Haselton, off sick; relieved by Mr. Biddle.

Bro. J. W. Pennell, whose position at DeForest Junction was closed, put the skids under Bro. H. D. Purdy, first trick at "TF" tower, causing him to move to Akron Junction to work first trick. Bro. O. C. Bedell, from Akron Junction, first trick, to New Castle Junction, second trick. Bro. C. M. Trussell, New Castle Junction, second trick, to "UN" tower, third trick. Bro. P. J. Barrett, "UN" tower, third trick, to Lowellville, second trick, which knocked out Bro. R. A. Hill, who had just been assigned to Lowellville, second trick, by bulletin.

Bro. G. G. Russell caught the extra work at Lowellville while the position was being advertised.

Bro. J. W. Lackeye assigned to West Farmington, third trick; formerly from Lowellville, second trick.

Bro. J. J. Kehres, from West Farmington, second trick, to Painesville, day message operator and clerk. Painesville is Bro. Kehres' home.

Bro. Lee Sweet, third trick at "MR" tower, Homer, off several days visiting with friends in Creston; relieved by Mr. G. Q. Cobb. Mr. Cobb. from "MR" to "MN" tower, Northern Ohio Crossing, Greenwich, first trick, to relieve Bro. A. L. Brenneman, who is taking a vacation.

Bro. D. F. Seaman, who had third trick at P. Y. & A. Crossing, accepted the position of night yard clerk at DeForest Junction.

Bro. B. B. Jones is back at Newton Falls, first trick, after an absence of eleven months, caused by sickness.

Bro. G. L. Meagher, who had second trick at "KN" tower, bid in third trick at Nova. Bro. Meagher did the necessary, and has a card long before this is published. Little Tom relieved Bro. Meagher at "KN," Hope Tom can get it regular.

We are glad to welcome Bro. W. E. Etter back with us again.

Bro. J. W. Stephenson, agent and operator at "X" office, Easton, is off on account of sickness in his family; relieved by Bro. L. G. Harpster.

Bro. F. H. Elson, second trick at "MR" tower, off a few days the first of September, accompanied by his wife, visiting friends and attending the fair at Wellington.

Business is looking a little better, and hope it continues to improve. We are willing to hustle for eight hours, and hope to see the company in a prosperous condition that we may eventually betume more prosperous.

Bro. D. W. Flory from second trick at Niles Junction to Haselton, third trick. Bro. G. A. McBride did the extra work at Haselton, third trick, while it was advertised. DIV. Cor.

Chicago Division, East District-

Bro. Rube Whiting has resumed first trick at Standley, after a week's outing in Western Michigan. Operator J. R. Morton filled the vacancy during his absence.

Operator Geo. E. Baker, second trick at Midway, has been transferred to Concord nights. The vacancy at Midway temporarily filled by Operator Glen Elder.

Bro. Ed. Heffelfinger has resumed third trick at Midway after a three weeks' sojourn on his thicken farm, near Auburn, Ind.

Bro. T. J. Eiler, third trick at Defiance, has been on the sick list, but is again able to eat his "mail sprout."

Bro. T. J. Eiler, third trick at Definance, has

Warning: Don't get fresh with Defiance, as the place is represented with about 625 pounds of solid O. R. T.

Bro. C. E. Stevens, first trick at the Bend, and proprietor of the Maumee Valley poultry farm, expects to capture every blue ribbon far and wide this fall with his fine stock.

It is really surprising the "stay-at-home" excuses that can be trumped up for the third Friday night of each month. Brace up, boys, and be a real live Indian.

CERT. 735.

Eastern District, Newark Division-

Z. D. Lovejoy, agent at Bethesda, has obtained a leave of absence, at the expiration of which he will probably enter the telegraph department. Zack is the editor and proprietor of the Bethesda News, a flourishing weekly newspaper, which reflects much credit upon its founder and proprietor, and the thriving town in which it is published.

A joint meeting was held at Wheeling on the evening of the tenth instant for the benefit of members employed on the four divisions converging in that vicinity. Local Chairman Youst, of the Wheeling Division, presided in his usual emphatic manner.

The next meeting will be announced soon, and it is hoped the summer resorts will be closed for repairs, and the diamond covered with water when it occurs.

M. E. Seaton, exclusive agent at New Concord, has applied for a six months' leave of absence, and the temporary vacancy has been bulletined. Mr. Seaton will embark in the hardware business at Bethesda, and is now erecting a storeroom at that place.

Miss Dennis, of Cassell, is spending a two weeks' vacation with her sisters at Buckeye Lake, near Newark.

The office at Stewartsville has been closed, and Operator G. S. Fink has been added to the extra list. He is at present relieving the first trick operator at Cassell.

The shop offices at Zanesville and Newark have been closed, and Bros. Lewis and McDermott have entered the ranks of the "bumpers."

One of our most competent and conscientious operators recently was suspended seven days because he did not display his red signal to a freight train for which he had orders. The freight train was clear of the main track, and he feared that if he stopped it at his office, a following train could not clear in time to avoid a delay to a passenger train. He exercised good judgment, but the officials held that he was responsible for a delay to the freight train, caused by the failure of the engineer to report promptly at the office. The lesson is obvious: Do not rely upon your own judgment, but obey implicitly the rules that embody the judgment of your superior officers that your days of service may be continuous and devoid of grief.

E. N. Van Atta, general chairman of Division 33, spent his annual vacation in Michigan, and has just returned home.

Several correspondents have written in a wise and timely manner concerning the possible future of the federal nine-hour law. There is not a shadow of doubt that the railroads will make a determined attempt, at the first opportunity, to secure the repeal of the new law.

Keno.

Columbus and Newark Division-

Are you still after that non you are working with? Ask him again, and explain things to him in a good-natured way, and I am sure he will give you a favorable answer. A man who is competent of holding a position as telegrapher has got enough "full cells" in his upper story to know the good of the Order, and he does know it, but why do they linger on the outside? They put me in mind of the cartoon in our May journal, and I think the brother who drew it hit the nail on the head when he said the "non hog was a hard proposition. He don't seem to belong to anybody. but he is always at the schedule trough drinking the O. R. T. swill."

Now, if I still remained a non after seeing this cartoon, and with no more excuse than some of the boys on this division, I would be ashamed to look even a hog in the face. Non, do you ever imagine the kind of a feeling a member has for you? Well, let me tell you: It is a kind of a

dark blue. How would you feel if you were paying your dues and trying to better things, and a non by the side of you taking the benefits and not trying to help you get more? Could you have the same feeling for him as you would an O. R. T. brother? No! Look how cheap the insurance is. It seems to me some men do not care, or do not think what would become of their wives and children should they die. Very few of us can say we could leave them enough to keep them out of the washtub.

Owing to the many recent changes made it is impossible for me to mention near all of them.

Bro. Powless worked first trick at "KO" tower a few days while Mr. Tyhurt rested up.

Mr. Price and Bro. Kimbrel, of "ND" tower, have changed tricks.

Understand Bro. Watson bid in first trick at "BW," and Bro. Norris second trick at Central City.

Bro. Marsh has returned to duty after a few weeks' vacation, being relieved by Operators Rowe and Seeds, who divided the extra work.

Bro. and Mrs. Dildine and baby are visiting relatives in Cincinnati and Columbus.

Operator Rowe is working first trick at "BR" tower.

Our brothers at Big Walnut, Summit and Outville feel proud of their new towers, but say they find a great deal more exercise attached to them.

Brothers, don't forget the fourth Tuesday in each month is our meeting night at Summit. Every member working the first or third tricks should be present. There is not much excuse why they should not be. We have always learned something from them, and the more attendance the more we learn.

BUSTER.

Chicago Division, East End-

On August 1st the force in "RX" office, Chicago Junction, was reduced from five men to four. All men working nine hours now, and only one man on duty from 6 p. m. to 7 a. m.

Mr. R. A. Zellars, who lost out at "RX," took third trick at "RA," Chicago Junction, relieving Mr. G. E. Foley. Mr. Foley is now doing the extra work in "RX" during vacations.

Mr. J. L. Gant, second trick at "RA," Chicago Junction, has taken six months' leave of absence, and will try his luck in Texas. Mr. Gant was relieved by Mr. G. R. Wilson, extra man. Mr. Wilson promises to be one of us soon.

Mr. R. A. Zellars is spending two weeks' vacation at his home near Rochester, Indiana; relieved by Bro. Geer.

Bro. Walters spent a day in Tiffin recently, shopping.

Bro. Joslin and wife are spending their honeymoon among the lakes in Northern Michigan.

Bro. and Mrs. A. R. Moore, of Garret, spent several days in Chicago Junction and vicinity the first part of August.

Business on the B. & O. is steadily improving, and it will not be long before there will be a full force at work again.

It has been a long time since we have had a write-up from the Chicago Division, east end. Can not some one get busy and gather the news and send it in each month? It certainly does not look good for a division that boasts of at least 95 per cent O. R. T. not being represented in the journal. I have picked up what news I could this month, and I am sure I am as busy as the most of you are, but I will send in all the news I can pick up. Who will take the job? CERT, 1400.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, By the will of Almighty God death has entered the home of Bro. W. A. Duffy and removed therefrom his beloved father; therefore be it

Resolved, That the telegraphers of the Monongah Division extend to the bereaved family their heartfelt sympathy in their great sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Bro. Duffy, a copy be published in The RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER and a copy be spread on the minutes of this division.

R. W. BEVANS, W. M. MORAN, W. W. POWELL, Committee.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

Illinois Division-

No doubt the readers will remember a write-up by a brother some time ago, "A Dream" and "The Reality." Well, that's the Salem meeting.

The general chairman, Bro. Phillips, promised another meeting at Chicago in the near future, which, we hope, will be better attended.

Understand Mr. L. K. Durkee, agent at Carter, has resigned to engage in other business. A Mr. Hubbell has bid in this agency. I am unable to learn whether he carries a card or not.

Bro. D. B. Thompson, at "VE" tower, has resigned and departed for the Golden West, and is relieved by Bro. E. L. Hendricks, lately from the I. C. R. R. You will notice that when we lose one good brother we generally get another brother to fill the place.

Mr. H. J. Ikerd, agent at West Ridge, has asked for application blanks, which I understand have been furnished him, and he promised to fill them out next pay-day.

Bro. J. F. Friend has bid in the agency at Clarksburg; relieved by West Ridge by Mr. H. J. Ikerd, who has bid in the agency.

Bro. W. N. Wilkerson, Benton days, has bid in first trick at "VE" tower. "VE," second trick, is also bulletined, but have not learned who bid in that position.

No. 51 wire has been taken out of "MQ." Tams. This causes operators at "OW," Salem, some extra relay work.

Have you noticed the new schedule on the Rock Island? That's getting pretty close to home. Give our committee all the support possible, and remind those nons that promised some time ago to make

good. Can name several that are still waiting for "next pay-day." We need these boys and think a little more individual work on the part of the brothers will turn the trick. Get your name on the roll of honor. Only noticed one or two C. & E. I. boys last month. In connection with this, we desire to call the attention of the brothers to the good work of Bro. F. E. George, first trick, "TY" tower, who has already secured enough applications for one of the O. R. T. prize rings.

Bro. L. B. Hutchinson, third trick at "Q" office, Villa Grove, has returned from a vacation.

Bro. Hicks, first trick at Mt. Vernon, is confined to his bed with typhoid fever. We hope to hear of him back at work before this goes to press. Stout, extra, working first trick at Mt. Vernon during Bro. Hicks' absence.

Bro. Kelly, second trick at Ina, has returned from his vacation, partly spent in Wisconsin.

Did you notice the article in one of the daily papers stating that there has not been a person killed on the railroads of Indiana in the last quarter, ending June 30th. Looks as though the ninehour law and the trainmen's sixteen-hour law are having good results in that State at least.

The following positions are bulletined: Operator, Benton; agency, St. Peter and St. James.

We wish to thank Bro. B. E. Johnson, "TY" tower, for his help in furnishing items each month for the journal.

Chicago Division-

Had quite a nice write-up in our journal last month, and I am glad to see it, for I know that every time you get your journal that is the first thing you look for. It only takes a few minutes each day to get together some news and, when put together, makes quite a lot of items. It helps our correspondent out wonderfully, for that is the only way he has of getting all the news of the division. Now let's all try and get hold of some news, if it's nothing more than the change that is made at your station, it will help and be appreciated. Just send them to the correspondent or general chairman.

Business on the Terre Haute District is just about holding its own and that's all, not increasing as rapidly as it should at this time of the year, but we are in hopes that it will take a boom soon, for good business means good work and lots of it for everybody. We had three No. 92s on Sunday, August 16th. The 58s have been handling quite a lot of melons during the last month, having from forty to fifty cars every night.

Brothers, are we all trying as we might to do our work up to the standard, and show the company what an improvement it is to have their operators working eight-hour tricks, and showing them that we appreciate it by giving them the best we have. Surely we can come on duty and work eight hours without having to be called down for sleeping or not answering calls. We have plenty of material in the way of nons on this division to

work on and let's keep them busy until they join the ranks.

It is strange how these fellows can stay out and yet receive all the benefits gained by the O. R. T. Isn't there any cure for them?

I can't see how a non can work in the same office with two other good O. R. T. men and not feel a little ashamed of himself. It's the limit.

That old-time operator and non at Jackson, first trick, is a hard one to talk to. I presume he is satisfied with what the Order has got for him and not having to pay anything for it.

Our chief dispatcher is taking a two weeks' vacation at this writing. Mr. Harvey, regular third trick dispatcher on the south end, holding the chief's job down, while Mr. Griffin is off.

Mr. Dull, regular third trick dispatcher, off a few days, out in Ohio, visiting.

Mr. H. C. Griffith, formerly on north end working third trick, is working first trick on south end, also Mr. F. E. Dunlap, from second trick on north end, is working third trick dispatcher on south end.

All of these fellows are dandy to get along with, and don't hear any rag chewing between them and the brothers.

Mr. E. L. Matthews, first trick dispatcher on north end, now on a vacation, and Mr. H. C. Griffith working his trick in his absence. We see Mr. Matthews riding over the north end on the head end of No. 62, giving the boys the glad mitt.

Let's keep after the nons and get them all lined up. DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has removed from our midst our beloved brother, O. S. Haney, of Waukegan, Ill., be it

Resolved, By the members of C. & E. I. System Division, No. 34, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the members of the bereaved family our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved parents, a copy spread on the records of the division, and a copy furnished The Telegrapher for publication therein.

J. V. PHILLIPS, C. R. YOUNG, B. L. MARTIN,

P., C., C. & St. L. Ry.

Louisville Division-

Not many changes on this division during the past few months, no one quitting just now. A man gets suspended occasionally, weather too hot to fire any. Guess the hot weather has fried all the energy out of some of the nons, you can't raise them at all. They seem to be in one long dream, letting come what will, and that will be plenty one of these days and all unexpected, too.

I am surprised to learn that another man has lost his nerve—if he ever had any—and will not

go in for fear of losing his job, and another fellow will not go in because his girl don't want him to. Now, what do you think of that? That girl must be about as bright as he is. Must be pretty fine to have a helper to run your business affairs for you. I may be off in the upper story, but I feel that I am capable of handling my own business yet awhile. Can tell you right now that that fellow will see the day that he will be sorry for what he is doing now, and, if I am not badly mistaken, the girl will be in the same boat.

L. B. Schrader is back from Eckerty, Ind., where he went on a short vacation with his relatives. He is now working on blocks in New Albany.

Geo. Yater, extra man, is working on blocks in New Albany and Jeffersonville.

B. King, of Waynesvule, is taking a ten-day vacation, and is visiting his parents at Dupont, Ind.

W. S. Wilkerson has taken the agency at Manilla, H. R. Shinn going to second trick at Greenwood, made vacant by Wilkerson.

B. L. Pearcy, clerk from North Vernon freight office, has taken charge as agent and operator at Elizabethtown. Have not heard where Hanlin went.

J. Smith worked a few days at Harland while one of the men from there went to Garfield to relieve R. C. Fox, second trick man at that place, who, I understand, was sick. Regular men back to work now.

C. E. Hudson, third trick man at Seymour, took two days off and went hunting and fishing; relieved by L. B. Schrader.

A. Aldridge is working in "RA" office at present, relieving "Pat" Lamman. CERT. 211.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

Clifton Forge Division, Mountain District-

I am going to do my best to get in a line or two every month.

Everything seems to be moving along nicely. Business in on the increase, freight and passenger trains are profusely strewn from one terminal to the other. This, as a rule, is a very good indication of business.

The boys have been moving so much that it is impossible to keep up with them all.

Our friend, "OU" Bickers, is working first trick at "MO," Charlottesville, for a few days.

Bro. Steel, agent at Barbours Creek, returned to work Saturday, August 15th.

Bro. Huckstep relieved Bro. Mahoney at Newcastle for fifteen days.

Bro. "Stork" Smith worked for Bro. E. A Wood at "ZX" for a week; returned home August 17th.

Bro. C. E. Spitzer is painting at Craigsville. This is one of our most industrious brothers, if he can not telegraph he is equally capable of painting.

Understand Bro. Jones has almost a regular position as third trick operator at Craigsville, Bro. Shuey staying off practically all the time.

Bro. H. King, agent and operator at Christians, is off for a while.

Bro. E. F. Gilley was checked in at Christians about August 10th, relieving Bro. King. We are sorry to learn that Bro. King's father died August 16th.

CERT. 582.

Huntington Division—

Bro. Stover, of Paint Creek Junction, recently crossed the line into Virginia to see his intended; relieved by Bro. Hill.

Bro. Hensley, of "KX," is getting his muchneeded rest on account of slack business.

Bro. Ogg, of "NG," is kind enough to the extra men to take a leave of absence of sixty days; relieved by Bro. Leist.

Bros. Curry and Curry are working nine hours each at "BW," the office remaining closed the other six hours.

Bro. Draper, of Charleston, was recently called home on account of sickness of his mother, but has again resumed duty, his mother being much better. He was relieved by Bro. Hendrie.

Bro. Whitt, second trick at Charleston, off for a few days, attending to financial matters at his mill. He is relieved by Bro. Hendrie.

Bro. Johnson, of "VF," seems to be charitable to the extra men, having worked about two weeks out of the last six months.

Bro. "Heavy" Hill, of "VF," seems to be catching quite an amount of extra work at that point.

Bro. Hutchison, third trick at "VF," seems to be doing a flourishing business at the Cream Laundry.

Bros. Spurlock and Taylor, of "RN," are doing the eighteen hours' work at that point, the office remaining closed the other six hours.

Bro. Woodworth and Sister Grinter are working eighteen hours at Milton.

At Barboursville, Bro. Snedegar is relieving Mr. Workman, on third trick, who is taking advantage of the Democratic State convention by copying bulletins for the Advertiser, of Huntington, assisted on the other end of the string by Bros. Hendrie and Bowers, of Charleston. We understand Mr. Workman is going to apply for this work regular. That string seemed to be a C. & O. monopoly.

Mr. Pollard is relieving Mr. Swain, in "HU," for a few days, assisted by Miss Townsend and Bro. Curry.

JACK AND JILL.

Erie Ry.

Cincinnati Division, West-

THE TELEGRAPHER is interesting, if we will but take a little time to read it, and let the truths soak in. I see where some brother writes for every one to see what a man's opinion is before casting your ballot. That is just what every brother wants to do.

"W" tower, all three tricks, are nons, and I understand they have installed an extra table for the purpose of teaching telegraphy.

Bro. Cressing was called to Iowa from Martel to take charge of a corpse to be brought to Martel.

Particulars not learned. Bro. Hiles is doing the extra work.

Bro. F. Murphy, of Claiborne, off duty on account of sickness. His son, Marion, is doing the extra work.

R. Stone, second trick man at "W," off of duty on account of rheumatism. Kepler is doing the extra work and Stolter working second trick.

Bro. C. W. Fox, of "Q" tower, is taking a vacation. Bro. Bender working first trick, Bro. Berry working second trick, Kepler working third. Kepler taken from "W," relieved by Mathews. Later, Kepler went to "H" office, where he got his fill, this being a twelve-hour trick; being relieved at "Q" by Petty. One night at "Q" being enough for Petty, was relieved by Newman, from Mingo. One night satisfied him.

I understand the professor at Green Camp has reduced the price of learning "hams" to the small sum of \$5.

Bro. Fenton, at "RN" office, made a flying business trip to Columbus last month.

Bro. Bayles, of Caledonia, made a business trip to Mansfield, August 17th. Did not learn who did the extra work. I understand Bro. Bayles is going to leave the Erie's service September 5th, to take up pharmacy; thus the Erie will lose a faithful employe.

Bro. Hill, at "H" office, off a few days on account of sickness, being relieved by T. C. Lewis, who returned to the Eric after he sold his farm.

Bro. Bender is off on account of sickness, Bro. Berry taking his place, and Kepler, from "H" office, doing the extra work.

Reports from the linemen say that the Erie is going to replace the old wire between Marion and Dayton, with new.

"Q" tower has had a new wire cut in the office, it being a Big Four wire gives them communication, Bellefontaine to Cleveland, and to Columbus on this wire.

CERT. 1219.

Meadville Division-

The meeting at Meadville, Saturday evening, August 8th, was one of the best held on the Meadville Division in a long time. Bro. W. S. Lowrie, from the Mahoning Division, was there, and while no important business was transacted, everybody had a good time.

Steamburg office has been put on a nine and a six-hour trick. Miss Hecker working from 3 p. m. to 9 p. m.

The Erie is rushing the work on the new double track between Columbus and Lakewood trying to get it in shape to use before winter.

Everybody is watching with interest the new telephone system going in between Meadville and Corry, and wondering if it is going to be a success.

CERT. 508.

Mahoning Division-

Bro. R. G. Lewis, first trick at "WH" tower, has been transferred to "FM" tower, Freedom, on the Meadville Division.

C. W. Mitchell has returned to his duties at Niles, after a three weeks' vacation. Two weeks were spent at Niagara Falls, and the remaining week at home; relieved by G. E. Morrell.

Bro. F. E. Brooks spent a week down among the pumpkins; relieved by Ray Castor.

Bro. W. V. Saltsman, second trick at Garrettsville, is off sick; relieved by C. Fitch.

Bro. C. R. Morgan, first trick at Hubbard, is off on a vacation.

Bro. W. J. Howey, third trick man at De Forest, is about to leave his place and take another position on this division. Mr. Howey's wife is not in the best of health, and every one who has been to De Forest can say that it is not a place conducive to health.

Walter Post, first trick at Ferrona, is back at work after a few days' vacation.

Bro. C. W. Mitchell, "DU," was the successful applicant for first trick at "WH." Have not learned who got third trick at De Forest, second trick at Sharpsville or second trick at Soles; all of which were advertised together.

There are still several students at dispatcher's office. It grates on our nerves to hear them try to do business. The train wire is open half the time, owing, probably, to an animated conversation between the would-be "copier" and the dispatcher.

Bro. Sherman Hart, "BF," of Warren, contemplates taking a vacation the latter part of September, and taking a trip to New York City, where he will buy an automobile.

The monthly meeting, Saturday night, August 15th, was attended by fourteen members. This is by no means a large attendance, but it may be excused by the fact that several members were away on a vacation, thus lessening the attendance. We must keep up the proper spirit, and not let these meetings be a dead thing. Now, all remember the next meeting is the third Saturday in September, the same place. Exact date September 19, 1908 A. D. Now come early and avoid the rush (?).

Bro. W. H. Owens, first trick at De Forest, is off for a week's rest; relieved by Bro. Brooks, second trick man at that point.

C. S. Morrall working second trick at De Forest.

Drv. Cor.

Lima Division-

Brothers, don't forget to send your division correspondent all the items you can each month, if you wish to see a good write-up.

Agencies at Alger and McGuffey both advertised recently. Mr. D. B. Ellis bid in Alger. New man working at McGuffey has troubles of his own, and the "onion rush" just getting a good start.

Bro. Burd, who bid in third trick at Foraker some time ago, has been transferred accordingly.

Bros. Pyle, Hopkins and Brown at "KN" tower, have a good warm job now, since all the other offices on both lines in Kenton get their telegraphing done at "KN." The company has rewarded them by adding five feet to their block signal.

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Bro. Neal bid in third trick at Westminster some time since, but second trick is now vacant. Miss Pope filling the vacancy pending advertisement.

Three or four new hams just recently started out of the "Onion Belt" in the last few weeks, and they are given the most courteous treatment of any one on the line.

There are several more learning at Westminster and other points east of Spencerville. There have been some thirty-eight students practicing on the Lima Division in the past year.

Bro. Loutzenheiser, first trick at Kingsland, is taking his annual vacation; relieved by Operator Davis, of Alger.

Operator Fay now working third trick at Kingsland until regular man is appointed.

Bro. Prilliman, third trick at Decatur tower, is taking a few days' vacation.

Bro. Littler, second trick at Markle, and Bro. Hite, second trick at Kingsland, contemplate a joint vacation and tour of the big towns in the near future.

Operator J. S. Witt spent ten days down in dear old Tennessee recently eating watermelons at his old home.

Bro. J. P. Hill, of Simpson, did the town of Kikomo during his short vacation.

One of the fair ones is working Bro. Littler's trick at Markle during his absence. We did not learn her name.

Bro. Fleming, "CR" tower, has been up near Rome City, Ind., fishing for a week or more.

DIV. COR.

New York Division, West End-

How many of us attended to the color and eye test promptly? Are we all aware of the fact that this color and eye test is a necessity to the operation of the road, as well as a safeguard against mistakes and accidents? There are a great many of us who, instead of attending to the matter as we should, wait until the last moment, and have had to be notified by the officials to attend to the matter at once and without further delay.

Little said on this subject will go a great way with you who will consider what little things of this kind may mean to your future working conditions.

New men seem to keep coming on this division. Get after them, and be sure you have some O. R. T. warpaint on.

New men on second and third tricks at "MS."
Two new men at "TG." One is J. J. O'Rourke;
not Bro. Jim O'Rourke. Bro. Jim working at
Campbell Hall Junction.

Operator Bailey bid in the second trick at "GP."

At one time he was a brother. Will some one get after him?

CERT. 752.

N. Y., S. & W. & W. B. Division --

I suppose it is a general impression among the nons and many of the brothers on these lines that the O. R. T. is not doing much business, as they are not making much of a showing. But I am

glad to say this is not the case, as I understand there is fine work being done in the meeting room, and it will be found so when the committee meets the superintendent again, which will be soon, so if you have any grievances better rush them in All grievances should be taken up in the regular way, and failing to get any satisfaction, then let it be known in the meeting room so as to get it on the minutes and grievance record, so that your committee can have it to work on. How can you expect to have a committee adjust any grievance that they have never heard of? A good many expect this, and then feel sore at the O. R. T. because the committee did not do anything in their case.

In looking over the last schedule I find only two or three offices that really pay living wages, and a number of them do not begin to pay the salaries which they should, compared to the responsibility placed upon a man to hold same down.

Understand "GP," Oak Ridge gravel pit, night office, closed on account of no operator. Brothers, beware of this position, as this office was built and put in service to do away with putting third man at Newfoundland, and is in violation of the national nine-hour law. So beware of it.

We still have a few nons, and will have until the salaries are adjusted to a point that will keep good men. There are a few of the old ones that take all they get and complain because they do not get more. But when asked to join our ranks put up the bluff that the O. R. T. has never done anything for them. How can they expect a union to do as much for them as we do when they are too selfish to help the union, and go contrary to its teachings?

We have a fine meeting room at 201 Market street, Paterson, N. J., and we meet the last Saturday night of each month. Now, brothers, forget that merry widow hat that you are so interested in one night a month and come out and have a big night with us, and see how interesting it is. We are always there on the last Saturday night of each month, so don't be afraid to be one of us. You are welcome. "Old Nick."

New York Division, East End-

Everybody should have paid their dues before this, but those who have not ought to do so at once. Do not lag. Come up with the goods.

Bro. Scott, "JC," Jersey City, worked a few nights in the dispatcher's office, "JY," last week

Bro. Corbett, "JC," Jersey City, secured the day trick at "JC," vice Mr. Akers, who went to dispatcher's office. Bro. Slaven taking Corbett's trick, 2 p. m. to 11 p. m.

Bro. Kelley came down from "BC," Port Jervis, and is working relief in "JY," dispatcher's office.

Bro. Bailey, Hillburn, has secured the position as clerk and operator at "FJ," Suffern, which was recently advertised; relieved at Hillburn by Mr. Mariano, a student-helper.

Mr. Nortwitz, formerly clerk at West Nutley, has been appointed agent at Otisville. Do not

know if he is a member or not, but he is a good candidate.

The position which was advertised some time ago, West Mahwah, as temporary vacancy, is being filled by a Mr. McCormack, freight clerk from Suffern.

Bro. Heady is doing the stunt at "XM," Mid-dletown.

Bro. Flanagan was absent a few days last week on account of the death of some relative, but is now back at "JC."

Don't forget to pay your dues this month if you have not already done so.

Div. Com.

New York Division, Main Line-

Bro. Henion, at "SJ" tower, should get another credit mark added to his list for discovering a broken journal on a westbound freight, August 8th. The car was switched at "XG" for repairs.

Miss S. A. Brown, of "FJ," has taken the position as clerk at "MZ" freight office. Bro. Bailey got "FJ" by bid.

All the boys are going through the eye, ear and color test, which is held at "PO" and "JC." They are all going through with bells on so far. This test is to be taken every three years from now on.

Mr. Sutherland, one of the relief agents on the New York Division, is working at "XG" station. Can not say whether Mr. Sutherland is one of our boys or not.

Brothers, get busy and write something for our journal. It looks bad to see our space empty. Just a few lines from each one will make a good bit of news each month.

CERT, 1173.

Canadian Northern Ry.

Q., L. L. and S. Branch-

Bro. Wickerson, Prince Albert, is holidaying in Western Ontario; relieved by Mr. Kurtz.

Bro. Raymond and wife, of Rosthern, are spending six weeks among the Atlantic breezes at Shelbourne, Nova Scotia.

Bro. C. F. Piersdorff recently resigned the day position at Saskatoon to take the agency for the G. T. P., at Scott.

The Coy has everything in readiness for handling the grain crop, which should start the first week in September.

CERT. 269.

Central of Georgia Ry.

Savannah Division-

A good many changes this month. Our traveling auditor, Mr. Hellner, has been on the move for the last two weeks making transfers.

Bro. A. P. Williams to Halcyondale agency, vice Bro. B. J. Moore, who bids in Guyton agency, vice Bro. T. F. Hemminger, who is now in the insurance business.

Bro, E. M. Strickland from "SW" Division to Rocky Ford as operator.

Bro. A. M. Bass spent a couple of weeks' vacation; relieved by Mr. Emerson Holland, of Dover. Bro. R. S. Wilson, Meldrim agent, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. S. L. Thompson.

Bro. J. M. Burke to Millen, second trick, vice Mr Pritty, transferred to "SW" Division. Mr. A. Youmans, better known as Booze, worked at Millen two weeks, relieving Bro. Ivy, who was on the sick list. He was relieved by Mr. H. F. Apple.

M. H. C. Fennel, "GO," Savannah office, on vacation; relieved by Bro. W. L. Chandler, formerly of Macon Division, "RA" office.

Mr. A. L. Armstrong, operator and ticket agent at Tybee Island, spent his vacation; relieved by Mr. Schumpert.

Mr. D. B. White, third trick at One Mile Post, relieving Mr. F. W. Schumpert at "GO."

Bro. B. K. Armstrong, second trick at One Mile Post, Savannah, taking his vacation. He spends it in the mountains; relieved by Bro. H. N. Morris, of Division 132.

We are sorry to learn that Bro. P. T. Reddick is on the sick list. Down with typhoid fever; relieved by Mr. W. C. Vaughn. Hope for him a speedy recovery.

Bro. A. Burke, of Rocky Ford, spent his vacation at Hot Springs, Ark.; relieved by Miss D. Sharpe.

Bro. L. P. Trapnell, of Metter agency, made a flying trip to Norman Park for his wife, who had been there on her vacation; relieved by hisbrother, P. O. Trapnell.

Mr. W. Breedlove, second trick at Gordon, resigned; succeeded by Mr. J. R. Faulkner, who is said to have an old card.

Mr. McCarty, third trick at Ocomulgee Bridge, departed for parts unknown; succeeded by Bro. N. C. Arnett, who holds last term card in Division 132.

Mr. R. L. Winburn, second trick at Ocomulgee Bridge, has been off on his vacation; relieved by Mr. Faulkner.

It seems very strange so many of the trick men have got nerve enough to work with their fellow telegraphers and not square themselves. Of course, there are always some men that have to be carried by others. I am glad to say that we have only a small number on the Savannah Division that are of this character. Generally all of our boys are very faithful in standing by the Order. If your conscience will permit you to work together with us, and accept all the many privileges, we "are able to jog along without you." Of course, there are two men on this division that can not secure membership under any circumstances. We are better off without their class.

Wake up, boys, and show your appreciation of what has been done, and help do more towards helping conditions, both our own and the company's. Boost every chance you get.

Meeting at Davisboro this month very poorly attended. Of course, we know all can not go, but after the Tybee special is off we certainly expect each of you to be on hand. The meeting will be held at Davisboro now, every fourth Sunday. Bear this in mind, so it will not be necessary to

issue notices to members, as it causes a great deal of trouble as well as expense. Last meeting there were fifty-six notices mailed to members on this division, and guess how many responded? Cut off the six and get total number on hand. This looks very discouraging for those who are trying to help you. We hope to have a large crowd at the next meeting, as charges have been preferred against one of our members for student-teaching, and he will be very severely dealt with, if guilty. This is the first "professor" that has blossomed out on this division, and we hope it will be the last.

Mr. Williams, second trick at M. & A. Junction, who promised to join pay-day last, did the proper thing, and Bro. Travis has his application with remittance to cover, and we hope he will receive his card ere this comes out in print.

There is but one man on the Macon block who can be really termed a non. One of the C. T. U. of A. men has promised to join us in the near future, and seems that a non could do as much.

CERT. 3

Ann Arbor Ry.

Bro. Klinck, operator in dispatcher's office at Owosso, is doing the relief dispatching while the regular dispatchers are on their vacations.

Dispatcher Lahy, regular third trick, went to Springfield, Ohio, on his vacation and was pressed into the service of the D., T. & I. to relieve Bro. Coffee, formerly of Dundee, who is now working a trick at that place; and who was confined in the pesthouse at Springfield with the smallpox. He was called back to Owosso to his regular trick on account of Dispatcher Warwell, second trick north end, being taken sick with typhoid fever.

Regular second trick dispatcher south end, Worth, relieved Dispatcher Lahy, and Bro. Klinck took second trick, south end, to break in on.

Bro. Bohne, formerly of Cadillac yards, and Miss Iva Fiske, formerly of Durand, have traded places.

Bro. Leonard, formerly third trick at Alma, is now on second trick at that place.

A new man at Shepherd, days, Bro. C. Scofield, who comes from the B. & O.

Bro. Scofield, of Shepherd, was on the sick list a few days the first of the month, was relieved by Operator Carr.

I attended a meeting of the O. R. T. given by the members of Division 16, Michigan Central Railway, at Detroit, July 16th, and heard Bros. Campbell and Quick in some good remarks which were of especial interest at the present time. Bro. Quick explained the working of the injunction, and all laboring men should post themselves on that measure before casting their vote this fall. I think that it would be a very good plan for Bro. Quick to explain this through the columns of The Telegrapher so that all may understand it.

The employes of the Ann Arbor Railway held their annual picnic at Mount Pleasant on July 25th, and there was a very large crowd present. In all about 500 employes were present. There were a good number of brothers there along with the rest.

Bro. G. E. Lanham, third trick at Hallet, attended the picnic of the employes at Mount Pleasant.

Bro. Leahy and Telegrapher Briggs, of Clare, have started a moving picture show at that place to devote a part of their spare time to, and they report a fair attendance.

Drv. Coa.

Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

You will be somewhat disappointed not to see the write-up that you expect this month, the arrangements I intended to make failed on account of my taking my vacation at this time, but have patience, I will try and make good for what you are losing at the present time. What I am neglecting in the line mentioned is being made good in another direction. I am on my way to Helper, Utah, to attend a meeting which I am positive will be of much benefit to the division, but don't let my absence interfere with your remitting your dues, for, notwithstanding that I am away from Catapaxus the postoffice has not been closed.

Before I forget, speaking about dues, I was talking with a conductor this morning, during our conversation he mentioned that his dues were \$9 this month. I was talking to a brakeman a few days ago and he told me his dues were \$9 for the month. Something terrible, don't you think? Why, it is too awful to think about, and mind you, brothers, it was only a few months ago that the same men paid over \$20 at one clip, I think \$28 or \$29, am not certain of the exact amount, but am not more than a dollar or two off. Of course. now, brother, I depend on you not to let any brother with weak nerves read this, as I have mentioned before, it is something terrible. You have my permission to show it to as many nons as you want to, it is my sole desire to put them out of business, because it pains me seriously to always find a strange hand in my pocket when I reach for a dollar.

Business is business, and I want you to loosen up a little in favor of Uncle Sam, he needs the money. Buy more stamps and do more business with the secretary. While I appreciate all you have done I want you to do more. Transfer foreign members to Division No. 49. It means money, good, hard cash to your division. Do something to interest the star boarders in some way. Try to induce them to turn over a new leaf and pay their way for awhile. Tell them to brace up, to quit roasting their landlords, to purchase an interest in the business. Do these things. It will cost you a little for postage, but the result will be two-fold (of course you know without me telling you that I class a non as a star boarder, always ready and willing to take and not give).

I commenced business with Cert. No. 442. We have reached to date 611. In the next year we must reach 200 more. We must do it if for nothing more than exercise and to keep the moss from growing under the boys' feet in St. Louis. I am

enough interested in the work you have intrusted me with to state sincerely that if I were not a man of a large family and limited means I would make it my business to become personally acquainted with every man on the system, but, of course, you realize that it is impossible for me to bear the expense, therefore, as you know how I am situated, get your shoulder to the wheel and help me in my work; not only me, but every one on the committee.

I am not so eager to get members that I would suggest taking every Tom, Dick and Harry under our wing, regardless of respectability, but we must have those eligible and build up a division that our employers will respect and be proud of.

The meeting at Pueblo, August 7th, was an instructive, as well as an enjoyable affair. Same was called to order at 10:44 p. m., with Bro. L. T. Tanquary in the chair.

Bro. F. H. Cunningham was delegated to see that all who attended were up-to-date.

The first words of interest were spoken by Bro. Tanquary, who informed those present that exactly twenty years ago, in the same hall, the first schedule on the Rio Grande system was proposed, framed and, best of all, procured. Following the veteran brother came Bro. Quick, with a review of the work that has been accomplished by the Order, with mention of the work done by individuals, incidentally mentioning the hardships and sacrifices that were made to put our Order on a good, sound basis. This discourse was handle'd in a masterly manner, showing that he has his work well in hand, and that he takes a deep interest in the affairs of the telegraphers.

Following Bro. Quick, our third vice-president, Bro. Campbell, fully demonstrated that his work on the roads in Canada has not been for naught, His remarks were instructive to us, and proved to us that as far as schedules are concerned we have got to be up and doing.

I only regret that it was not possible for each and every member on the system to be present, nevertheless the meeting was a grand success.

Bro. Judge Galligan was present and complimented both of our brother visitors on their able discourses, which was well deserved. Hon. R. P. Rubin and Bro. Vannoy were present to approve Bro. Galligan's action.

Refreshments were served, which helped to keep down the temperature and make things extremely pleasant.

It will not be many weeks until we will be favored with another visit by some of our grand officers. Every brother should strain a point to be present. You will be notified in plenty of time to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours fraternally, F. W. AIKEN, G. S. and T. Div. 49.

Rio Grande Western-

On Saturday evening, August 22d, a very nice meeting was held at Helper, quite a few of the boys turning out. Bro. Aiken making a special trip from Cotopaxi to attend. However, we were

unable to get a hall to hold the meeting in, so the secretary of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. took us in hand and showed the boys a very nice time.

Those present at the meeting were: Bro. Aiken, from Cotopaxi; Bro. Lewis, Sol Summit; Bro. Vannoy, Colton; Bros. Tompkins and Strong, Castle Gate; Bro. Wright, Kyune; Mr. Hatch and Bro. Harris, Helper; Mr. Marks, Thompsons; Bro. Massion, Price, and Bro. Fulkerson, from "Everywhere."

There are several of the boys that should have made an effort to attend, as their attendance was expected, and the next time anything like this comes up I want to see them out for sure.

CERT. 402.

B. & L. E. Ry.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father, under whose care we are kept, and under whose guiding hand we are directed, and while it is not our will, but the will of an all-wise Providence to remove from our midst our friend and brother, W. E. Beers; be it

Resolved, That Division No. 51, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, has lost in the death of Bro. Beers a devoted worker, and the railroad company a faithful employe; be it

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in their dark hour of sorrow, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family, a copy spread upon the minutes, and a copy sent to The Telegrapher for publication.

C. V. PATTON, F. J. TRUESDELL, W. B. RISLEY, Committee.

Southern Pacific Ry.

Tucson Division-

After two years of faithful and impartial service as local chairman of this division, Bro. R. C. Weyer resigned, to devote his entire time to other work. He still retains his position with the S. P. Our best wishes follow him. He has made friends that will be friends always. Most local chairmen have rather thankless jobs, but there has been little, if any, dissatisfaction expressed with Bro. Weyer's rulings, and we hope his successor will do as well.

No perceptible change has taken place in business and the number of operators on each district is small, and even less than a year ago on the "Stormy." Two or three men have resigned and a few new men have been employed.

Our werthy chief dispatcher, S. J. Stewart, is enjoying a vacation at his old home in Kentucky. Dispatcher W. Wilson occupies the chair during his absence. Dispatcher A. M. Dille is acting night chief.

J. J. Dugan, a new man, is working extra at Cambray.

Ralph B. Emerson is working extra at Deming while Mr, Milster is away on a bridal tour,

R. E. Bryant is working extra at Aden, relieving Bro. J. T. Carne.

B. G. Jaggers, extra at Steins in place of Bro. Bright a few days.

C. C. McKenzie is relieving Bro. Brown as agent at Simon.

A. C. Caster, extra at Mescal, while Johnny Marks is away exploring Oregon and Washington.
All of the above are new names to the writer, but we hope they all carry an O. R. T. card.

G. L. Vaughn, extra at Esmond in place of Bro. O. H. Black for thirty days. This is one of the box-car stations.

W. A. Floyd, extra at Wellfon for thirty days, while Bro. Landis takes a vacation. Bro. C. H. Eaton has resigned.

Jas. McCausley, extra at Rillito, relieving Bro. Langhorne a few days.

Siser Langhorne is expected to return to Jaynes about September 1st, after ninety days' vacation.

Bro. W. C. Veyl returned to his regular position at Tucson from Jaynes.

Bro. J. H. King, agent at Maricopa, is enjoying an extended vacation, being relieved by Bro. C. F. Crane, from Yuma. Bro. Ewing relieves at Yuma.

Bro. G. B. Walker, a welcome addition from the Coast Line in Florida, now extra at Red Rock.

Bro. L. Levinson, now at Afton, expects to spend thirty or sixty days in that dear old New York.

The following assignments were made last month: Huachuca agency, W. S. Olden; Lordsburg, second trick, E. J. Tilley; Casa Grande, third trick, A. E. Lawrence; Sentinel, third trick, G. E. McCord; Blaisdell nights, R. D. Jones; Estrella nights, O. K. Turner; Esmond nights, O. H. Black.

LOCAL COR.

San Joaquin District-

Heard on the quiet wire:

"BC:" "Is 'U' up-to-date?"

"C:" "No, he isn't; get after him, will you, right away?"

"BC:" "Are all the rest (3) of you fellows on the right side of the fence?"

"C:" "You bet we are."

"BC:" "And you have the nerve to ask me to get after that man that doesn't belong? I am ashamed of you. Three able-bodied men. Well, I declare you must have a little real unionism hammered into you, so go after that non and see what he can do to you."

Bro. Kinney, the fat and genial one from Caliente, has attempted to reduce. For about three weeks he and other equally enthusiastic hunters prowled through the high Sierras in search of the fleet-footed venison.

Regret to report, as this goes to press, Bro. Kinney just suffered an attack of sunstroke, from which we hope a speedy recovery. This serious illness prevents me from "joking" the brother on that hunting trip.

Bro. Cairns, past honorable committeeman of this district, now agent at Caliente, on leave of

absence. On second trick we find a newly-initiated brother, Bro. Bell.

Brother, or what was once a brother, Mithen, put in a few days at Caliente, too.

A fellow named Spindler is now at Caliente, but has not yet officially notified this office as to his standing, therefore this notice.

Sister Ryan, though not holding a scheduled position, still honors us with her presence in fraternal circles and lines up those negligent members who make a few days' visit to Caliente and have so far forgotten themselves as to fail to keep in good standing in that which keeps them from starving while working twelve hours a day. When the correspondent visited this burg in search of material for this article it was his pleasure to be delightfully entertained by Sister Ryan and daughter, both old friends. The hospitality extended on this visit is appreciated, as might be guessed when it is noticed the amount of space given this town.

Though about 25 per cent of the offices on this division have been closed since the "stringency," it is a noticeable fact telegraphers are as scarce as is the custom each summer, and if a person wishes to lay off and go home to a chicken dinner and chase the old farm cow, it's get in your bid early or keep at work.

Bro. Gage, who is visiting relatives at Winona, Minn., took time by the forelock and made a deal last summer that if he didn't get a vacation last summer he would be first on the list this year, and, pleased to relate, he is now fattening on the fish of the Minnesota lakes, with wife and daughter to encourage him in his enjoyment.

Bro. Frost succeeded to the second trick, Keene, on the last vacancy list, and it's a mixed staff we have at this station, in ages as well as dispositions. Bro. Frost touches the scale at fifty-six years; Bro. Mallachowitz, twenty-five; Soon-to-be Bro. Harry Broudy, eighteen.

To my mind, I would rather have a hundred "graduates of the factory," who can all be made into good union men, than one who, like a leech, has sapped the vitality of this Order for ten or twenty years, accepting our increases and asking why we don't do this and that. When you meet a "graduate" brother, don't shun him, but get him in out of the cold as quickly as possible, and show him what fraternity among workers is. I don't say encourage students any more than you do, brother, but I do say make a good union man of him and then make a good railroad man of him. There's no use being mean to him, for when there's trouble he will have excuse to get "even" then, and take your job; if you treat him right. he won't

I want to thank all the brothers who have taken such an interest in the serious illness of my wife. I can't express how good it feels in a time of trouble to know that a bunch of fellow men and women are with you with their sympathy and good wishes; it braces one to face anything that may come. It kept me busy telling the many inquirers of the condition of my dear wife, and a pleasant duty it was. Particularly, I want to thank

those brothers and others who took so much trouble to keep posted as to the condition and wishes of my wife while at the sanitarium at Bakersfield. She was operated upon on the 24th of August and I am pleased to say, "is doing fine," as Bro. Shubert wires this morning.

Fraternally yours,

CLYDE MALLACHOWITZ.

Coast District-

"Man's inhumanity to man makes countless numbers mourn."

Looking over my seniority list, which is marked to show members and non-members, and having in mind our recently-acquired contract, secured through the efforts and at the expense of the O. R. T. for the benefit of all, I am reminded of the sentiment quoted at the beginning of this article.

I'm not inclined to mourn, recalling that other quotation: "The man worth while is the man with a smile, when everything goes dead wrong," but I do feel disposed to revise the former to read something like this:

"Man's selfishness, man's ingratitude, man's willingness to impose upon his fellow man, man's monumental, unmitigated nerve, makes countless numbers 'cuss.'"

Why should there be a person engaged in the railroad service and eligible to membership in the O. R. T. not a member? And why does it become necessary for those of us who are members to plead with, or beg those who are not, to become members?

Comparing present conditions with those of a few years past, will any one say that organization is not to be desired? And, reasoning along the same line, if we have been able to accomplish so much in our present state of efficiency, is it unreasonable to assume that thorough organization would proportionately better future conditions?

If we admit that such an assumption is not unreasonable, what defense has the non-member to offer for deliberately hindering his own and his neighbor's progress?

Personally, I am of the opinion that there is none—the non-member has no case—and to persist in withholding his membership convicts him of being afflicted with at least one of the undesirable qualities enumerated.

And the excuses that are offered, "it is to laugh." I won't pretend there's anything new about them, but listen:

"I expect to leave the railroad service soon. It wouldn't be worth while to join." Sure not, when he moved he might have to borrow a wheel-barrow to take his card along. Leave it, you say? Oh no, that kind wouldn't leave anything that wasn't nailed down and riveted. But you'll notice it's "worth while" to accept the increase in pay, and he would risk contracting writer's cramp making out overtime slips for Sunday service.

Then, there's the fellow who is "tired paying out his money and receiving no benefits." He can't see "where the O. R. T. has done him any good." Can you beat it?

But we must not overlook the fellow who was a member at one time, but dropped out because he didn't like those who controlled the organization. He will concede that the Order is all right, that it has accomplished much good (in spite of "those in control"), that it has even raised his own pay and improved his own working conditions, not once, but several times (of course he didn't ask for the increase nor improved conditions, and, of course he would have been just as well pleased had he been overlooked in the settlement—yes, of course), he won't go so far as to advise others to stay c t of the O. R. T. (there's method in his madn's, you see), but he doesn't want any of it himself.

And then comes the fellow who would "sell his birthright for a mess of pottage," the fellow who thinks he's an "official" He's encouraged to think so, certainly, because he's the more easily "worked." Why, of course the company will "take care" of him, and his salary is to be increased to conform with his "official" position. But, perhaps you have noticed that these promises are fulfilled about the same time a contract is signed up with the O. R. T. Merely a coincidence, undoubtedly.

You may have noticed also that the O. R. T. man of ability is promoted as opportunity offers—perhaps not on account of his membership, but in spite of it—while the other fellow, well, he gets another promise.

And why should it be otherwise? "To thine own self be true, etc." To your fellow employe be true, his interests are your interests, we must all stand or fall together, why not let's all "pull together?"

After all has been said, railroad officials are human (appearances to the contrary, at times, notwithstanding), and I think it safe to assume that they reason things out pretty much along the same general lines as ourselves. They centainly must conclude that the fellow who works against the interests of his fellow employes (the interests that naturally should have first call upon his loyalty), to secure a temporary advantage for himself, would, if the consideration seemed sufficient, sell out to the next higher bidder, and when in need of a man for a position of responsibility, the railroad official is apt to give preference to the man who has shown that he can, at least, be loyal to one interest.

The foregoing remarks are intended for and applicable to the non-member, but let me assure you he's not the only obstacle in our path toward progress. The apathetic indifferent member comes next.

It is not enough that you simply pay your dues and leave the rest to God or the local chairman, or any one else. "God helps those who help themselves," and you really should have no complaint if the local chairman would adopt the same policy.

Don't go into anything unless you can do so firmly convinced that it stands for a principle that is right and should triumph; being satisfied on that point and having become a supporter of that principle never let a single opportunity to boost the cause you are allied with, go by.

Take an active interest in the Order's affairs and endeavor to arouse interest and a desire for membership among others, not from purely selfish reasons, not on account of the few paltry dollars more per month or per year that the organization has brought you, but because it represents a fundamental principle that is right and that should be as dear to us as were the principles our fore-fathers fought for.

There has been more or less talk about meetings and some wonderment expressed that they do not occur more frequently. That they should is not to be denied, but in this connection I think it advisable to say that there are some matters of detail not thoroughly understood by the membership generally.

To hold a meeting in San Francisco would, I fear, involve an expense out of proportion with the attendance. If I could be assured of a reasonably good showing I would gladly issue frequent calls for meetings, but— Well, I'm somewhat like the fellow from Missouri. And there is a reason:

Sunday evening, August 2d, a meeting was held in Oakland, the event being in the nature of a reception to Grand Secretary and Treasurer Quick and Third Vice-President Campbell. The membership had been fully informed as to the time and place the meeting would be held, but I regret to say, the attendance was not at all what it should have been.

Vice-President Campbell, upon request, made an excellent talk, describing prevailing conditions upon the Canadian lines, a subject upon which no one is better qualified to speak. In fact, the wonderful progress that has been made in Canada is due, in a large measure, to the ability and untiring efforts of the third vice-president, who is assigned to that territory. Bro. Campbell compared conditions in Canada with those upon the Southern Pacific lines and related many incidents in connection with schedule negotiations, explaining how affairs can be best handled successfully.

As usual, Bro. Campbell's remarks were both instructive and entertaining, and those who were not present are the losers on that account.

Grand Secretary and Treasurer Quick recalled a glimpse of the ancient history of the O. R. T. upon the Southern Pacific and elsewhere, pointing out the remarkable progress that has been made and showing clearly what thorough organization means to us in the future.

By way of illustration, it was mentioned that from a membership of 10,000 in 1903 we have increased to a membership of 43,000 in 1908.

Going outside of our own department for the purpose of showing what organization can and has done, the G. S. & T. cited the engineers as an instance, who in 1861, presented a schedule calling for a salary of \$60 per month on the New York Central Railway.

Results are eloquent when it is considered that the O. R. T. is practically still in its infancy.

The history of the C. T. U. of A. trouble was explained in detail by Bro. Quick, than whom no other person is more familiar with or better able to speak authoritatively upon the subject, which is another reason why you should have been present.

The visit of Bros. Campbell and Quick was necessarily all too brief. Arriving Sunday, they departed via Ogden, Monday morning.

General Secretary and Treasurer Koppikus, who acted as chairman of the meeting, and General Chairman Lester each delivered short addresses in their well-known capable manner, and Bro. O'Connor, of "BD," general telegraph office, related a few of his many experiences while "traveling," being particular to emphasize the unwisdom of being without a card.

Your humble servant, who acted as secretary, and recorded the proceedings of the meeting upon a street-car transfer, also made a few remarks by way of apologizing for the poor showing made by the coast.

It is with a feeling of sincere regret that the membership is advised of the death of N. D. Ryan, which occurred in Oakland, August 17th. "Neal," as he was known to most of us who have been in the service for some time, was for many years employed as a telegrapher in San Francisco yard office, finally becoming chief clerk.

Being uniformly courteous and accommodating, Neal's death is mourned by friends as numerous as was his acquaintance extensive.

Division No. 53, on behalf of its membership, sent a suitable floral piece as a last tribute to one who had been a loyal and consistent member.

The wife and child of the deceased are assured of the deepest sympathy and of the protection and assistance of the fraternity.

Items for the write-up are not coming in as they should, this being especially true of the southern end of the district. I am inclined to believe, however, that the reason is that the boys do not consider that such information as may come to them is of sufficient importance to send in. You are, therefore, asked to remember that however brief your contribution may be, it perhaps is just the thing some one else is greatly interested in. Send in your items and they will be used to the best possible advantage.

The banquet proposition is still up for discussion, and it is to be hoped that you will submit your ideas concerning the matter.

Our genial friend, Turner, over at Oakland Pier, showed up on the cable tonight, after a month's roughing it back and in the mountains, forty-eight miles from a telegraph wire.

McCluskey, at "MS," San Francisco, donned his war paint and sharpened his tomahawk, and is on his way to Monterey, where he and fellow Red Men will indulge in fraternal courtesies and Indian fire-water for five or six days.

Featherstone relieving McCluskey at "MS," San Francisco, while the latter is away.

J. H. Leary returned from Sacramento, where he was successfully operated upon for appendicitis, and resumed work at the old stand. J. J. Flaherty off for a few days' vacation,

Should any blanks happen to float around into your range of vision, don't sit and look at them as if they were relics of a lost art. Do the necessary and rush them in.

F. N. Nelson, from San Ardo to Capitola, and from Capitola to Wrights, as relief agent.

W. O. Shaw to San Ardo, where he was assigned agent.

C. H. Freer relieving E. N. Davis, agent at Casmalia, who has gone to Southern California for a few weeks' vacation.

E. B. Green, agent at Guadalupe, off for six weeks' trip to Shasta; relieved by D. B. Borke.

W. J. Hathaway, who has been second trick operator at Guadalupe, bid in Hillsdale on last bulletin, and will go there shortly.

P. H. Smith and E. F. Steigelman recently visited Salinas, and after many exciting adventures, managed to get back to Soledad and Gonzales safely.

After furnishing a home for night operators for many years, Castroville nights has been closed, leaving Hook and Wilson to handle the job alone. Baird, who formerly held night position there, went to Guadalupe as third trick operator.

Doig, Evans and Ragland are doing the business at Pajaro.

Heffner, "ND," San Francisco, off one day, sick; relieved by Pitman.

Blake to Gaviota, second trick.

E. M. Price is relieving Agent Sherman at Belmont, who is taking thirty days' vacation.

McGinnis has resigned the agency at San Ardo, and has accepted an agency with the Ocean Shore. Barney Mcosker is working third trick at San

Jose. E. W. Waynick laying off.
R. S. Dunlap, acting as relief agent at Palo
Alto until Mr. Little is checked in. There won't
be many jumping for Monterey at \$86 per.

Some of the agents at the non-telegraph stations are using for their excuse for not joining the Order that the O. R. T. did not get them a raise. The O. R. T. did something better than that for them. It saved them their seniority.

Those who did get a raise have no excuse whatever, except some old chestnut that they don't believe themselves, unless they have told it so long and often they really commence to think it is so.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Houston Division-

Bro. H. Rothe, who has been relieving Agent Murphy at Gonzales during July, has gone to Weimar to relieve Agent Shatto.

Bro. Rauh, who is on the extra list, on account of cutting the force, went to San Antonio to relieve Bro. Barry for one night, from there be went to Seguin to relieve Bro. J. L. Rothe, first trick man, for a few days, while Rothe is at D'hanis celebrating.

Operator-Agent Stewart is relieving Bro. Chism at Schertz while "Bill" is out on the Frio fishing.

Bro. Marshall is relieving Bro. Stotzer at Kingsbury. "13" Bob is in Galveston, enjoying the sea breeze.

Bros. Holt and Thatcher, at Eagle Lake, have changed tricks, Thatcher working the second trick.

Bro. Finck, who has been on the extra list for several months, has gone to Fort Worth to try and land something out of there. CERT. 2417.

El Paso District-

Bro. S. S. Brown has been assigned Fort Hancock, third trick, on August bulletin.

Bro. F. T. Bailey is now holding down Fort Hancock, second trick.

Bro. A. E. Polk, third trick "JN," Sierra Blanca, now on a fifteen-day vacation.

Bro. C. F. Burling, fourth trick at "RK," El Paso, is now on a ninety-day vacation.

Bro. J. W. Barnhardt has bid in Longfellow nights and taken assignment.

Bro. A. V. Raley has returned from vacation, and is back at "SO," first trick.

Bro. Burling is being relieved by Bro. W. H. Taylor, fourth trick, "RK" office.

Bro. Bannister is now relieving Mr. Roberts as second trick dispatcher in "CB," El Paso. Mr. Roberts is relieving Mr. Redding as night chief, and Mr. Redding is holding down the day shift in the absence of Chief Dispatcher H. W. Conelly.

Bro. D. N. Scott has been assigned Langtry, second trick, on last bulletin.

Bro. H. T. Luthy, at Langtry, third trick. Langtry third on bulletin this month.

Bro. Boone, agent at Comstock, has returned from vacation.

Bro. S. G. Gould, the dry farmer, says his crop of spuds in New Mexico is doing fine.

CERT. 2154.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Rocky Mountain Division-

It is gratifying to note the growing interest that is being taken in the Order by the members on this division. Four or five requests for application blanks have reached me already this month, and two transfers have been made to date. If the brothers will only keep up the pace they have set we will soon be solidly organized, and in shape to resist all "the fiery darts of the wicked," as the Good Book says.

After much wandering in the wilderness Bro. C. M. Leilish has again returned to the Northern Pacific, and is now working at DeSmet. Charlie has certainly seen considerable of the earth's surface since he left the road in 1904, but we hope that he will now be contented to stay with us and share our crusts.

Bro. Clough was recently transferred from Elliston, and is now putting in an eight-hour trick at Garrison.

Bro. Sullivan, of Bearmouth, visited for a day in Missoula during the Eagles' Convention.

Bro. E. D. Krebs, an old-timer on the N. P., re-entered the service of this company after an absence of several months, during which time he was engaged in the real estate business at Hamilton, Mont.

Operator Malone transferred DeSmet to "MX" office' Missoula, displacing Operator Roberts; who went to Clinton.

During the washout Bros. Sheldon, Showalter and Operator Cruiser, of Garrison, acted as dispatchers, and handled all trains east of Drummond. This shows the high service the operators on the Rocky Mountain Division can give, and also goes to show that they are as much at home whether working as an operator or holding down the dispatcher's chair. Bro. Estep, DeSmet to Nagos, displacing Bro. Frazier.

Mr. Harry Adams, an old N. P. dispatcher, has re-entered the service. At the present time holding down the first trick on east end.

Bro. Wilson, of Clinton, on a short leave of absence spending some of his time in Missoula.

Bro. Kelly, from the Pasco Division, who has been East on a visit, spent a day in Missoula on his way back West. Bro. Leeper, of Drummond, an old friend of his, accompanied him as far as Missoula.

Mr. R. J. Dee, joint agent for the N. P. and O. S. L., at Silver Bow, off on a long leave of absence on account of ill-health; relieved by Mr. E. J. Johnson, of Ravalli.

Willis, new station on Second District, opened with three operators in charge. Operators McClure, Bronson and Williams. All promise to become brothers in the near future.

Bro. Flickenger, of Clinton, expects to leave on a two months' vacation soon. "13" he is going to California. Operator Wilson taking charge of the agency during his absence.

Bonita station moved to the new main line Three operators and agent employed there, and all carrying up-to-date cards. Let us try and make all offices like this one.

Mr. C. N. Brady, agent at Drummond, released from the hospital, and has returned to his duties at Drummond.

Bro. Lundeen, third trick at Bonita, taking in the sights in Missoula at present.

Rivulet, new station opened on Snake branch, with Operator Frazier in charge.

Bro. F. F. Williams, who has been sick for the last three months, has reported for work. Unable to say where placed.

Understand Bro. Rob. Stevens, who has been in St. Paul for the last two months taking treatment for his arm, will return soon, and take his old place in "MD," Missoula message room.

Mrs. Leahy, wife of Bro. Leahy, of Reid, expects to leave in a short time for the East on a visit with relatives.

Operator Gonder, chief clerk to Agent Richards at Helena, who has been confined to the N. P. Hospital for some three weeks, has been released, and has left to spend a few weeks with relatives in the Allegheny Mountains.

Bro. Piper, of Drummond, took in a Saturday night dance at Missoula a short time ago.

Operator Sullivan, second trick at Bearmouth, transferred to second trick at Drummond.

A change in chief dispatchers has taken place. Mr. E. M. Ringer having resigned, Mr. W. C. Showalter, formerly of the Yellowstone Division, taking his place. Dispatcher Pring has been acting as night chief for a few days in place of Night Chief Hazen, who has been assisting Chief Dispatcher Showalter.

Bro. F. H. Knisley, Cert. 21, Division 54, has announced his candidacy for county clerk and recorder of Missoula County, Montana, on the Republican ticket.

As will be noted by Bro. Knisley's certificate number he is an "old head" in the division, and came to us a member of the Order from the L. S. & M. S. Railway. It should be a pleasure for all union men to endorse him for the office, and particularly so for the telegraphers to both vote and work for his nomination and election.

If the caption, "Reward Our Friends and Punish Our Enemies" politically, has any worth this is a specific instance when it can be used without reservation.

Drv. Cos.

Dakota Division-

Several new men on the division. Most of them members from other divisions. We should endeavor to keep as close a line on new members when they come this way as we do on the nons, as they mean practically the same to Division 54.

Three men have been put on at Windsor, Budleigh, Medina and Berner.

Day operators have been put on at McKenzie and Steele.

"13" Bro. Merchant has gone on his claim for a while. He being relieved by Bro. McCarty, from the B, & O.

Mr. H. H. Hall, from the yard office at Jamestown, is enjoying a vacation at the present time, being relieved by a Mr. Youell, who is doing a little extra work until his school begins again, September 1st.

One brother came across with a few news items this month. If more would send in what news they know of we could have better write-ups in our journal. If you know of anybody laying off, or of any changes, etc., send them in. Also if any one has a little "spiel" that they think would be of interest and do some good, send it in to your local chairman, and it will be forwarded to St. Louis together with other news items.

Pasco Division-

Mr. Wheeler, first trick at Ritzville, was on a vacation for two weeks. He promises to do the needful this pay day; relieved by Bro. O'Niel. O'Niel now returned to "PA" office, Pasco.

A new man, Hardin by name, at Marshall, second trick. He is from some Eastern road, I "13."

Larrabee, fom Ritzville to Cabinet, on Idaho Division, for a while. I "13" he is taking a vacation and working in the hills for his health.

Bro. Hefin at Ritzville working in Larabee's place.

Kline office was opened up and apprentice Operator Mitchell and F. L. Bowen held the job down

until relieved by Mr. and Mrs. Hinton from the East, Postal. I "13" all these fellows, also Mrs. Hinton, will be with us in the near future.

Bro. Dan Putnam, Sprague, first trick, has accepted a position as dispatcher at Snake River on the new S. P. & S. Railway, and we all wish him the best of success. Bro. Putnam relieved by Bro. Uthin.

Bro. Hansen, at Fish Trap, has taken a vacation for a few weeks and gone to visit his old home in Wisconsin.

Agent Carlson, at Eltopia, has returned to Minnesota; relieved by Bro. Roush a new man from the P. I. forget his name, relieved Bro. Roush.

Bro. McCarty was sent to Kline to open the office, but received instructions to go to Paha. Bro. McCarty is a new man on the road.

I "13" Bro. Anderson, third trick at Tyler, is going to the coast, and his partner, Bro. Grimm, resigned to go with him, and is relieved by Bro. Hunt, who was relieved by Bro. Spurgeon, who has just returned from his vacation spent in the East. Anderson is relieved by a man named Greene, a new man on the road.

Bro. Riedel and family will leave Fish Trap the last of the month to take a look at his ranch in Montana, and take a visit in Wisconsin and Minnesota, their old home. I "13" they expect to be gone three months.

Bro. Hansen traded with Mr. Speck, Fish Trap, second trick, for Sprague, second trick, and will go to work at Sprague on his return from his vacation.

Bro. Gore, third trick at Fish Trap, makes his regular trips to Sprague, and will soon be a fullfledged musician.

Bro. Henry back to work third trick at North Yakima, after a few days' lay-up with an injured knee, the result of falling off No. 2 one dark morning.

Bro. Trimble, agent at Wapato, off for a few days on account of sickness of his daughter at Seattle.

Bro. Cummings, of Umtanum, again at work after a six weeks' leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Dygart. Understand Bro. Dygart goes to "PA" office, Pasco.

Mr. Bonnelo, second trick man from Paha, relieving Mr. Campbell, agent at Yakima City, for thirty days. Mr. Campbell taking a trip to his old home in Eastern Canada.

Mr. Howe, formerly of the Western Union at North Yakima, now at Canyon nights. Calvin called East on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Bro. Beatty, third trick at Toppenish, relieved for a few days by Bro. Smith. "13" Beatty & Co., are starting up a novelty store at Toppenish.

Gibbon office has been opened up, but am unable to say who is there at present, with the exception of Mr. Bowen, transferred from Kline.

It has been rumored that the company is to open more telegraph offices in the near future.

Now waiting authority from St. Paul. Business now up to the cld high-water mark on the west end.

CERT. 497.

Montana Division, East End-

Our old agent, W. J. Sullivan, is now in the harness again, after a lay-off of a few weeks, and everything running smoothly.

The Billings & Northern Railway has about completed its branch road from Great Falls to Laurel. Expect to run trains over this branch in November. Understand Laurel will be a freight terminal with an increase of three or four operators.

"13" Slowen, a non, now manager at Billings, will be manager of our new relay office.

Bro. Warren, of Fromberg, left for a three months' visit in Vermont. He is relieved by a non whose name I have forgotten.

Bro. Nelson, "MA," formerly "GC" and Silesia, worked as timekeeper for roadmaster, is relieving Bro. Morrow as agent at Park City.

New man named Flukes bid in Silesia.

Operator (not brother) R. R. Brown, who has been on third trick at Columbus, discharged; relieved by Bro. Hubbard from Laurel.

Bro. B. N. Morrow, from Reid Point, nights, to Columbus, third trick; relieved by Bro. Rush, who has been in "BN" office, Butte. Columbus is now solid.

Bro. Hubbard leaves the service.

West End-

Bro. G. E. Reynolds, from the Big Four in Indiana, on Bozeman, second trick. Bro. H. C. Mannon, first trick at Bozeman, is visiting in the East. His wife accompanied him on the trip. We did not learn who relieved Bro. Mannon.

Bro. Brown, of Welch, relieved M. J. Johannas, first trick at Lombard. We "13" Johannas, formerly a brother, is working for the Milwaukee, a trick, providing he worked at the gravel pit long enough.

Bro. W. H. Earp relieved Mr. Chambers, third trick at Lombard. Mr. Chambers goes to Muir, while Bro. Spangler goes home (Fremont, Neb.). Bro. Winterstein accompanys him.

Bro. Obert just returned from a short visit to the park and homeward points in the East. He is performing his old duties as first trick at Whitehall.

Bro. R. R. Brown has cast his tent on the sands of life but his partner is his mother, instead of some "sweet sixteen."

Bro. Jeffers, agent at Lombard, was relieved by Agent Olmstead. We understand Bro. Jeffers drew the agency at Townsend which pleases us all very much.

Bro. Huntley, formerly third trick at Lombard, secured a vacation a short time ago and went East to spend it. We hear that he is working for the Milwaukee in Wisconsin.

We think that the strongest union-made home in this neck of the woods is a small four-room house occupied by Bros. Earhart, Earp and Brown. They do their own cooking, washing, house-cleaning, and keep this small home neat and tidy. But above all things it is solid O. R. T.

The writer knows of only a few nons on this division, but, boys, help us to get these few lined up, and let's be serving our master all the time.

Agent Shanner relieved G. T. Goodritch, at Prickley Pear Junction. Bro. W. T. Stewart relieved Operator Southworth on third trick. Operator Southworth goes to the Western Union at Helena.

Bro. English relieved Operator Skoda at Townsend. Operator Skoda goes to Gardner.

"Uncle Olaf."

O. S. L. Ry.

Fourth District, Idaho Division-

Bro. Tucker transferred from Payette, second trick, to Ontario nights. Mr. Williams from Ontario nights, to the Payette job. Not a brother yet, but is asking for a blank application, and will soon be right again.

Bro. Kott, formerly of Weiser and Mountain Home now with the Canadian Pacific at Coleman, Alberta. Canada.

Bro. Cole, a new man on the road, is relieving Mrs. Collins as agent at Orchard for a few weeks. Mrs. Collins on leave of absence.

C. T. U. of A. Bro. Munster, from Nampa, on short leave of absence. "MU" is too fat for the hot weather.

Bro. Connell, of Portland, has relieved C. T. U. of A. Bro. Starcher as manager at Huntington, who goes to Portland for the O., R. & N. "E" says Huntington life is too strenuous for him.

Bro. Frye, of Ontario, has a new title added to his now long list, city ticket and passenger agent for the Malheur Valley Railroad.

Bro. Heyser, old-timer at Caldwell, says it never gets hot there. Hardly ever goes over 120 in the shade.

Bro. Dedman, Weiser, has resigned, and intends to cast his lot with the N. P. Says four years is long enough for any man to work on one road.

An organizer could do great wonders on the Short Line just now. A number of new men, and some who have been in line once but dropped dat. Could easily be lined up with a little coaching.

CERT. 4986.

W. & L. E. Ry.

Cleveland Division-

Bro. Elmer Hosteller, second trick at Kent, was off for two days; relieved by Mr. W. S. Davis, ex-member of Division No. 33. Mr. Davis says he will get the necessary papers as soon as he gets a pay day.

Bro. Brahm went to Navarre to take third trick and Bro. R. F. Smith was placed on third trick at Kent. Bro. Hosteller placed on second trick vacated by Bro. Brahm.

Mr. Dempsey is working at Pryor.

Bro. E. F. Turner, agent at Hartville, was off a couple of days, visiting his folks at Leesville. He was relieved by Bro. R. F. Smith.

CERT. 5,695.

Wheeling Division, West End-

Bro. C. H. Rector, Pittsburg Junction days, is working in Operator Conrad's place in "XW" office, Cleveland, for a few days.

Bro. C. S. Cosgrove, second trick at Jewett, has been transferred to third trick at Norwalk Yard. Bro. T. E. Lucas, third trick at Pittsburg June

tion, has been transferred to third trick at Jewett.

Bro. R. L. Roberts, third trick at Jewett, has been transferred to second trick same place.

J. G. Neison, first trick at Terminal Junction, was off on vacation last month, going to Kansas City. He was relieved by Relief Agent R. F. Smith. member of the Grand Division.

I am informed by the General Committee that we will again hold regular meetings in Trades and Labor Assembly Hall, Erie St., Massillon, O., on the third Saturday evening of each month, commencing on October 17, 1908. Don't forget the date and place.

There are still a few that have not paid dues for the current term, July 1 to December 31, 1908. All members that have not done so should remit \$4.00 at once to Bro. C. R. Guthrie, General Secretary and Treasurer, Jewett, O. Don't fail to remit Mutual Benefit Department dues to L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo., when they become due, and avoid being dropped.

News for THE TELEGRAPHER should reach all local chairmen on or before the 25th of each month to insure insertion in the next issue.

Please notify the G. S. & T. and L. W. Quick, Grand S. & T., St. Louis, Mo., of any change in your address.

Pittsburg Division, East End-

Bro. Rector is working at "XN" office, Cleveland temporarily during the absence of Operator Conrad.

Bro. Pete Coyne, is working second trick at Mingo until the position is bid in.

Bro. A. I. McManus, formerly second trick at Mingo, is at present second trick at Smithfield. Bro. Baker, agent at Smithfield, is off on ten days' vacation; relieved by Mr. John Dolen.

Bro. Scott, agent at Hopedale, and Bro. Coyne, Mingo, are two East End boys we welcome to Division No. 55 this month. There are still others on the Toledo and Pittsburg division we would be glad to welcome next month.

The Cleveland division is now practically solid, with a possible exception of two men. Why can't we do as well on the Toledo and Pittsburg division? There is only one way in which to accomplish the feat—go after them and keep hammering away until they fall in line.

Quite a few positions advertised this month; several pretty good ones, too; and we hope ere this appears in print that most of these will be filled by O. R. T. men, who are the best of men. Show me a good, all around man and I will show you a good O. R. T. brother. The best class of men today, on other roads as well as this, are members of our organization, and the day is not



far distant when an up-to-date card will be as much of a necessity as a suit of clothes or a pair of shoes.

Bro. D. E. Eutsler, who has been nursing a badly mashed hand for the past three weeks, has resumed his duties as flagman on the local.

Bro. I. Horton, first trick at Adena, was off a few days last month on account of sickness in his family. Unable to say who filled his position during his absence.

Bro. Warnock has returned to his first love, second trick at Warrenton, and appears happy and contented to get back.

Bro. Shaff and wife were in Pittsburg recently on a shopping expedition.

Business has been extremely dull in the steel plant district but is apparently picking up in the mining districts. We can not expect business to boom until after election, and possibly not then. It all depends on whether or not we each do our duty at the polls in November.

Bro. C. W. Maunder, agent at Gwendolen, Pa., was off for two days, visiting his folks at Twinsburg, O. He was relieved by Bro. R. F. Smith, of the Grand Division.

CERT. 93.

Cleveland Division-

The Cleveland division is now about ninety per tent O. R. T. and soon should be solid by the way we are landing members. Thirteen new members put in line since the middle of December, and five or six left to work on yet. Now, if each brother would get busy and organize his own office that is, where there are three men, it would only be a matter of a short time until we would be solid.

Latest member in this division is F. H. Hawley, at N. S. S. crossing, Cleveland.

Bro. Turner and his industrious wife are handling the celery business at Hartville in great shape, and the rocks are rolling in, which they deserve for their faithful work.

Wheeling Junction telegraph office has been reopened after being closed for five months. Two tricks of nine hours each, 6 a. m. to 3 p. m., and 3 p. m. to 12 midnight. Bro. Miller, from Navarre. on first and Bro. Fair, from Bellevue, on second. Both positions advertised.

Falls Junction telegraph office open day and night, Agent Bro. Furgeson working six hours telegraphing and two operators nine hours each. Jobs filled with extra men at present. Positions advertised

Mr. McCauly Justus, joint with B. & O., coming in on pay day,

Have the promise of second trick man, Loutzenhiser, at "Q," as soon as he can get straightened out.

Third trick filled at "Q" by Mr. Flynn.

Nothing doing at "CA," "CD" and "NS." Will still live in hopes.

Solid Coal Docks to Company Shops, including Chagrin Falls Branch.

Following positions advertised at present writing on this division:

Falls Junction, second and third tricks.

Kent, second and third tricks.

Wheeling Junction, first and second tricks.

Navarre second and third tricks.

Also quite a few on the Toledo Division. Some good jobs among the bunch. Brothers, get busy, and if any filled with nons go after them right in the start and show them you are from Baltic.

Bro. Brahm, from Kent, second trick, to Navarre, third trick. Boys are getting back to their old positions they held previous to the dull period, when a good many offices were closed.

Bro. Hostetler from third trick at Kent to second trick at Kent.

Bro. Smith, of the Grand, filling third trick at Kent at present until bid in. Will have Bro. Smith in Division 55 soon.

Navarre is the strongest O. R. T. point on the road. Seven members there at present. Entire force in the O. R. T. Stay clear of there if you have no card, as their motto is "No card, no favors."

Business is now back to normal conditions, and most of the offices reopened, so we will start up our monthly meetings at Massillon, Ohio. Notice appears elsewhere in this issue. Now, boys, we should turn out better than ever, as we have three men at a good many places, and it can be arranged that at least one can be present from each office. We should have good attendance at these meetings. Go and see what is going on. Get interested. Transportation will be gladly furnished.

Two of our best positions are being held by men who are still out of the fold, first and second tricks at Coal Docks. There is no excuse whatever for these two men not to be in line. These positions formerly paid \$49.50, and through the efforts of the committee they were raised up to \$65.00 and put on eight-hour basis when the ninehour law went into effect. This is an increase of \$15.50 per month and shorter hours, from twelve to eight. This increase in one month alone would pay, them up in the O. R. T. for a year and a half, saying nothing of the \$15.50 for the other eleven months of the year. Some of them certainly know when to jump at a good thing when the Order makes it a good thing without their aid. These two men have been on the road for a long time; one of them sixteen years, and the other eight years, and neither one of them would have the positions when they only paid \$49.50, but since they have been raised to \$65.00, as I said before, it does not take them long to grab them and look for more. Some day they may shake themselves and awaken to the fact that they ought to belong to the O. R. T., as much as the Order has done for that office. Bro. Gifford on third trick, and I hope he may be able to do some good there. CERT. 162.

Georgia Southern & Florida Ry:

The first of September will find our division in better shape every way than at any previous time. Let the good work go on, boys. There is nothing like it.

Owing to the inability of so many on the northend to attend the meeting at "Jax" last second Sunday, understand that the meeting was very slim, and but very little business transacted.

We have several applications on the hook to act upon at our next regular meeting, and it is hoped that a good number of the boys will be in attendance.

Many changes have been made within the past thirty days, but owing to the brothers' failure to hand me in their whereabouts I am unable to give the changes intelligently.

Bro. Watson went over the line the other day. He reports nearly every man in good standing, although he found a few nons and several sympathizers-worst of all the nons in the world to be dreaded, it is the sympathizing non. I had rather come in contact with a dozen full-fledged nons than one of these fellows that will tell you. "I am with you boys, but can not join." A hint to the wise is sufficient. Do not take up much time pounding one of these sympathizing fellows. It will be breath spent for no good purpose. "Yes, you have my sympathy." Now, that's good consolation. Just about as consoling as though it came from a razor-back hog. Sympathy cost nothing. That's why you have it, Mr. Sympathizer. If a sympathizer had to go down in his pocket and pull out one single dime, you would not even get the sympathy that they are now so eager to give.

It would be a dirty trick if a man would milk a cow twice a day and then refuse to give the animal food and water, wouldn't it? Well, that is Just what any man is guilty of when he milks the milk of human generosity from the bosom of organized labor. Yes, back your leg, organized labor, and let me get another raise, shorter hours, etc. Although I have never given you anything but my sympathy. Sympathy, sympathy, thou art so free I will give thee to the O. R. T.

Did you ever see the smiles one of these sympathizers wears returning from the pay-car with a \$5.00 raise and \$5.00 overtime? If you have not, let me tell you in time, if you should even happen to such a misfortune, be sure the lower regions of your stomach are in good order, or it might be that you would have to ask to be excused, to your embarrassment.

The organization has obtained more money, better conditions, overtime for his services, preserved salaries during the past and present panic, tor which the fellow in non-clothing has only given us his consoling and tender sympathy. To say that a fellow of this stripe grunts instead of snoring puts it but mildly.

Operator Hall, at Arabi, has been telling the boys he had an up-to-date card in Division 132. This is to advise that Mr. Hall has no card in any division whatever, but is a full-fledged sympathizer. We have repeatedly asked Mr. Hall to

come into our division with us. This he has positively refused to do, claiming that he had rather remain in Division 132. While Mr. Hall's conduct has always been such that led us to believe that he was not a member of any division, now we know it. Therefore you will ignore any contentions from Mr. Hall that he has a card or membership in any division.

Bro. R. D. Sams, formerly of Fargo, doing the agent's stunt at Unadilla, vice Mr. J. B. Austin resigned. Mr. F. W. Quartlebaum, former agent at Worth, taking Bro. Sams' place at Fargo. Have not learned who takes Worth agency.

Bro. O. H. Watson has been taking a pleasant vacation. Mr. Beal, from the Southern, relicving Bro. Watson.

Every member must endeavor to come out to our meetings each second Sunday. Sox.

Southern Ry.

Washington Division-

The meeting at Charlottesville, Va., August 15th, was called to order about 10 o'clock, with Chief Telegrapher Robertson in the chair.

The case of Bro. J. R. Culp, of Remington, Va., charged with student teaching, was brought before the meeting and properly tried, which resulted in the expulsion of said party from the Order. It is hard to see how a man can conscientiously run a ham factory and live up to his obligation. It is injurious to the professor and the O. R. T. also. When such cases are allowed to exist among our fraternity they are continually thrown in our faces when we are trying to remedy other evils. Therefore, it is the best way to sweep obstacles from the deck and keep our way clear, which will be done you can rest assured.

There have been several new members added to our list lately, including a sister also.

Some of the boys are delinquent at this date, I understand. Every member should pay dues promptly, making our division stronger to resist anything that would hamper our advancement.

Am sorry to state that Bro. L. W. Shelhorse is still confined to his room on account of sickness. Hope he will soon be with us again. Bro. Abbott is working his trick.

Bro. Spitzer, of Bealeton, also off sick, expects to be back to his post of duty about September 1st.

Bro. Harlow, third trick at Gilbert, resigned. Bro. J. W. Teates bid the trick in on bulletin.

Bro. Javins, Cameron Run, was off a few days recently.

Bro. R. D. Saffell, of Monroe, was off a few days, visiting his home.

The division is in good condition, although there are a few delinquents. There are a good many new members.

It is also understood that several of the nons are running unprofitable factories, but this is not surprising, nor is it surprising to see the benefits gobbled up, gained by us. We hope that they will soon see the error of their way and correct it in time.

When it is desired by outsiders to attack our Order, do not attack us on the merit of some brother who has probably fallen by the wayside, but do us justice by up-to-date men. We are all aware of the fact that there is a backslider now and then in all walks of life, and that their just deserts are administered properly upon substantial DIV. COR.

Memphis Division-

Mr. L. S. Chambers has accepted third trick dispatcher at Memphis. Mr. Lawrence left the service.

Bro. C. B. Barnett made bid on Courtland, but was mistaken, and says agency too hot, and bid the second trick as operator in "MC," Memphis

Courtland being filled by Mr. E. C. Nicar. Can't say if he has a card.

Hillsboro on bulletin, but bidders scarce.

At Huntsville, Bro. Stewart, from the L. & N.,

Bro. Ennis is off for thirty days' vacation. Understand he will take a spin east as far as Buffalo and other points.

Bro. Uptain, of Barton, is waiting for relief to make a trip West, via El Paso and on to Yellowstone Park

Bro. Monk still doing the trick at Cherokee. He expects to take a trip in a few weeks for a change.

Bro. Hinshaw is working a trick at Grand Junction. Don't know the other two brothers. "13" they are O. K.

All the five-year-old agents and operators with the Memphis Division have received the annual, passes, good over the Middle District. They look good to us, boys, as that is something new to an agent-operator. Now is the time for our meetings to be pulled off, as we have the goods and can

We would like to see a long write-up next trip. Boys, you who are short on the December 313t card, get it at once. There is something in store for us. CERT. 012.

NOTICE.

To all members, Knoxville Division, Southern Ry .:

I wish to notify the membership that on and after August 22d, our regular meetings will be discontinued, and that our meetings will be subject to a call from the local chairman or chief telegrapher.

This on account of the nine-hour law making it impossible for most members to attend unless relieved. Will hold meetings about every three months and it is hoped by the officers of the meeting that each member will make a special effort to attend when a meeting is called. Look out for the call and be ready.

Yours fraternally.

Knoxville Division-

Glad to see some of the brothers taking a great interest in working on the nons who have recently been employed. Bro. F. H. Hyatt, at Roe Junction, let us see his colors by sending in applications for the second and third trick operators at that point, Bro. Roy B. Driskill and T. C. Gaby.

We are glad to welcome the new members. Bro. Hyatt is a union man after our own heart. He realizes that an up-to-date card is not all that it requires to be a union man.

We are glad to see Bro. G. B. Rodgers getting back to work (on extra list) after several months

Now, brothers, get together and see if each can't get one non to come into our ranks. Surely, we all can do that, and if done this old division will be solid O. R. T., which we are so anxious to

"13" your general chairman contemplates sending your local chairman over the division within the next sixty days for the purpose of organizing. Now get after that non next to you and have him ready to fall in line, and that will mean a great saving for the division, for if you have them ready it will save a lot of time, and the local chairman can cover the road much quicker.

The writer had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Dixie Twin Order Telegraphers' Club, held in Atlanta, Ga., August 8th., and was well pleased with the club and came back carrying an up-to-date card with them, and wish to say to any of the brothers who would like to join said club they can do so by sending me \$1, which will pay you up until January 1, 1909.

Hope that all will help our regular correspondent T. J. STAFFORD, L. C. as much as possible.

Charlotte Division, South End-

Peaches gone and business slack with us again. Cut off another operator at Cross Keys, Ga. Only one man there now. Hours 4 a. m. to 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. The 4 a. m. part of it must be something nice or will be this winter, anyway.

Bro. Johnston on at Norris, S. C., as agent again, Mr. Darst going to North Charlotte.

Bro. Coleman, at Central, off on vacation, relieved by Bro. Tucker.

Bro. Trabor, of Mt. Airy, Ga., got second trick at Gainesville on bulletin.

We have had some bumping among our dispatchers. Have a new trainmaster, which set all others back a notch, putting one man out entirely.

Do your duty and attend strictly to business, don't matter how bitter the pill and some day we will see better times. We must work for that end. Talk to the non and get him to join us; that is what it will take to better our condition when we have every road solid we can get our just dues.

E. A. Taylor, at Cornelia, Ga., can now be called brother.

Bro. Woods, of the Grand Division, with us T. J. STAFFORD, L. C. now and attended our meeting at Toccoa, Ga., the 9th inst. Most of the men at this meeting were new men over here. I can not understand why some of our old men take such little interest in their own welfare and the interest of their fellow man as not to attend meetings.

Bro. B. H. Johnston, from Calhoun, S. C., bid in Mt. Airy, second trick, but only stayed one

day; now at Easley on third trick.

Bro. Pless, a new man with us, from Binghamton Division, now at Arline, relieving Sister Folger for a few days while she is visiting friends in Georgia.

Inotice the wire trouble still going on and most of you not trying to locate same. This thing can and should be stopped. Why not all of us do our part and stop it? It is a shame that it has been going on so long and one man don't do it all, but they can all be caught if the men will try. If not, of course, a man that is so low as to do a thing of this kind will continue at it until he is caught and discharged. A man caught should be discharged and the office closed until they could get a man to relieve him.

We have several offices on bulletin. Now I hope some of our new brothers will get located. All of them are good who have a card. CERT. 451.

NOTICE.

Knoxville Division-

I desire to thank the officers and members of Division No. 59 for their loyalty toward me during my illness.

Those officers and members of Division No. 59 who responded to the call have my heartfelt, deepest gratitude, and I sincerely hope that some day I will be afforded the opportunity of showing my gratitude in a stronger way than mere words.

Especially do I wish to thank the local chairman and members of my own division for their loyalty in my misfortune, and I assure each and every individual who remembered me my earnest desire to in some way return the kindness, and until then I can only say again, "I am very grateful to you for your kind remembrance.

W. H. CORD, Asst. L. C., Knox. Div.

Queen & Crescent Ry.

Cincinnati District-

Bro. H. A. Wise assigned second trick regular at "SJ" tower.

Bro. S. E. Marshall goes to "GN," Georgetown, nights, until bulletined.

Bro. O. H. Brooks, formerly of "GN," Georgetown, nights, has accepted day ticket clerkship with Bro. Z. L. Myers, agent.

Bro. K. C. Gardner and wife were in Cincinnati Sunday the 23d, and witnessed a very exciting game of ball between the Reds and Phillies. "KC" relieved by Mr. Byrnes, extra man.

Bro. A. B. Willison, general chairman, was in Cincinnati a few days ago on important business.

Bro. M. J. McGuirk, "DI," Cincinnati, spent ten days recently with friends and relatives in Cleveland, Ohio, and reports a very nice time: relieved by Mr. Sevey, who holds a C. T. U. of A. card.

Bro. M. W. Witt, second trick at Lexington, and Bro. R. J. Sellman, second trick at Nicholasville, have just returned from a trip to Salt Lake City and Denver, and report a very nice time. Bro. Witt relieved by Bro. H. R. Arnold, a new man from the C. & O., and Bro. Sellman relieved by Bro. H. A. Wise.

Bro. A. B. Collins also off for a ten days' vacation, visiting relatives in Indiana, Covington, Ky.. and other points along the line; relieved by Bro. L. H. Boutwell.

Bro. J. V. Hall, days at "GT," Georgetown, back from ten days' vacation. Visited friends and relatives at Cynthiana, Ky., and reports a splendid time; relieved by Bro. E. H. Boutwell.

Bro. J. W. Collins was in Cincinnati Sunday, August 23d, to see the ball game.

Dry Ridge depot was broken open a few nights ago by negroes, but they were heard by Bro. Ramsey who had the depot surrounded, and the thieves were caught and landed in the Williamstown jail. Freight, express and other valuables were found piled up ready to be moved.

Greendale agency also broken into a few nights previous to this and the thieves got a suit of clothes and other articles belonging to Bro. Sheehan, besides numerous packages of express, and it is thought the same negro committed both thefts.

Mr. C. K. Miller, our chief, is taking his vacation now. Mr. T. C. Blackwell, second trick dispatcher, acting as chief.

Georgetown nights bulletined.

Bro. R. H. Webb, second trick at Nicholasville, off for a few days taking in Detroit and other summer resorts in the North; relieved by Bro.

Miss Julia Clark, first trick at Lexington, is spending her vacation at Niagara; relieved by Bro. W. M. Wolfe.

Mr. Ed. Sullivan has returned from a ten days' visit to French Lick Springs, Ind., and reports a fine time; relieved by Mr. T. C. Blackwell, as first trick dispatcher at Lexington.

Mr. J. P. Holtzclaw, former chief clerk at Georgetown freight agency, has been assigned to Burgin agency, vice Mr. H. H. Haines resigned.

Bro. Carl Gardner, agent at Wilmore, attended the fair at Erlanger recently; reported a "swell" time.

There remains several who have not yet paid their semi-annual dues. Remember the motto of "No card, no favors." Of course you will all pay up, but it is much better to have an up-to-date all the time.

Cert. 425.

Central Division-

Business is picking up with us. Understand several new crews being put on. Things look good for business to become normal again.

Second trick, Cave Springs, on bulletin. Last was bid in by Bro. Jones, former third trick man. Third trick bid in by Bro. Caddell, who has been agent at Greenwood. The company unable to get an auditor to Greenwood to check Bro. Caddell out, the change is not made yet. Bro. Kennedy filling in at Cave Springs at present.

Chief Dispatcher Pattison off on vacation. His chair is being filled by T. J. Healy, extra dis-

patcher.

Bro. R. P. Hodges, second trick at Dayton, off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. J. T. Clark. Later, Clark transferred to dispatcher's office to relieve Extra Dispatcher Healy, "Tim" taking the chief's job for a while. Bro. Fisher relieved Clark.

Bro. M. C. Weaver bid in third trick at Coulterville, after trying out the agency at Emery Gap.

Agent Rogers at Spring City, off on vacation; releved by Mr. McKnight. Unable to say as to whether McKnight is one of the boys or not. Rogers is one of the few who hold out and can not see any good in the O. R. T. It is a pity, too.

Do any of you second trick men who have the Western Union wire ever notice the number of students on it in "OG" office in the early part of the night? Must be a regular school there. Like begets like.

Several changes among dispatchers. Messrs. Whitaker, French and Tippler, I "13," have resigned and gone elsewhere. Unable to give names of successors at present.

Bro. McCluen, third trick at Rockwood, laying off; relieved by Mr. Rosser, a delinquent.

Bro. C. A. Jenkins, second trick at E. G. tower, off for a few days; relieved by Operator Sharp.

CERT. 10.

A. G. S. Railway-

How about the new card for the term ending December 31, 1908? Let all get busy and remit at once, if you have not already done so.

Who are you voting for this fall? Do not fail to qualify yourself and vote for the right man in the national election. You know who has been a friend to us in the past and who has not; study the platforms. Remember the man who is for the working class is the man for us to vote for.

Have you a non in your office? I hope not. I would rather have a rattlesnake on my telegraph table waiting to receive me than to have a non at the door waiting to be relieved.

Please refer to Bro. Quick's circular asking that all members get at least one new member. That is a very small matter, as I know personally some of the boys who have gotten four or five in thirty days, but if you expect to get any you had better hurry up, as they are getting very scarce on our division.

Just think there are over 50,000 members and 10,000 to 12,000 nons in the railroad service. How easy that non-list could be reduced, and I hope that our division will do their part in this. The boys are taking very much interest in the O. R. T., and I hope it will continue. When we get our shoulders to the wheel we will get results which

can be seen now, so, boys, do not stop the good thing. Let it roll along.

What is the trouble with the south end, boys? They must have decided to take life easy and wait on old Kiddo, C. B., to give me the line-up again. Don't do that. Don't expect one man to do it all. Get busy and give me a few items each month, and I will get them in all right, as you know we have started out in this thing right. I don't want to half-way do it. I will have a line-up in the journal each month, if it is nothing but a few words, so get interested in your own welfare, as well as others, and give me all the news you possibly can, if nothing but your own ideas as to how these things should be done.

At this writing the ticket commission has not been settled, and can not say just what the outcome will be, but presume it will be adjusted satisfactorily with the agents who asked to be represented. There are a few agents who ignored Local Chairman Stone's circular and letter relative to this ticket commission, and it will be well for them to hold their peace forever, unless they get up-to-date. Do we understand from those who did not supply the information asked for, that they are satisfied, and do not want to better their con-This information was desired from all members and non-members as well. If you are satisfied, and don't want to better your conditions, and are willing to take any old thing that the company gives you, and think that you can get along without our help, I suppose we are satisfied, and would rather for you to stay out of the O. R. T. We do not want such persons in our organization. We are far better off with you as you are today. But, my friends, I am afraid that some day you will regret this very much. Don't say that the local chairman did not ask you to join us and be represented, for I know personally that every one on the A. G. S. was notified, and the conditions under which they would be represented, and it was for you to decide, not us. This ticket commission was gone over from station to station by Bro, A. B. Willison and Bro, B. D. Stone, general chairman and local chairman, at Cincinnati, and those who failed to comply with this circular could not be represented, as they had no state-

Bro. Willison and Bro. Stone returned from Cincinnati Sunday after staying in Cincinnati one week working for the boys. Can't you see how hard the boys are working for your interest, and you not doing a thing to show your appreciation? Shame on you.

I would like to ask how many of you look for the union label when you are buying clothes or any other necessaries of life? Let us know which are on the fair list and which are unfair every time we buy non-union goods we are employing non-union labor, so to speak, and if you reason with yourself a little you will see how absolutely unreasonable it is for a union man to employ nonunion labor. So let us wake up and get wise, and get a list of things that are made on the unfairlist, and those that are made by union labor, and do without, if necessary, rather than to buy nonunion goods. And don't never fear, we will never have to do without, for there are union goods of every kind. This is the principle of unionism, and if we would all adopt it you would see a big change in short order.

Wear union-made goods, eat union-made products, smoke union-made cigars, smoke union-made tobacco, drink union-made coffee. Most operators smoke cigars, pipe or cigarettes. Do you ever look for the label? Ask your merchant for unionmade smoking tobacco. You will find the label, and it is as good a smoke as a man could wish for.

Just think today the only people deprived of any rights, the only people upon whom tyranny, wrong and injustice are imposed are men and women of labor. Just think of the children from six to sixteen years old that have to work in factories, etc., to support themselves, where, if they were well organized their parents would make enough wages to support their families, and these children would be in school. As it is, they know nothing but work, day in and day out. What is a man or woman without some education? They are looked upon by some people as the very lowest class of people; where if they had some chance to go to school and educate themselves they would have better success in life. There is only one way to do this, and that is see that the label is on everything that you buy, and do everything that you can to get every class of working men well organized. When this is done our wives and children will have protection. Did you read the paragraph written by Bro. W. H. Cord, in July journal, "Still Fighting Labor." If not, hunt your journal up and read it, and I think you will gain some light on this subject. When you go to your groceryman remember Postum Coffee, Elijah's Manna, Grape-Nuts, and several other cereals that are manufactured by C. W. Post, of Battle Creek, Mich., are on the unfair list. He is doing everything in his power to down organized labor, and when you buy such goods you are employing non-union labor.

Are you a union man, though you have a card? This may seem somewhat queer and out of place, but it is neither queer nor out of place when given due consideration. There are a great many that do not really know the meaning of unionism. In the first place some of us cling to the idea that a card is the only salvation for a laboring man. This is wrong in the extreme. A card is all right as far as it goes, and only performs the function which was intended for it to perform If you are not a union man at heart, stay out of the union, or your card might get in its work and brand you as a coward and a traitor.

These professional card-toters join the union for two distinct reasons. First, they join the union in time of peace in order that they may enjoy the hospitality of the union while there is no trouble brewing. Second, they join the union for the purpose of having their poor little pale-faced wife and children protected by the brotherhood's insurance in case his departure to climes unknown; he really joins in order that his wife shall reap the benefits of the union in case he should die. When a strike is called then he scabs that he may protect his wife and children and enjoy the big bonus which all companies pay during a strike. A man that would do this is a man that will deliberately lie or steal. A true union man will not do either.

Do you say, "No card, no favors?"

Some few days ago a man called at my office and asked that I send a message up the line for him. He said that he was an operator. I immediately asked him if he had a card. The reply was, "No. I work for the N. C. & St. L. Railway, and it is not necessary for us to have cards." I asked him if he thought his wages would be the same if we all looked at it this way. He replied: "Yes. That his wages had been the same for the last seven years."

He must either be a company's man or a first-class operator in every respect, as he is getting more than any of the other men on the block. We had quite a little argument, although I could not convince him of the fact that it was necessary for him to have an up-to-date card. I did convince him of the fact that he had to have an up-to-date card before I would send his message. I told him our motto was, "No card, no favors," therefore his message would not be sent through the office while I was on duty.

I hope that every member will lend a helping hand in bringing in new members. This year has so far eclipsed all previous years in every way. You can get applications, if you try. So many forget to try. I find some brothers who work with men and do not know whether or not they hold cards. Others are working with nons, and never ask them to join the craft. So let us all get busy.

Bro. Stone went to Birmingham Sunday, July 12th, to straighten Bro. Callahan's matter up, and I understand the matter was adjusted satisfactory, and Bro. Callahan can go to work as soon as he chooses. I feel that Mr. Winston means to do the right thing by us all, so let us all try to give him the very best of service. Bro. Callahan is now in the country eating watermelons and fishing, and states he does not want to go back to work before September 1st.

Crudup, Ala., closed, putting Bro. Mitchel on extra. He is now working for Bro. Grimes at Sulphur Springs.

Bro. White, of Rising Fawn, decided to join the boys.

Bro. Grimes, of Sulphur Springs, off on his vacation; spending a few days in Atlanta.

Our chief, Mr. Winston, is off on his vacation, being relieved by Dispatcher Dowling. Extra Dispatcher Bowden is filling his place.

Bro. Buckhanan, of Tuscaloosa, off for a week's vacation; relieved by Operator B. F. Kitchens, formerly of Birmingham telegraph school. We are glad to know that the business did not pay him.

or it looks this way, as he has resorted to extra

Operator Honeycutt, of Kewanee, Miss., working nights, was killed night of July 23d. He was found by train No. 2. We are unable to say just how it happened, as there was no one present.

Bro. Etter, of Citico, works split trick at C. S. Bro. Harper and ex-Bro. Umbarger, of the Southern Express Company, leave this week for Niagara Falls.

The local chairman received six applications July 1st up to July 25th, from the A. G. S. boys. Keep the good work moving along. Do not let it stop a moment.

O. A. H., Div. Cor.

Great Northern Ry.

Northern Division-

I wish to contradict the item which appeared in the July Telegrapher concerning the person in Crokston office accepting a position as professor in a "ham factory." This was written in error, and we trust the person concerned will accept our apology for the article.

Mr. D. J. Webb, who has been agent at Erskins for several years, has been transferred to the Spokane Division. The boys out there are welcome to him. He was relieved by Bro. Stadum, of Georgetown, and I think the boys on the line appreciate the change.

Have not heard who relieved Bro. Stadum at Georgetown

Our local chairman is getting his fighting togs on and going out after the nons, and, from present indication, he will round up quite a bunch of them. Do not think there will be many of them left after the smoke clears away. There is lots of good material on the line and we will all be glad to see them lined up, although there are very few of us helping the good work along.

Have not been able to get any notes from the north and south lines. Would appreciate it very much if some of the brothers in that locality would send in a few, so we would know how things are going with them.

Have any of the Northern Division boys thought anything about holding a meeting, and is any one in favor of it? There are many of the boys working only a few miles apart for some time who would not know each other if they would meet, and I think it would be a fine thing to get together and get acquainted.

CERT. 507.

Terminals Division-

Business seems to be picking up a little on the Terminals. Box cars seem to have made themselves scarce lately, and stock cars are being rushed to Montana Division. Perhaps they are just giving them a run to warm up the grease. As they say there is no business any place this must be the case.

Understand the section men were granted an increase of twenty cents a day, which makes them get the magnificent sum of \$1.50 per day. Must keep them awake nights wondering how they will be able to spend it all, with beefsteak at twenty-

five cents a pound and everything else in proportion, I think it would keep most any one guessing how to spend it, and come out even by the time next pay-day rolls around.

Have you got that new book of rules down pat yet? Or do you know too much about it now? Mr. Frye, who has been at Como, working second-trick there, was taken out of the service a couple of weeks ago on account of his eyesight. Understand he is now working on the Soo at Cardigan Junction. Ed Martin, well known to all the old heads on the division, is relieving Mr. Frye.

Mr. Wm. Macdonald, first trick at Minneapolis Junction, on leave of absence for six weeks, taking in the old stamping ground down in old Nova Scotia; relieved by Bro. Winne, who, in turn, was relieved by Bro. Mattisen, C. T. U. of A.

Bro. Mayo is doing the third stunt at Minneapolis Junction, chasing down box-car numbers on the interchange for three hours each night.

Mr. McDonald, first trick at Como, St. Paul, off for a month; relieved by Mr. McVicker. Think this man carries an up-to-date C. T. U. of A.

Our chief dispatcher, Mr. C. C. Ponsonby, is now on his vacation. Mr. Harry Wakeman, first trick, taking his place during his absence.

There are a lot of men on this division, the way it appears to me, that are looking for something for nothing, will take all that they can get and will holler and make a great fuss because they did not get just a little more, and what do they do to help get any of it? That is answered in one word, "nothing," and then there are those brothers that just as soon as they got their nine hours a day, instead of twelve, thought that would be all that they would ever get, and do not wish to pay out any more money to keep up their dues and have an up-to-date card in their pocket, put up the excuse that they are going to leave the service soon, and a whole lot of tommy rot like that, when you could not get them to quit if you should offer them a pension.

Now, brothers, this is no way to feel about it at all. Where would we be today if it had not been for the O. R. T.? Twelve hours a day and \$40 or \$45 per is just where we would be, and that would be a good place for some of them, for they might possibly have to get out of the service and make room for some good man that could see a little further than his nose. This is pretty plain talk. If the shoe fits, wear it, and if it don't, leave it off, and if I am not mobbed before next month I may write again.

A CRANK.

Butte Division, First District-

In the last timecard the name of the Montana Central Division is changed to read "Butte Division," and that is only one of the many changes that have taken place over here. The floods early in June almost wiped the entire division off the map. The last train to get through between Butte and Havre left Butte on the night of June 3d, and the next one to get through left Butte on the night of July 2d. The difficulties put a lot of new men at work, and many of the old men were changed to

other offices to meet the requirements of the service.

On the First District new offices were opened at Teton with one man and Lippard with two men, but both places have been closed since.

Bro. C. H. Frame, formerly late night trick at Big Sandy, is relieving Mr. Rector at Monarch, Bro. J. F. Percy, local chairman, taking the Big Sandy position temporarily.

Mr. R. O. McCulloch, third trick at Benton, has asked for blanks, and will be known as brother hereafter.

Mrs. Lennon takes first trick at the pit near Portage. The work trains necessary to handle the gravel from this pit and the stock runs that will soon be going, ought to make a few more offices on this district essential, if trains are expected to get over the district in any shape. At present Benton and Big Sandy are the only offices between Great Falls and Havre, 122 miles, and Big Sandy is closed from 5 to 11 p. m.

The order is out for taking over the B. & N. from Armington to Judith Gap, and it is expected that this will be done in a few days. Stations will be opened at Stanford, Windham, Hobson and Judith Gap at first, and there will probably be more of them later on.

Mr. M. D. Smock, who has held down the pump and telegraph office at Gerber for something over two years, is laying off, and has gone back to Iowa for a visit with home folks. Did not learn who is relieving him.

Mr. J. W. Barry went to Belt as telegrapher when the office at Lippard Pit was closed.

Harry Boulter was relieving the agent at Monarch, and was relieved from there by Bro. Frame on the 2d. Did not learn where Harry went.

The removal of Bro. Vaughn from Clancy to Great Falls freight house has left me short of an assistant temporarily on the Third District, and, consequently, rather short of news from there.

Mr. B. H. Howe, of Craig, and Mr. S. A. Withler, of "HY," Helena, have asked for blanks and will be known to brothers by the time this is in print.

CERT. 502.

Butte Division, Second District-

There has been several changes made on this district in the past month. For the benefit of the work trains now repairing track damaged by the recent high water, a block system was opened between Hardy and Mitchell, and a short time ago was extended to Cascade.

Mr. R. E. Markle, former manager of "PD," office, has charge of the block, and is holding down first trick, as block dispatcher, with Bro. Power, from the main line, on second. The office is situated just east of the old "WC" office, and all train orders are handled at block dispatcher's office while block is in effect, which is from 4 a. m. until 10 p. m. The opening of this block called for more operators, and we now have a number of new men on the division.

Offices have been put in at Hardy, and Mid. Canon. Two more operators put on at Craig, and new offices at Manila and Mitchell.

Bro. F. Bradley, formerly of "Q" office, is working first trick at Hardy and Mr. Lusch second.
R. E. Thomas and W. Harper are working at Mid. Canon, both being new men on this road.

Bro. Forney has been holding the agent's end of the stick at "RA" for the past month and doing six hours telegraphing on the first trick. Mr. W. M. Keenan is working second and B. H. Howe third trick.

Bro. A. L. Frelick is juggling abstract sheets at "WC" during the absence of the regular agent at that point.

Bro. A. B. Vaughn is taking the place of Bro. Frelick at the "K" office at Great Falls.

There are still a large number of nons working on this district. Get together, boys, and give them a good, straightforward, fatherly talk. Make them remember that the man that has things his own way is not the man that sits down with his handrin his pockets and grumbles, while he waits for some one else to give him a boost. "The Lord helps those that help themselves."

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B. & O. S. W. Ry.

Si. Louis District-

Karl Pritchet, at "FA," enjoyed a vacation recently, invested in some wild land in New Mexico. He may become a hay seed some day, but always an O. R. T.

It seems fitting here to say that if old 74 had every operator of the division on her roll she would be a back number. Why?

Take your TELEGRAPHER and look at the Division Directory, and tell me when and where this division meets.

Brothers, enthusiasm is the life of all public or private institutions, the church, school, politics, and the lodge must, of necessity, be enthusiastic or they die, hence for the good of our division I would suggest that we adopt a stated meeting day and place.

Let us make an effort for a banquet, take our wives, daughters, or sweethearts, and have a royal time. We have talent in our ranks sufficient to get up a programme second to none, why let it lay dormant. Wake up, boys, a nice entertainment will bring us together and give the ladies something to talk about, and a good way to capture the nons.

Chicago & North Western Ry.

Wisconsin Division News-

The meeting at Waukegan, Saturday, August 15th, was fairly well attended, but there were quite a few of the boys that live very close that did not attend. I would suggest that the boys try and do better next time and enjoy the treats that are put up by some of the brothers.

Bro. H. S. Schloemer, from West Bend, attended that agents' meeting at Crystal Lake on



August 18th, also the banquet. We agents at the smaller towns feel proud to think that we are just as important and perform our duties equally as well as the members of the association. We will have our banquet some time later, when the leaves begin to turn.

Bro. Zoch is back at his old position at Lake Shore Junction, after taking his summer's vacation.

Bro. Opgenorth, from Kewaskum, second trick, had a two weeks" vacation, being relieved by Bro. Rehorst.

Bro. Stark, from first trick at Allis, is gone to his homestead in Canada on a six months' leave of absence. J. M. Dugan will do the act during his absence.

Brothers, how about that bond company? Every member should subscribe for at least a share. It is like putting money in a savings bank. There are but a few brothers on the Wisconsin Division that have invested so far, and it is time that you wake up.

The following positions were taken on the bulletin, ending July 25th: Crystal Lake, second trick, G. A. Steward; Mayfair, second trick, A. W. Steers; Fox River, second trick, J. W. Dix; Genoa Junction, second trick, L. N. Hyde; Bristol, second trick, F. J. Rehorst; Allis, third trick, J. Mages; Twin Lake, third trick, L. N. Snyder, and Salem third trick, T. G. Kaiser.

Bro. H. S. Bixby, agent at Shopiere, is laying off on account of sickness in his family, being relieved by Operator P. E. Woodbury, of South Janesville.

Bro. Caspari, of Chicago, is holding down third trick at South Janesville during Operator Woodbury's sojourn at Shopiere.

Bro. O. Houser, agent at Chemung, is on his vacation in Northern Wisconsin, being relieved by Mr. F. H. Dunham.

Bro. Chas. Regan, the ever-faithful and reliable first trick man at Capron, has just returned from his vacation, taking in Belvidere, Chicago, Woodstock, Racine, Milwaukee and Janesville. He was relieved by Operator Mulvanney, of Winnetka.

Bro. C. F., Ableman, agent at Poplar Grove, took a short lay-off, being relieved by Bro. C. Regan, of Capron.

Mr. C. A. Stevenson, third trick operator at Capron, is laying off. He was relieved by Bro. Lawson.

Mr. Hartwig, second trick at Capron, took a few days off last week, being relieved by Operator Goldfine.

Mr. Goldfine has taken charge of the trick at Chicago avenue.

Bro. L. E. Bordwell, of third trick at Harvard, took two weeks' vacation, going to Mazomanie, Wis., to attend the wedding of a friend, returning via Milwaukee. Bro. Bordwell was relieved by Operator J. M. Dugan, of Milwaukee. Mr. Dugan is a good man, but he'd be better if he'd get in line.

Some members say if meetings were held in Chicago they would be better able to attend. Now,

if you think Chicago would be a better place, write Bro. Bitz, at Jackson, Wis., and I think he will make arrangements to have the next meeting in Chicago, and hope to see a record-breaking crowd of brothers present.

Bro. J. Lawson working third trick at Kenosha. Has every one got their new card. They are dandies.

Brothers, does your neighbor hold the credentials. If not, tell him about the good of the Order, and have him come in out of the cold.

Operator R. Tyrell relieving Bro. Brownless, second trick at Highland Park. Mr. Tyrell is a new man off the Pan Handle, and will soon be with us.

Bro. Brownlee relieving Mr. J. J. Condon at Fort Sheridan.

Bro. Chas. Brown, second trick at Lake Forest, taking a short vacation; relieved by Operator

Do not forget telephone men and station agents are eligible for membership.

Bro. Love, Winnetka, relieving the agent at Avondale. He, in turn, being relieved by Operator Mullanev.

Depot at Avondale was struck by lightning last week and burned to the ground.

Bro. R. B. Curtis, second trick man at "NI" tower, is enjoying a visit from his father and mother. Mr. Curtis, Sr., is agent for the M. C. road at Brownsville, Canada.

CERT. 66.

Madison Division-

Business is again rushing on this division. Many stations show an increase in July earnings over last year, and the prospects for August are as favorable. It must be remembered that the earnings in 1907 were the top-notch reached on this division, and probably on the entire system.

This year, with increase of business, we have a new source of trouble. That is the new phone. The phone is all right at times; that is, when there is no electricity in the atmosphere, and no insulators broken. As this has been the case so often the phone has not proven that the telegraph instrument can be dispensed with, for were it not for the telegraph wires business would be tied up often, and we can not say that it has improved us spiritually, because one can not, at times, help saying "Damn the dum thing," especially on Sunday, when one has planned on getting off for a while, then to be held from one to three hours until the linemen can find the broken insulator, and then all you are wanted for is to answer the question: "Did you get that ring?" Yes, sir! Well you can go until ---. Well, the Sunday is spoiled as far as you are concerned.

There is a Western Union crew rebuilding the line from Harvard to Beloit. When this is finished the phone will be put in, Harvard to Evansville, via Caledonia and Footville, then the south end will be all phone territory.

The crew have come from Harvard to Roscoe, so, probably by October 1st, the phones will be in use on the south end.

The telephone is being installed on the north end as fast as the men can get it in, and will soon be in operation. There does not seem to be a very great surplus of telegraph operators so far on account of the installing of these phones. This telegraph is quite a handy thing to fall back on about seven days a week, when the phone does not act just right.

Bro. W. Q. Ebert has been installed as agent at La Valle, vice C. G. Porter, who has quit the strenuous life after about thirty years of service.

Mr. R. B. Wood takes charge of Wyeville in place of Bro. Ebert, and Bro. C. C. Henners went to Elroy for a few days till some one takes the job which Mr. Wood vacated.

Bro. Peck, who died August 20th, was at one time train dispatcher on this division, and was agent at Dodgeville up to about a year ago, when he went to California.

Bro. Matzek had his vacation shortened a little so as to relieve Bro. J. E. Dolbier, at Roscoe, who is visiting at Treupealean, Galesville and Onalaska.

The extra agent work at Roscoe did not suit Bro. Matzek very well, as it is twelve hours a day job, and he has a nine-hour trick at Caledonia.

Mr. Tipton, who was relieving Bro. Matzek at Caledonia, has sought pastures new in the Northwest, either on the N. P. or G. N. Railways. He asked to be relieved, but not getting it quick enough to suit him, he quit, and Bro. Richardson, second trick at tower "EA," relieved him. He was, in turn, relieved by Telegrapher J. Bennett.

Bro. J. A. Richardson was called to Baraboo for an investigation, and on his returning home he was told to relieve Bro. Barnhart, third trick at Afton, which he did one night, and was then relieved by Mr. Bernett, he going back to "EA," but later was called to Chicago on account of his sister's sickness. Telegrapher Canney is now doing the second trick at "EA."

Bro. J. W. Scales, agent at Afton, is off enjoying a few days' vacation. Bro. Barnhart is relieving him.

There is a rumor that there is a ham factory on the south end. Better cut it out or get permission to keep a student in the regular way.

Bro. A. E. Mueske is relieving B. S. Mitchell at Leyden. He is taking a vacation.

Bro. L. M. Burt, agent at Brooklyn, is touring in the West. Bro. M. M. Zeches acting as agent meanwhile.

Bro. P. M. Keeffe, second trick at Madison, is enjoying a vacation at Dousman and Trempealeau. Telegrather P. F. Ebert is relieving him.

Bro. J. A. Barnes, first trick at tower "PD," visit d at Harvard and Lake Geneva. P. F. Ebert relieved him.

Bro. E. L. Klingelhofer, formerly of this division, and now agent at Blakeley, Minn., with the C., St. P., M. & O. Railway, visited his parental home at Wannakee, also friends and relatives at Norwalk. Ed. claims the Omaha Line is the best in the world.

Frank Rose, who learned the profession at Warnakee, and who worked at Mendota, nights, visited his alma mater, Bro. Reeves, agent at Wannakee. Bro. Rose is now night clerk and telegrapher at Rhinelander for the Soo Railway.

Bro. R. D. Wood, agent at Merrimac, has resumed work after a three weeks' rest. He was

relieved by Telegrapher Conney.

Bro. G. W. Richardson, agent at Dane, is traveling in the East. He has visited Niagara Falls. New York. The last heard from him he was at Nelson, Pa. Telegrapher John Meirers is acting agent meanwhile. John will be with us soon now.

Telegrapher Holden is working second trick at Dane, vice Meirers.

The Agents' Association held their last meeting at Devils Lake. While returning from there to Baraboo, on a hand-car, some one set the brake and the car came to a sudden stop, throwing several of them off. Mr. J. Fox, agent at Elroy, and Mr. Colburn, agent at Sparta, were injured Mr. Fox dying from what proved, upon post-mortem, to be a ruptured intestine. Mr. Colburn has recovered. There were eight men on the hand-car. Orders have been issued that no one but employes such as section men and bridge men will be allowed to ride on hanl-cars without permission from the superintendent.

Bro. W. H. W. Page, agent at Bangor, has been out in South Dakota looking after his farm. He is one of those who put his hard-earned salary into real estate, and now has something to fall back on in his old age. Bro. A. G. Elsner relieved Bro. Page.

Bro. R. R. Gum has resumed his duties as telegrapher at Galena, after his trip in the West, including the Yellowstone National Park region.

Bro. W. G. Gerke, formerly of this division, and lately with the Wisconsin Central Railway at Marshfield, Wis., is now with the D., S. P. & A., at Marquette, Mich.

Bro. A. G. Elsner relieved Bro. W. H. Williamson, agent at Sullivan, while "Bill" was away on his vacation.

We have a few nons, also a few telephone men who do not belong. While the business was slack and these extra men did not draw a very big check, knew they would need it all to pay for their board, but now as we have not an extra man who does not get nearly full pay, we expect them to join, and it is up to each and every one of us to get them, and if they want nothing to do with the O. R. T. then let them look to other than O. R. T. members for favors, as we have already given them plenty of favors, and what is better, shorter hours, higher salary and better working conditions.

Our committee will go in the near future, and if the telephone men want to better themselves there must at least a majority belong to the 0. R. T. That is why they should join.

Jno. I. DeSaustelle has resumed his duties in the dispatcher's office at Baraboo, after his annual vacation, and E. P. Wright is now on his two weeks' fishing and hunting trip. H. D. Schooff, the "boss," has been riding wayfreights for a week or so, with A. R. Pelnar doing the day stunt as chief, John Hull nights, and F. E. Warner on the extra job.

R. W. Risley, who has been doing extra work in the dispatcher's office this summer, goes back to Los Angeles to resume his studies of osteopathy about the 15th of September. "Turk" will soon be an expert rubber.

V. R. Harding had the "B" job, Baraboo, while F. E. Warner was at the dispatcher's desk, and Bro. C. C. Hinners relieved Harding as tracer clerk

Bro. F. H. Main has been holding down South Baraboo, second trick, during the absence of Bro. Hinners on his vacation and subbing in "BA"

J. B. Drake is holding down the agency at Jefferson Junction while W. F. Copeland is recuperating, and incidentally disposing of a surplus of ramblers.

J. A. Crosby has been appointed agent at Elroy, vice Jared Fox, deceased. Mr. Crosby has been the efficient cashier at Elroy for some time.

DIV. COR.

Galena Division-

Regular meeting of Galena Local Division met at Dixon, August 15, 1908. If you are anxious to know what is done, come out to the next meeting and hear the minutes read.

Bro. W. G. McCullough laying off for a week. Bro. Jno. Sheller working for him at R, I. Junction.

Bro. L. D. Agnew got back in the service as telegrapher long enough to get the Ringling circus off the C., B. & O. at R. I. Junction.

The Clinton Bridge is now in service from the east shore to Island, and three men on eight-hour tricks employed at Island to block over the old bridge from Island to Clinton.

Cherry Valley is now non-telegraph.

Bro. Larson made good on the news again this month.

J. J. Sheley, agent at Cherry Valley, off ten days; relieved by F. W. Holcomb.

Bro. J. M. Hilliker is again at his key at Marengo, after his honeymoon.

Doc Herrick, second trick dispatcher on the Freeport Line, at Chicago, is away on his two weeks' vacation. Bailey taking his place.

W. H. Fee, agent at Huntley, is off on a two, weeks' vacation to Denver and Salt Lake City, being relieved by his clerk, D. D. Fyfe, who was formerly day operator there.

Operator H. C. Bedo is holding down East Elgin, third trick, while Bro. Todd is at Terra Cotta relieving the agent, who is away on a two wecks' vacation.

A. Nichols, at "BE," off a few days; relieved by Harry Moscovitz.

Lon McDonald, formerly a Galena Division operator, has gone to Deadwood, S. D., as cashier.

The painters have been at East Elgin giving the depot a new coat of paint. Their presence was

greatly enjoyed by Bro. Case, who had to move in waiting with wires to keep out of the way.

A sad accident occurred at West Elgin, Friday, August 14th, when Brakeman J. A. Hirschberg, on No. 201, was instantly killed.

Elgin and Belleville Electric Line strike was settled after the men had been out less than a week. Men got everything asked for. Increase in pay and recognition of their union. Drv. Cor.

Minnesota Division-

J. B. Carpenter, third trick man at Owatonna, was quietly married at Traverse, Minn., August 18, 1908, to a young lady of that place. Bro. Carpenter was agent at Traverse for some time.

J. E. Lundahl has returned from an extended trip to the coast, and is now acting as relief agent on the division.

H. E. Kimble, agent at Havana, has asked for relief, and will go to his home in Ohio. He may not return again, as I understand he expects to take up another line of work there.

We hear in a round-about way that the O. A. Prescott ham factory, at Sleepy Eye, is still in operation. Have failed to see any of his graduates, as yet, but probably we are a bit hasty, as it usually takes the most learned professors in the other lesser telegraph schools from six to eight months to turn out a graduate.

Now, brothers, do not forget this man whenever he asks for even the smallest favor.

V. V. Vine returned to work at Meriden after a month's vacation in July. He reports having had a nice time.

The C., M. & St. P., also the C., R. I. & P. Ry. companies have revised their schedules, which take effect in August. Both committees have been working on this schedule since January, 1908. All members voted on the company's proposition, and it is understood that they have been benefited considerably.

W. B. Murphy, who has been working as second man at Mankato can now be found in the ticket office at the Union Depot at the same place during the dark hours. I understand he is only taking it on trial, but, no doubt, he will make good. A. McDonald is filling in as second man until the position is bulletined or Bro. Murphy returns.

J. C. Rice is doing the relief act at Winona dispatcher's office.

G. B. Zepp fills in at St. Peter's Junction, third trick, Operator Boomer taking the same hours at Sleepv Eve while Zepp is away.

Dispatcher Cassidy off on his vacation. Understand he has gone to Chicago.

Bro. Will Zepp, third man at Minnesota City, is doing a few weeks of relief work at Winona passenger station on the C., M. & St. P. Ry. He will return in a few days. A young fellow by the name of Sainsbury is filling in at the "City."

Have you received the latest card? If not, why

A. G. Bosshard relieved G. B. Zepp at St. Peter's Junction, August 17th. Zepp goes to Rochester, third trick, for a few days. Hugo Rieman, who at one time was telegrapher at Winona shops and a good brother, is making an extended visit with relatives and friends at Winona. He is engaged in railroading at Minneapolis for a new road which is just being built. He says it beats telegraphing for \$55 per, all hollow.

Courtland pit closed, accordingly the telegraph office opened at that point is closed. Dispatchers again working split tricks, Dispatcher McLennon doing the splicing.

R. C. Wood, third at Sanborn, is taking a month's leave of absence, spending the time at his old home in Michigan.

D. M. King, agent at Marshall, is taking a few weeks' vacation; relieved by A. A. Armstrong, who, in turn, is being relieved by M. F. Goodmanson.

Mankato Junction open one night to help circus trains through the block, Evans in the chair.

The following positions bulletined this month: Second trick at Tracy, third trick at Sleepy Eye, and agent and telegrapher at Meriden.

On account of there being a lot of circus and gravel trains around Rochester, the telegraph office at Chester was open for a short time, Sorenson filling in there.

O. I. Johnson, who has been ticket agent at Mankato for the past three years, has resigned to accept a position in the mill at that place. His chair is filled by the regular night man, W. R. Spornitz.

E. W. Hiffernan took a flying trip to Minnesota City to visit with his folks a day.

I received a few items from several of the brothers out on the line this month, something that has not happened since I have been in this office, notwithstanding the fact that I have written several personal and circular letters to about fifty of the brothers.

With the exception of a very few, the Minnesota Division has what can be termed a first-class set of telegraphers.

Would suggest that all telegraphers read our chief dispatcher's bulletin regarding wires, instruments, switch boards, etc., and live up to it in every respect. It is a noticeable fact that our linemen will insist on placing keys and sounders in the most unhandy positions, but do the best you can with them wherever you find them, and for heaven's sake leave them there.

E. S. Collins (one time brother, but now a non of a couple of years' standing) has accepted the position as claim agent for the Sleepy Eye Milling Company.

August 21st, A. G. Bosshard goes to Eyota to relieve Agent Moulster.

G. B. Zepp is again at "CK," St. Peter's Junction.

There is a meeting called to meet at Mankato Augurt 23d, but your scribe will be unable to attend on account of shortage of men. I have taken it up with one of the brothers, and I trust you will see a nice write-up about it.

ACTING DIV. COR.

Eastern District-

Some time has passed since there has been any noise in The Telegrapher from the Eastern District. I guess most of the boys are too busy to write and again there is not very much news.

Bro. Skeen is now operator at Albion after so long a time, but he had a hard time getting there. Bro. A. J. Hurst and family, of Lindsay, have been spending several weeks in the mountains. Bro. S. B. Alloway relieved him.

Bro. S. B. Alloway bid in the second trick at Arlington, and will move his family there.

Bro. Hicks is at present relieving the agent at Beemer.

Bro. A. C. Holmes is now agent at Loretto, having been transferred to that station from Cornlea.

Bro. Popelar transferred from operator at Scribner to agent at Cornlea, and I "13" he is now cleaning house, which looks suspicious. How about it?

Not very many vacancies bulletined on this district, which shows that the boys are holding the old jobs down pretty well.

Bro. Friend to Charleston as regular.

Bro. Tanner to Ceresco.

Cedar Bluffs bulletined. Good town.

Bro. Kempster now located at David City days.

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Ashland Division-

All the extra men on the division are kept very busy relieving different agents and operators for summer vacations. In fact, the demand for vacations is so great that our chief dispatcher, Mr. Coughlin, has all he can do to find men enough to do the relieving. It being necessary, in most cases, to keep those who want a couple of weeks' rest from their arduous labors, waiting anywhere from two weeks to a month for their relief.

A big joint meeting of all railway employes was held at Antigo Sunday, July 12th, which was productive of much good. Mr. Quigley, our superintendent, presided over the meeting and gave us some good advice. Others among the employes were called upon to say a few words.

Bro. Duvall, at Hurley, has transferred to C. & N. W. System Division No. 76 from St. Paul System Division No. 23. Bros. Gehr and W. H. Paule have not, as yet, done so, but expect to soon as they decide to remain here permanently.

Bro. W. H. Drumm has been transferred from Summit Lake to New London to relieve Bro. C. F. Penney on third trick. Bro. Penney is confined to his bed with sickness. He has the sympathy of the other brothers, and we hope he will soon be up again.

We have no items from the north end this month. Our correspondent in that district says there are no changes up that way.

Bro. H. M. Prechel is at present located at Bonner's Ferry, Idaho. He formerly was day operator at Hurley.

C. L. Hammond, agent at Hortonville, off for a few weeks' sojourn through the State of Penn-



sylvania, visiting relatives. He was relieved by Bro. D. Treat, first trick operator, thus leaving Bro. Quade, second trick operator, to first, his place being filled by Bro. F. Hunt, of late stationed at Summit Lake.

Bro. Wm. Drumm is working at Summit Lake for a few weeks in place of Bro. F. Hunt.

Bro. E. R. Schuette, working second trick at Wittenburg at present on account of agency at Fenwood closed.

Bro. I. Flansburg laying off for a few days visiting friends at Manitowoc and Milwaukee. His position is being filled by Bro. Trelar, of Split Rock.

Dakota Division-

Business has picked up along this pike a great deal the last few days.

As yet no third man on at Elkton, although there are second tricks being put on in a great many places.

Bro. F. C. Meyers, of Redfield, relieved Bro. Tyner, at Elkton, while Bro. Tyner was looking after his farm at St. Croix Falls.

At this time Bro. Pay, of Volga, is still out on the farm shocking the grain and natives.

After five years of getting out the monthly write-ups, with the missing of only four issues in that time, we are going to retire and turn the matter over to some one who has more time, and also a more able writer. Doubtless we have, at times, treaded on someone's feet, and if we have offended we now ask your most humble pardon. We hope that our successor will continue to see that there are a few words from this division every month, at least. Send items to Bro. Paulsen, at Centerville, and Bro. H. A. Stimson at De Smet, S. D.

Bro. H. W. Porter, of Bruce, was taken seriously sick and moved to the hospital at Pierre for treatment. Bouquets of flowers were sent to Bro. Porter from the O. R. T. boys, assisted by Miss Lulu Larso, a C. T. U. of A. sister, of Brookings, who was kind enough to do the purchasing. packing and shipping of the flowers. Letters were received from Mrs. Porter acknowledging receipt and thanking the Order very much for the flowers. The last report from Mrs. Porter stated that Bro. Porter had a change for the worse and his condition was critical.

Bro. C. H. Watschke took the cashier job at Pierre, after leaving Canistota.

A new man from the Madison Division, named Richardson, is holding Verdi down.

Three new jobs on the west end on account of graveling. Miller now has a second man, G. L. Olson holding that position. Operator Barber is second man at Wessington, and a new man named Cowan, is at Wolsey, second.

Bro. Mel. Pay took the liberty to take a slap at a hobo, but missed the mark and hit a pump handle; instead of breaking the pump handle it broke two of Mel.'s fingers. Pay has always managed to keep shop open on celebration days, Sundays, and during Woodmen pienics, either person-

ally or with his wife's help, but in this case he gave up the ship and Extra Agent Fillis took the job. Possibly the'bo had started to call Mel. down on the impersonation he gave in the parade there the Fourth.

Mampeska is again on the map. The wires were cut in recently and Bro. J. Rice is the agent.

F. D. Warner resigned from the service at Manchester and left for his home in Iowa. Operator Mentzel, of the Wisconsin Division, is now agent there.

Bro. Cass returned to work in August, relieving Bro. R. J. Holmes, who immediately took possession of Lake Benton while Bro. Jobin kills time on his lay-off.

H. A. Rodewald is taking a lay-off, being relieved by Bro. Pennington, who will go to Aberdeen on Rodewald's return. R. S. Stewart is holding down Pennington's old job at Arlington, second trick.

Bro. Bert Laity is acting agent at Hitchcock until the bulletin is settled. A. W. TYNER, Div. Cor.

C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.

Wisconsin Division, Northern District-

When last writing I made a request for notes to be sent to the correspondent so as to enable him to more intelligently represent the Northern District in The Telegrapher, and I am glad to say that Bro. Aplequist responded with quite a string of items. Would like to have you all do the same.

Bro. Ray Bigger back again working third trick at Bloomer after an extended wedding trip.

Bro. E. W. Quinn, relief operator, from third trick to second trick in place of R. W. Carry, who goes to relieve at Knapp, nights, for a few days, thence to Ashland.

Bro. B. Lamm, from Tunnel, relieving Bro. E. W. Quinn, who goes to Tunnel.

Bro. Eustace Holmes just returned from the Sunny South, and resumes work on second trick, vice Bro. B. Lamm, called to Eau Claire to report at some other office.

Operator P. M. Olson, third trick at Trego, to Woodville, first trick, for a couple of weeks. J. W. Quinn resumes third trick at Trego.

Mr. Ray D. Sinclair, brother of our worthy member, F. D. Sinclair, is now a full-fledged telegrapher, and is equipped with rule book and list of conductors of the Wisconsin Division. Somebody please fix him out with O. R. T. papers. Address him at Roberts, Wis.

Bro. Dan Putnam, son of the agent at Cumberland, and a member of Division 54, has recently been promoted to the dispatcher's chair at Pasco, Wash. Another O. R. T. boy who made good.

We have heard that our former chief, W. J. M., is now dispatching for an electric line out of Spokane. Former brother, E. B. Butterbaugh, is also out there holding a dispatcher's trick.

Bro. J. C. Apelquist, Turtle Lake, just returned from his wedding trip through the West. The whole bunch at Turtle Lake are benedicts and O. R. T.'s. Bro. Strausberg, of Clayton, now second trick at Barronett, vice Bro. Stouffer, resigned to go into other business.

On August 5th train-order forms 19 and 31 were put into effect. A high-class of telegraphers are necessary to the safe and proper handling of Form 19's, and don't you think we are included in the road's motto, "The best of everything?"

Oh, yes; the phones are O. K. if each operator had an adjusting rack and a pair of magnets on the back of his neck. Anyway, the number of "elevens" and "sevens" mistaken one for the other, are innumerable.

Bro. R. E. Steiner, of Elk Mound, held down third trick at Turtle Lake and Kircher first trick while Bro. Apelquist was absent.

Bro. T. A. Berg, agent at Deer Park, has resigned, effective August 25th, to enter Minnesota University. We are sorry to lose Tom from amongst us, but wish him success in his desire to complete his education.

The freight depot at New Richmond was struck by lightning and completely burned. The operator happened to be after lunch at the time the bolt struck, so was saved, perhaps, serious injury. The boys are housed at the passenger depot for the present.

Bro. H. D. Carstens, of Castle Rock, Wash, on the N. P., passed through last month en route to his home at Taunton, Minn., for a short vacation.

Sam Peterson, former agent at Deer Park, is now agent at Trenary, Mich., for the Soo. Bro. L. C. Berg is also working for the Soo as relieving agent. Last we heard he was at Pennington, Wie

The gravel pit at Cable is now in full operation, and flats are being brought from the shops every day, so we will be pretty busy from now on.

About the busiest agency on the pike just now is Solon Springs. We are glad to say, however, that Bro. Sayles is making good, even though he is there all alone now.

Bro. E. H. Boulier, from Portland, Oregon, N. P. Railway, spending a few weeks with relatives here.

See if you can not help out some next time; and last but not least, do not forget your semi-annual dues.

Div. Cor.

Eastern District, Wisconsin Division-

The meeting held at Eau Claire, August 23d, was a success. While the crowd was not large enough to make the hall uncomfortable, what it lacked in numbers it made up in enthusiasm.

Several important matters were taken up and disposed of by those present and plans were made which will have a tendency to diminish the number of nons in the near future. It was agreed that the telephoners must be all lined up at once. It was found that a large majority of them are members of this organization, but it was the consensus of opinion that it was up to the members to see that every one of them were brought into the fold at once. It was agreed that the only way

that this could be accomplished was for the members who are working in their immediate vicinity to see that they filed applications. This is the way in which the agents and telegraphers were organized on this road, and it is the only method which will be successful with the phone men Hereafter when a non remains out of the fold for an unreasonable length of time, the blame will be laid at the door of the members who are working in his office or in the next office to him. In addition to the phoners we have with us a few of the old guard of nons who have been enjoying the fruits of our efforts, and have never even said thank you. They have their feet in the trough, and refuse to affiliate with the organization which made it possible for them to enjoy the improved conditions.

Bro. L. N. Judge, who has been acting as agent at Augusta for the past four months, was relieved recently by the celebrated "Mr." Gibson, from Camp Douglas. Bro. Judge is now relieving the agent at Spring Valley.

Bro. C. C. Van Meter, first trick at Hudson, has returned from a three weeks' vacation in the West. His family accompanied him. They report a very pleasant trip. F. B. Rosencranz relieved him.

Fred Leiser, second trick at Hudson, is off on a leave of absence paying his old home a visit, after which he expects to make a trip West. He is also accompanied by his family.

Another of our famous nons, A. E. Cantley, is relieving Leiser. He has been working on this division for years, securing frequent increases, and still refuses to wear the button.

C. T. Peterson, second trick telephoner at Baldwin, is now a member. N. C. Norby, first trick telephoner at the same place, has asked for a set of papers, and although he is somewhat slow in returning them, we expect that by the time this appears in print, he will have an up-to-date card. Let the good work go on.

Bro. J. M. Locke, agent at Beldenville, recently took a few days off; relieved by Bro. C. P. Dopkins. The latter has now gone to Hines to relieve the agent at that place for a time.

Bro. W. J. Badgley, third trick telephoner at Roberts, is off paying his old home a visit. Bro. Fahey relieving him.

Bro. C. M. Stricker, second trick at Roberts, is also enjoying a vacation. Bro. F. D. Sinclair is doing the "hello" stunt during his absence.

A strange proceeding has come to our notice recently. L. P. Loken, who at one time worked as telegrapher in an unimportant block office on the Northern District, and who was dropped from this organization for non-payment of dues, has blossomed out as a real "instructor of telegraphy." We are in possession of a prospectus of the Union Business College, of Eau Claire, which sets forth the advantages of their system of teaching telegraphy. In a very conspicuous position is a photograph of Professor Loken, and upon his manly bosom rests a large O. R. T. button. Just allow that to percolate through your noodle for a few

mements—the photograph of the Professor decorated with an O. R. T. button soliciting students! The Professor teaches the very latest advanced commercial and railroad telegraphy and "telegraphers" penmanship." Help!

The Professor was observed on the streets of Eau Claire during the meeting, on the 23d, and the most prominent object on his person was the O. R. T. button. This is the limit. Dav. Cor.

Minnesota Division-

Bro. E. L. Klingelhofer, agent at Blakeley, took two weeks' vacation, visiting relatives in Wisconsin, the last of July; relieved by Bro. Jones, who, while he wore the official cap, still overlooked the night shift, with Bro. G. Schneiderhan officiating. Upon Bro. Klingelhofer's return Bro. Jones relieved Bro. Determan at Sibley nights, on account of a sore hand. Upon Bro. Jones' return to the night position at Blakeley, Bro. Schneiderhan took advantage of the occasion to take a ten days' lay-off.

Bro. Chellow, of Belle Plaine nights, enjoyed a short vacation the latter part of July; relieved by Bro. Crandall. Upon his return Bro. Crandall relieved Bro. Wenemark at Lewisville, for a couple of days, later returning to Wisconsin, where his wife is ill.

After relieving Bro. J. N. Alvord a few days at Mt. Lake the last of July, Bro. F. H. Spatgen was installed as first trick man at Heron Lake, allowing Bro. Stumm the opportunity of again visiting the Twin Cities.

Bro. G. C. Pluedemann, of Montrose, overstepped the old routine the first of the month and took a vacation, visiting the Twin Cities, and incidentally looking after his interests at Fertle, Minn., returning by the way of Lake Crystal, and spending one day at Blue Earth, resuming work August 4th. Bro. K. W. Walkley, from the Frisco, relieved Bro. Pluedemann. Bro. Walkley has just taken work with the Omaha, and to him we extend the hand of welcome.

Bro. J. S. Enders, of Winnebago, took a trip to Harrisburg, Pa., his old home. On his return trip he visited with friends at Hospers, Iowa, returning to work August 7th.

Bro. F. L. Colfix, of Fulton, spent his vacation touring Colorado, thence to Washington. He was relieved by Bro. E. E. Stolte.

Bro. Tabert relieved Bro. Ehrisman at Rushmore the early part of August. Unable to say where the latter spent his vacation.

E. P. Nesbitt, formerly night telegrapher at Lake Crystal, is now with the Swift Packing Company at Chicago; visited a few days with with friends (?) at Lake Crystal, returning to Chicago August 7th.

Bro. R. A. Eastin, of Brandon, is enjoying his vacation; relieved by Bro. W. W. Westbrook.

M. E. Haggerty, the youthful telegrapher from Nicols and Mendota, seems hard to satisfy. He was sent to Blue Earth, Belle Plaine, Madelia, Elmore, Rock Rapids, and at present is trying Bingham Lake nights. All the former positions were unsatisfactory to Mr. Haggerty, and at most of the positions it became necessary to relieve him on account of sickness.

Bro. H. Sanders, first trick man at Cliff, took a few days' lay-off around the 15th. An attraction near Cliff is too great for Bro. Sanders to leave long. He was relieved by Bro. McCarry, Mr. M. E. Haggerty relieving the latter.

Bro. F. H. Schneiderhan, of Merriam, visited at St. James (?) one day recently; relieved by Bro. Sullivan.

Bro. Joe Glancy is relieving Bro. Burns, third man at Merriam, who is laying off.

Bro. C. A. Leatherman is relieving Telegrapher McDonald at Savage nights.

Bro. G. H. Schneiderhan is relieving Bro. Wm. Cosgrove at Brewster, who is off on a three weeks' vacation.

Mrs. A. Backer, wife of Bro. A. Backer, of Bingham Lake, and children, visited with Local Chairman Tenney's family over Sunday, the 9th.

Bro. W. W. Jones, of Blakeley, goes to Heron Lake the 19th as third telegrapher. Understand they are opening this office on account of the gravel trains that are being put on from Woodstock pit. Have not learned yet who gets the pit telegraphers' position.

Bro. and Mrs. Tenney and children, of Lake Crystal, went to the Twin Cities Sunday, the 16th inst., where Mrs. Tenney will remain for a week or more, Bro. Tenney returning home on the night train, where he has, we understand, set up a bachelor's hall.

Bro. Hamilton, of Belle Plaine, was in Mankato Sunday evening.

Dispatcher P. J. Dempsey, of St. James, went to St. Paul, Sunday morning, we understand to attend the mass-meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Phinney, brother-in-law and sisterin-law of Bro. Bowen, of Lake Crystal, are visiting them from San Antonio, Tex.

The depot at Mendota was broken into by burglars the 18th, but after opening the ticket case, money drawer, and going through everything else they could find, they departed, only appropriating a few lead pencils they found in the money drawer. Nothing else was missed.

Bro. D. O. Tenney took a trip to North Dakota, July 27th, returning the 31st. He reports things as looking very bright up there. Bro. N. D. Watson, of Fairmont, came up for half a day, so as to get Bro. Tenney started. He was relieved Monday evening by Mr. G. F. Stucky, who, upon Bro. Tenney's return, went to Worthington, relieving Bro. Lapachek. Bro. Lapachek will spend a few days in the Twin Cities, thence to Iowa. Altogether he expects to be away about a month. Later Bro. Spatgen, of Heron Lake, relieved Mr. Stucky.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Douglass, of Blue Earth, were at Bruce, S. D., looking over their interests, Sunday, the 9th inst., returning home Monday.

We desire to thank Bros. Klingelhoffer, Jones, Warner, F. E. and E. E. Stolte for their assistance in this month's write-up. Those little offerings go far towards helping us to make the final gathering.

Bro. A. P. Jamieson, of Lake Crystal, relieved Bro. Ray Mann, third man at Mankato, for a couple of weeks. Bro. Hood relieved Bro. Jamieson. Upon the latter's return Bro. Hood went to Bingham Lake, nights, for a few days.

Bro. W. C. Feyder, of Winnebago, drew Mitchell on the last month's assignments.

Bro. Brooks and wife, of Lake Crystal, were at Butterfield one day last week.

The mother and sister of Bro. Jamieson, from Beaver Creek, visited with him between trains Tuesday.

Bro. Zimmerman, of Kasota, is taking his vacation; relieved by Bro. C. A. Leatherman.

The latest addition to our ranks is Bro. F. Alexander, who has been relieving at Ottawa for some time past.

Have you received your new card yet? Ain't it a beaut?

Bro. C. T. Shier and wife, of Savage, are enjoying a week's vacation at Des Moines. Bro. J. H. Johnson is wearing the official cap during Bro. Shier's absence.

After a couple of month's absence from the Omaha, Bro. Stelter has been reinstated, and at present is relieving at Shakopee.

Bro. Joe Glancy has again returned to the Omaha, and has been assigned to Winnebago on the August bulletin.

Uncle Joe Hannon is laying off; during his absence Mr. Strand is doing the dispatcher's stunt, Bro. Head is handling the cars, and Fiend Charles relieves Bro. Head.

Bro. McGinty, of Western avenue, has been called in to relieve Mr. Fairfield.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Slaker back. He has been trying to get his former health back, and from outward appearances we are pleased to note that he has succeeded admirably.

CERT. 251.

Nebraska Division-

Hope by this time you all have the new semiannual card, and are up-to-date. It is something to be proud of, that little card every six months. It signifies that you are a member of one of the grandest labor organizations extant, and one that is bound to prosper in the future as it has in the past, for we have the most able of officers at the head. They are there to look after our interests, and results in the past have proved that they have done so in the best manner possible.

We learn with regret that Bro. G. F. Hayes, recently of the dispatcher's office force, has left the service, owing to inability to pass the eye test satisfactorily. We are very sorry to hear of this, as Bro. Hayes was one of our best telegraphers, and has the making of a fine dispatcher.

Second trick telegrapher job at North Yard, Omaha, is bulletined.

Bro. L. S. Wise, second trick at Blair, is relieving Agent Reed at Lyons, temporarily, while the latter is sojourning with his wife and little son in California.

Bro. Hinman, second trick at Oakland, has been taking a vacation, and with his wife and little boy enjoyed two weeks' outing at and around Duluth; relieved by Bro. McGuire, recently from the Burlington.

Agent Ayers, who has been relieving Agent Wright, at South Sioux City, has been transferred back to his old position, agent and telegrapher at Thurston. Mr. Wright was relieved at Wakefield by our old-time brother, D. C. Leamer, regular agent, who has been having the time of his life up in Washington for about six weeks. Bro. Leamer starts in now with renewed vigor, and business will boom around Wakefield for some time now. Mr. Wright returns to his regular duties at South Sioux City.

We understand that Bro. Frost, first trick at Emerson, leaves us the 1st of September, and will go to California for his health, and also to enter new fields of duty. Understand he intends to study osteopathy. Telegrapher Hallisy, third trick, will relieve him until the position is bulletined.

Bro. Mike Halpin, veteran agent at Sholes, writes that he intends taking a vacation about the middle of September to enjoy the hunting and fishing in the Wisconsin woods.

Bro. Peterson, agent at Laurel, is on a leave of absence; uid not learn who relieved him.

Operator H. W. Whitaker, who relieved at Thurston for a while, is now relieving Bro. Anderson, telegrapher at Bancroft, while the latter is relieving Bro. Peterson at Laurel, who is taking in the sights and scenes in and around Denver. also visiting friends at Holdridge, Neb. Bro. P. expects to be gone a month.

No bulletin last month at all, no vacancies. This month brought us second trick at North Yard, bid in by Telegrapher Hamblin, and agency at Fordyce bid in by G. W. Smith.

Understand Telegrapher Coulter, who used to be so handy with the key at Ferry, is now with the Burlington at Lincoln. He wore one of the C. T. U. of A. buttons when he was over here.

Now as the grain season is again opening up, we hope to see those helpers put back on at stations where they are needed, and there are certainly some that do need them. Some of the branch men state that they have to put in from thirteen to sixteen hours a day to keep their work up, and if such is the case, it is not right. The new law says not to exceed thirteen hours, and it should be lived up to strictly.

I wish to thank the brothers who sent in notes for this month, thereby helping out a great deal. I wish they and others would do this every month, then we could be represented in nice shape each month, and more interest would be taken. Come on, boys, let me know when anything happens along the line, and I will see that it gets into the journal all right. Let us have a good letter in the journal each month.

Div. Cos.

Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City Ry.

Mobile and Louisville Division-

On Saturday night, August 1st, the regular neeting convened at Louisville, with a small but very enthusiastic attendance, and quite a bit of important business was transacted. Those who did not attend missed quite a treat, and now, boys, it is to be hoped you will all come out and hear something that will benefit you.

Effective the 1st, Mr. George Heidelberg leaves as at "DS," Laurel dispatcher's office, as first trick, being succeeded by Mr. Taylor, who has been working second trick for some time. Mr. Hoppe going on second and Operator Brown, third trick. Brown succeeded by Operator Blair, from "X," Mobile office.

Bro. T. E. Cooper, our popular local chairman, agent at Bay Springs, Miss., also leaves us to engage in the fancy grocery business at that point, leng succeeded by Mr. W. A. Meed, an old-timer. We do not know how Mr. Meed stands just now.

Bro. Punch, who has been agent at Richton for a number of years, also leaves us to engage with a lumber concern at that point, having been relieved by Miss Annett Batson, who has been with the company quite a while at various places.

On June 7th, Bro. C. C. Briggs left as agent at Novapater; relieved by Bro. H. D. Evans, who is from the second trick at "X," Mobile; Bro. Briggs engaging in the sawmill and cotton business at that point.

Among other new faces we note is that of Bro. Gridley, formerly of the N. O. & N. E., Poplarville, Miss. Bro. Gridley is working as operator for Bro. Lester at Philadelphia, Miss.

We have a new man at "X," Mobile office, second trick, but at this writing do not know his name or how he is fixed for "the goods."

Bro. Price, of Ovett, worked several days recently at "D," Laurel office, on account of one of the dispatchers being off for a week. Bro. Price was relieved by Bro. Strong, formerly of the K. C. also.

Now let's get busy and show them a solid front when our committee gets busy and give them a good, loyal support, both financially and in a solid percentage of membership at this time. Our division is almost solid, so why not go right after the nons and "cite" them to where they are doing wrong by remaining out of the fold. I wonder how many of the brothers on this division have tried sending the nons good union literature. Send your journal when you have read it. Educate them and they will come in all right.

Now, boys, while it is a nice thing to see your division represented each month in the journal. Don't expect your correspondent to do it all up each month. Just drop a line and tell us what's doing. Every little bit helps, you know, and as our wires are too busy to "visit" much, I can't do it all without your assistance.

DIV. COR.

Colorado Midland Ry.

Bro. Cowden, operator and cashier at Basalt, laying off for a while on a visit back East. Bro. Bratt, a C. T. U. of A. man, relieving him.

Bro. Campbell bid in Busk.

Bro. Wible, of Seller, bid in Freshwater agency. Former agent left the employ of the company.

Bro. Devinney, operator at Divide, third trick, bid in Sellar agency.

Had quite a few washouts lately on the pike, causing quite a bit of trouble.

Bro. Herron, third trick at Divide, laying off for sixty days. Mr. Loote relieving him.

Mr. Johnson, our second trick dispatcher, laid of for a while, visiting in California. Bro. Drysdale, operator in "CY" office, relieving him. Bro. Cooley, of "Z," relieving Bro. Drysdale.

Bro. Gilaspy, third trick operator at Leadville, was out fishing for a couple of days.

Mr. Wagner relieving Mr. Douglas, agent at New Castle, who has been quite sick for the past month.

Mr. Bagley, operator in general offices at Denver, off for a few days during the Democratic Convention. Did not learn who relieved him.

Bro. Jones laying off for a few weeks, Mr. Holder relieving him.

Bro. Bratt relieving Bro. Graves, cashier at Aspen, for a few days. Ku.

Western Maryland Ry.

Maryland Division-

We are having a good many new operators coming in searching for work on the W. M. from the West, and most of them commercial operators.

Quite a large crowd was reported spending the Fourth of July at Pen Mar this year. On account of an extra run of trains this day an extra operator was needed there. Mr. Barnes doing the stunt.

Bro. Myrick, formerly night operator at "A" office, Gettysburg, has decided to give up railroad work and get down to harder work. He is now newspaper reporter for a small Gettysburg paper.

The Third District dispatchers claim they are being overworked, so the company finally decided to take from them the dispatching of trains between Hagerstown and Highfield, and give to the First District.

The National Guard Encampment, held at Gettysburg, July 16th to the 26th, caused an increase in operators at "GR" that week. Bro. Gardner and Mr. Rose doing the clerkship stunt, and Messrs. Berger and Hurtt pounding brass.

The W. M. experiences great trouble in washouts along their line this month. Never before have we had rains like we are having now.

Mr. Bupp, first trick at "A," off three days; relieved by "Shorty" Day.

Bro. Bange, second trick at Summit, spent a few days in Hanover visiting relatives there.

Second Trick Dispatcher Daymuth off one day; relieved by Bro, Fleigh.



Mr. Geo. Warner, from the C. V. R. R., working third trick at Hancock.

Effective July 6th, Mr. A. J. Barnes appointed agent at Blue Mountain, vice G. L. Bartle resigned.

Bro. Ruch, agent at "SY," off on one week's vacation; relieved by Mr. Wolfe.

Bro. Billmyer, of Shippensburg and Bro. Smith of Edgemont, spent Sunday, July 19th, at Gettysburg, visiting the National Guards.

Seems as though every brother is depending on another to give us some news, and you all fail to give me something. You know every little bit added to what you have got, makes a little bit more.

Our general treasurer reports quite a number who have not as yet paid their dues for the present term. We hope they will all pay up promptly, and not allow themmselves to become delinquent.

Bro. Otto resumed duty at Emory Grove after being off one week.

Bro. Ruth, second trick at Emory Grove, relieved by Mr. Day. Unable to say what has become of Ruth.

Mr. Hurt, a commercial man from Washington, D. C., assigned to first trick at Walbrook.

There has been a night office established at Chewsville, and is in charge of Mr. Wolfe, who has returned to the occupation of telegraphy after an absence of five or six years.

Mr. Lewis, third trick at "H," dismissed; relieved by Bro. Ernst. Mr. Lewis neglected reporting for duty on time, and neglected answering his calls.

Bro. Blocher, of Alesia, worked Penn Grove, camp office, both Sundays during camp; relieved at Alesia by Mr. Sterner.

There has been a change made in the agency at Buena Vista. Mr. Tritch is now in charge. Mr. Flaugher resigned.

Mr. Peddicord, at "AR," off two weeks; relieved by Bro. Foster, second trick at Hillen, and Bro. Foster relieved by Mr. Berger. By the time of the next issue of the journal we will be able to call Berger brother. He has already filled up the application blank, which we would like to see more do the same stunt.

Bro. Strine, third trick at York, relieved one night by Mr. Sterner.

While shrinking a tire on engine 318, at the round-house, Hanover, Pa., the gasoline tank which is used to generate heat in shrinking tires, exploded, killing Mr. H. S. Wildasin, foreman, and burning two other machinists badly. The machine-shop also caught fire, buring the inside work of the building.

Remember, all items should be mailed to your correspondent no later than the 24th of each month so as to reach the editor by the 28th.

Bro. Lawrence, agent and operator at Owings Mills, has been on the sick list for a few days; relieved by Mr. Lindsay.

Bro. Bradshaw relieved Bro. Lindsay at "OD," while acting relief agent at "OW."

Bro. W. H. Otto, who worked first trick at Walbrook this spring, has resigned from the W. M. R. R., and is now working as assistant agent and operator at Bruceville for the N. C. R. He reports it quite a treat, not working on Sunday, and he finds a well-organized class of men on that road.

Mr. Day, who has been working the owl trick at "XS," in Operator Ruth's place, has been re lieved by Mr. Berger.

Bro. Welty, at New Windsor, has returned from his vacation, and reports a very pleasant time with the ladies. We are glad to hear this, as he is a ladies' man, in general.

DIV. Cor.

West Virginia Division-

Bro. I. Scott, of Roaring Creek Junction, has been relieved by Mr. G. W. Shomo, billing clerk from Hendricks. Understand Bro. Scott takes third trick at Gorman.

About ten offices on this division are working on the eight-hour system now. Understand a few more will be placed on that list in the near future.

Since our last issue the new depot at Belington has been completed, and Bro. W. M. Furlong, first trick, and Bro. Fred Campbell, second trick at the bat.

Operator Harry Moore, formerly of Belington, relieved Bro. B. M. Auvil, of Wildell. Bro. Auvil goes to the B. & O.

Mr. G. W. Shomo has returned to duty at R. C. Junction, after a short leave of absence on account of sickness.

Bro. J. F. Mays, relief agent, has been holding down Roaring Creek Junction during the absence of Mr. Shomo, agent. Business continues to pick up very slowly. The mines are running about fourth time.

Bro. S. S. Bailey, of Junior, spent a few days with rod and reel among the speckled beauties. He was relieved by his wife.

Scems we have a few Rip Van Winkles on the west end yet. Now let's wake up and get down to business, and continue to bring our conditions out of the rut, as we have the past two years. Only two or three nons left on this end. Now, boys, do not forget our motto, "No card, no favers," and make these fellows understand exactly what it means.

Div. Cos.

Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

Greenville Division-

Sunday, August 16th, at Houlton, Me., the membership of Division 83 enjoyed the best meeting ever held since this road has been organized. Bro. Pierson was present and gave us an able address which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by every one present.

The boys took advantage of the Littleton campmeeting excursion trains and turned out in response to Bro. Croxier's notice of meeting in good shape, although we can safely say that there could have been many more present. Bro. Pierson took the Bangor train, south, and accompanied the boys going south of Houlton.

Bro. Crozier from Norcross to Monson Junction. Bro. Connelly doing second trick at N. O. M. E. Junction at present.

Bro. Clark, recently from C. P. Railway, relieving at Norcross until bid in.

Send in your notes to your scribe, boys.

Bro. F. A. Farnham, of Shirley, is enjoying two weeks' vacation.

Bro, J. S. Monroe has resigned the agency at Monson Junction affter some fourteen vears of service at that place. He was sixth man on the seniority list, and the first one of the younger men that have come on since the old Piscataquis boys. He took the station at the death of his father, who held the agency for many years before him. We understand he is going West for a while.

Bro. J. A. McDougall, of South Sebec, has bid in a station on the Northern Division, and will move as soon as arrangements can be made.

CERT. 00.

Illinois Central Ry.

On page 1222, in July journal, a correspondent from the Louisiana Division of the I. C. R. R., signing "A Booster," certainly does a grave injustice to the local chairman of the New Orleans and Vicksburg Divisions of the Y. & M. V. R. R.

As to whether or not he has done an injustice to the local chairman of the Memphis Division (the writer), and who is also honored with the title of general chairman of the Y. & M. V., as a matter of common fairness I ask that the readers of the journal decide the issue upon the action taken at a meeting of the Memphis telegraphers at Clarksdale on May 24th, with General Secretary and Treasurer Bro. R. L. Shannon presiding, and thirty members present.

General Chairman Moore arose to a question of personal privilege, and suggested and requested that the meeting investigate thoroughly the rumor, which was thoroughly done, and the matter thrashed out in all its phases.

Bro. Moore's statement was entirely satisfactory to every member present, among whom were Local Chairman Walt, of the Vicksburg Division; Division Correspondent Furlong, of the Memphis Division; E. J. Byrnes, of "GO" office; Bro. W. E. White, one of the first local chairmen that ever served on the I. C. R. R., and an old-timer, and also Bro. R. L. Shannon, general secretary and treasurer (in the chair), and many other true and tried brothers of the Memphis Division.

It was then moved by Walt, seconded by Downing, that it is the sense of the telegraphers of the Memphis Division, here assembled, that they have entire confidence in the ability and integrity of Bro. Moore, and that they condemn the rumor as unjust and uncalled for. Carried unanimously.

This should have settled the rumor, but inasmuch as the good brother has seen fit to publish to 50,000 members an insinuation which reflects on Local Chairmen Walt and Montgomery, who

are high-toned, upright gentlemen; men of high ideals and unquestioned integrity, and who are my warm personal friends, I feel it incumbent upon me in their behalf to answer his article. If it affected myself alone I should not notice it, for I am answerable for the rectitude and integrity of my conduct to the membership of the Memphis Division and my conscience. I am endorsed by both.

I am conscious of the fact that to the best of my ability I have loyally, faithfully and energetically represented the interests of my constituents who elected me. As to whether or not I have done so with ability is for them to say. I am not conscious of violating any part of my obligation or ever betraying the trust imposed in me.

If I knew the identity and address of "A Booster" I would write him direct, but as I do not, I desire to say to him here that I harbor no ill-will or malice towards him for his article. Although I may think he could have gotten better information upon investigation before writing the article, still I feel sure he is an enthusiastic, loyal member, and that he believed his remarks founded upon "reliable information" (?) were for the good of the Order. We are all prone, at times, to be over-zealous, which was no doubt the case with the good brother in this instance.

W. P. MOORE, General Chairman Y. & M. V. Lines.

Louisiana Division-

An interesting meeting was held at Jackson, Miss., Sunday night, August 2d, in the banquet room of the Lemon Hotel. A large and enthusiastic crowd was present. The meeting was called to order by Bro. Miller, "G. O. M." Several interesting matters were discussed and acted upon. As usual, the nons, better known as "take the money" tribe, came in for a severe denunciation. A washout and a wreck on the Little "J," prevented a bunch of the Y. & M. V. boys from attending. Local Chairman Rehorst and Bro. Turner arrived on a late train, as the meeting was being adjourned. In the future meetings will be held each month at McComb one month and at Jackson the next.

Bro. J. W. Ecker, days at Yazoo City, is taking a vacation.

The Louisiana Division has the honor of having the oldest telegrapher on the I. C. system, in the person of Bro. C. St. John, who has been manager at Canton, Miss., since 1862 without having lost a day, until a few days ago when he took a short trip to Chicago.

Bro. R. C. Potts, at Canton, has been off on an extended leave of absence and is relieved by Mr. J. H. Benbrook. The other operators at Canton are Sister F. Furlow, Bro. Hearon and W. S. Gant, a non.

Bro. W. J. Milligan, agent at Byram, is very much disappointed (?) on account of the telephone not being cut in at his station.

Bro. W. A. Herrin, formerly agent at Byram, reports a large cotton crop on his farm. Says if

any of the brothers are unable to find a job he can put them on as "pickers" at standard pay and eight hours.

C. S. Kleppinger, non, at "BD," New Orleans, claims the O. R. T. is not a protective organization. "KR" says he can protect himself.

The big lumber mills at Bogue Chitto have started up again.

Sister A. R. Miller, of "BD," New Orleans, has returned from her vacation, having visited relatives in Hot Springs, Va. Bro. T. G. Garth, from the same office, is also back after having spent several weeks on the Great Lakes.

Miss Belle Foster, second trick at Yazoo City, is now a sister. She is real proud of her new O. R. T. card.

Harahan Junction, La. (interlocking plant), can at last boast of having an O. R. T. man in the person of Bro. G. L. Robertson, second trick. Mr. Ed Dunning, non, first trick, has been "taking the money" for two years. Mr. J. L. Phillips, non. third trick.

Sister Lee Bacot, day operator at Wesson, Miss., has returned after spending a few weeks with her parents. She was relieved by Miss Grace Shrimpson.

Mr. John J. Ott, non, is working extra at Mc-Comb, "MO" nights.

The Mississippi Central boys are getting in line. Mr. G. K. Capps, agent at Meadville, Miss., wanted to join the largest division of the O. R. T., consequently we took him into Division No. 93. It is Bro. Capps now.

We are under many obligations to Bros. Head, "CA;" Moon, "V," and Serrett, "MR," at Jackson, Miss., "JD," for making arrangements for our recent meeting at that city.

Bro. J. J. Dermody, fourth vice-president, passed through New Orleans a few days ago on his way West. Jack stopped long enough to give all the boys the "glad hand."

Div. Cor.

Springfield Division-

The meeting, August 22d, not as well attended as it should have been. Twelve of the fifteen members present were from the Springfield District, two from the Ranotul line and one from the Clinton District, but we will not grumble about it, but will keep on trying until a bunch of tweny-five or thirty can be boasted of.

We wish to say for the benefit of those not present at the August meeting that they missed a treat, because we sat down to one of the finest of three-course suppers at 11 p. m., which was served by the Daughters of Rebekah of Mt. Pulaski, Ill.

The next meeting will be held at Decatur, Ill., in order to give the Clinton District brothers a chance to attend, and hope they will all take advantage of the opportunity.

One riot has just come to a close at Springfield, Ill., and if some of our operators around there do not pay up there will be another.

Bro. Lankford has resumed his duties at Mt. Pulaski, Ill., as day operator, relieving Mr. R. C. Fortman, who, in turn, relieved Bro. Nash at

Pawnee Junction, who is taking a much-needed rest.

Bro. Ned Warrick, Kenney nights, on the sick list, being relieved by Bro. Needham. Hope for Bro. Warrick's speedy recovery.

During and since the riot at Springfield, Ill., we have had a number of special trains carrying soldiers to and from there; each train consisted of twelve coaches.

Be a man among men and carry an up-to-date. If every item sent me for the journal, so far, cost me a million dollars, I wouldn't be out a penny. Get busy.

J. C. W.

Chicago Division-

Chicago Division held their regular monthly meeting at Champaign, Ill., Saturday evening, August 8th. On account of only a few being present, no business was transacted. The boys from the south end do not seem to take advantage of these meetings at Champaign, and as it is very unhandy for the boys to get there from north of Champaign, it seems like it would be better to hold the meetings elsewhere.

Bro. Harper, of De Witt, is off for thirty days; relieved by Bro. Munson, of Gibson City.

Bro. Munson relieved by Mr. Axin, of Kankakee.

Some of the brothers are kicking because certain jobs are not being bulletined and same being given to younger men. You have a local chairman who looks after this, and if you don't report these errors to him you can't expect him to help you out. The company see that we live up to our schedule, and its up to you to see that the company lives up to it, also.

Bro. Craner bid in Flanagan on bulletin, relieving Bro. Madison, who was working there temporary.

Bro. Madison returned to his old job at Gibson, relieving Bro. Dorsey, who returned to his home in El Paso. "13" he is going on the sturap for W. J. Bryan.

Mr. B. Pelstring, of Sigel, relieved Bro. Zimmerman at Galton while he was on his vacation.

Bro. Hupp, of Ashkum, has applied for a thirty-day leave of absence.

Bro. J. M. Wiedmier is handling the car job at Champaign for a short time.

Bro. Broom is working second trick at Odin, relieving Bro. Weidmier.

Bro. J. O. Crownel is working second trick at Tolono, relieving Bro. Hull, who bid in the agency at Otto.

Bro. G. H. Searle, of Tucker, is off for a couple of weeks enjoying himself camping along the Kankakee River.

Second trick at Tolono was opened permanently August 11th.

Trainmaster J. D. Brennan, located at Champaign, has resigned to accept a position as assistant superintendent on the I. & G. N. in Texas. "13" Mr. D. J. Higgins has been appointed T. M. Mr. Higgins was formerly T. M. at Champaign.

DIV. Con.



Mississippi Division-

At 9:30 p. m. the second Sunday of this month the regular monthly meeting was held at Grenada, with Bro. Mulhall presiding and a very good attendance, especially from the Grenada District.

Lots of business handled and we enjoyed a very entertaining and instructive talk from Bro. Mulball. I am sure that the brothers who missed this "meet" would, indeed, feel their loss severely if they knew what they missed.

In last month's items J. Wilbur Dodge was mentioned as Mr. This is so, too, but he is also a brother and up-to-date.

We are glad to welcome Bro. Owens, of Davis, tack into the fold, and hardly think he will be without a card again.

It is Bro. C. S. Reynolds, of West Point, now. He has bad an up-to-date C. T. U. of A. card heretofore, but now he also wears the wreath as well as the cross.

Bro. Cooper is doing the extra stunt at "US," while Bros. Cowen and Ross are off.

Dispatcher L. K. Butler has been to the Western wilds for a few days; relieved by Dispatcher Quinnelly, of the branches; Bro. Colson using the "anxious" chair, as extra man on the branches, while Bro. Videtto is it at "NE."

Bro. Weston, of Starkville, has been on the sick list for a few days, being relieved by Bro. G. E. Franklin, of Aberdeen. Captain Dulin and "HN" Franklin doing the stunt at "A."

Lots of the boys taking their vacations still, and four or five extra men are kept busy.

Business is picking up a little and, brothers, we must be there with the package and deliver it when "CD" calls. We must try and make a name for ourselves, as well as the I. C., this season.

The new telephones not working yet.

Brothers, we want a big attendance both at Durant and Grenada next meeting. Let us all go and bring a brother. What do you say? We understand that H. R. M. will soon be with us again.

CERT, 1658.

Peoria Division-

No items this month worth writing up. Have not received a single one from any of the brothers on the division.

Bro. Roy Short, relief agent at Linton, on the Indianapolis Southern. Bro. Pemberton, of that station, is taking an extended vacation and touring the West.

Revised and up-to-date copies of the seniority list are now out, and if you have not yet received one ask our local chairman for one.

Bro. Wilson, who spent a few nights at "N" office, relieving Bro. Bridges, is back at his old trick at Olney.

There are still one or two ham factories on this division, we are sorry to say, and would like to ask the brothers once more what is the matter that we don't get rid of them, once for all, and then stay rid of them. Can't you see that you are doing some fellow a favor, and he will be the first one to turn you down cold should he have

half a chance, and step into your position? Let us see if we can not get them all cleaned out and make Peoria Division a clean and up-to-date pike, without a single student on the division from Peoria to Evansville.

Bro. J. W. Jones, of Hartsburg, off on thirty days' vacation; relieved by Operator Whitson.

DIV. COR.

Birmingham Division-

Here comes the new Birmingham Division to join your happy band. Though only six months old we are solid, except the agent at Haleyville, and he has promised to fall in line at an early date.

General Superintendent McCourt has very kindly agreed for the schedule to be extended over this division.

Bro. O. M. Wood, of Hodges, has been appointed local chairman. He expects General Chairman Mulhall in a few days, and they will probably go over the division.

Bro. C. B. Elledge, of Belmont, is off on a week or ten-day vacation. Hope the rest will do him good. He was relieved by Bro. T. S. Smith. Bro. Smith was once local chairman of the Tennessee Division.

"13" the operator's salary at Birmingham has been raised back to \$70 and Bro. Adams is pounding the brass. The company has found it better to pay a good man living expenses than to make so many changes.

Bro. Allen, agent at Vina, has resigned to accept a position with the N. A. Ry. at his home town. He was relieved by Bro. J. W. Elledge, of Division No. 59.

Bro. C. B. McNeily, third trick at Red Bay, made a flying trip to Corinth the first of the week.

SHORTY.

Tennessee Division-

It has been decided to discontinue the monthly meeting at Fulton, Ky., until after the extreme warm weather is over, then it is the intention to hold regular meetings as heretofore. The local chairman will issue cards, as has been customary, a few days in advance, and a full attendance will be expected when meeting night occurs again.

Several members have not paid dues for the term ending July 30th, and it is very noticeable that those members are invariably holding the best scheduled positions on the division, still can not see that they should keep in good standing. A close check is kept each week on all paying dues, and those who do not think it expedient to assist in keeping up the standing of the divisions are politely asked the questions: How would you like to see your names and addresses appear in the next journal as being in bad standing in the Order of Railroad Telegraphers?

It takes money to maintain a division, and all those in service are certainly expected to pay their dues

It is very gratifying to see a number of those who were thrown out of employment at the first of the year still keeping up with the Order, and it is hoped that business will increase to such an extent that they will all be back to work before the new year.

Several of the telegraphers on the division seem to be greatly perturbed over the appearance of a telephone system which the railroad company is installing, fearing it is intended to operate trains by this method. This is nothing more than the finishing of an idea which has been hanging fire for over five years, and is intended to take the work off the wires used for train movement.

Several men are taking vacations.

Bro. L. C. Merwin, Jackson, away to the northern lakes, being relieved by Bro. R. V. Byrns, of Mayfield.

Bro. W. H. Campbell, Bradford, away for a short vacation, with Bro. J. L. Campbell, of Fulton, Ky., to Mount Eagle, Tenn.

Bro. M. M. Pentecost relieving at Bradford during Bro. Campbell's absence.

Bro. B. W. Aiker has taken first trick in "JC," Jackson, on bulletin in preference to holding down the two-man job at Holly Springs, ticket agency.

Bro. F. J. Smith has been promoted to third trick dispatcher at Jackson, Tenn., and as Bro. Smith expressed a willingness a few days ago to keep in good standing in the Order, the telegraphers should appreciate that they are working with all possible in the arduous duties of a train dispatcher.

Bro. M. H. Robertson, Mayfield, made a business visit to St. Louis last week.

Bro. J. I. Bell, of Henning, away on summer vacation. His place being filled by Relief Agent Bro. F. G. Mariin.

Bro. H. B. Reaves, Fulton, spent a few days in Arkansas last week.

Bro. W. T. Sullivan away for a few days' rest. His place as agent at Boaz, Ky., having been filled by Relief Agent Bro. Marlin. Div. Cor.

Memphis Division-

Bro. W. P. Moore, our local chairman, left August 4th for Battle Creek, Mich., for a vacation of about a month. During his absence Bro. R. S. Parker, of Tunica, will act as local chairman.

Bro. H. O. Shellman got third trick at "CD" on bulletin.

Sister Asmussen, of "CD," is taking in the sights at Chicago on her vacation.

Bro. J. R. Greer, of Swan Lake, has been away several days on leave of absence; relieved by Bro. White, the "Old General."

Bro. W. B. Atkins, "MC," has been absent for the past few days on account of illness.

Bro. Herbert has been taking his usual summer vacation, and when he returns the company has seen fit to move him to a place where he will have a more commodique living compartment.

Bro. Hurt, at "NR," is asking for relief that he may return to his old home, Montgomery County, Mississippi, and feast on "possum and taters" for a few days, so as to be in good shape for the busy season.

Bro. Dunn, one of our old-time friends, has been checked in as agent at Charleston.

Bro. Louis Travis, "RU," is spending his vacation in Hot Springs accompanied by his family and a party of friends.

Bro. Woody is doing the "owl stunt" at Black Bayou now.

Operator Farrar is doing the stunt at "CD" for the present. We hope he will have a card by the time this is in print.

There have been several new fists on the wire lately, and wish some of the brothers would see that they hold an up-to-date, and also notify Bro. Shannon, at Anna, Ill., if they are members, and belong to some other division than 93. He will fix it so they will be transferred to ours. So, brothers, watch out for this.

Operator Graham at "C," tells me all the boys there are behind in their dues, but will renew at an early date. Now, boys, if you happen to see this I hope by the next issue all of you will be able to show an up-to-date card.

Brothers, if you want to see the Memphis Division in the columns of the journal every month it is up to each and every one of you to help out, and send to the operator at "CD" any notes you may pick up that would be of interest to all on this division.

Sisters and brothers, it is getting about time we were having another meeting so we can get together and have a social time before we buckle dawn to hard work this fall and winter.

Bro. "DR," at "GO," is away on a vacation. Business seems to be picking up again.

I do not think the telephone would do very well down in this part of the railroad world.

Bro. S. C. Justus, formerly of "CD," is now at Evening Shade, Ark.

F. E. Thompson, one of our best dispatchers, is now with the Frisco at Memphis.

DIV. Cor.

Freeport Division-

In the write-up of Freeport Division, of the I. C. Railway for the month of August J. V. Mc-Ginty, of Irene, Ill., is mentioned as a non, in error. Bro. J. J. McGinty is at Irene, Ill., and holds Cert. 2023, in Division 93, O. K. to December 31, 1908.

Chicago, Lake Shore & Eastern Ry.

Business does not seem to be picking up very fast.

Boys, we should never allow ourselves to become delinquent. We are reaping the harvest now of a crop that has taken years to mature. One year ago we were all working a twelve-hour trick and looking ahead for shorter hours. Our whole idea was to become more solidly organized, which we did. There were more nons woke up here from March, 1907, to January 1, 1908, than ever before. Men who had been nons all their lives.



Now we have the nine-hour law in effect let us try and keep ourselves up-to-date.

Bro. Frankfort, first trick at "EJ," spent Sunday with Bro. Glenn at "MS," returning to "EJ" late in the morning on the overland limited.

Shorty Hilston, formerly third trick at "EJ," is spending his vacation in Old Virginia, being relieved by Bro. Schillo.

Kruse, second trick at "A," joined the fold this month. This leaves one non in that office.

The C., L. S. & E. are going to build an elevation from Ridge to Gary. They are handling their trains over the E., J. & E., via East Chicago. This made Clark Junction, "BN," nine-hour job, and East Chicago, "CS," a new office on eighthour job.

Everybody should try and turn out to the next meeting. The last was not very well attended by the east end. Can't we arrange a local meeting somewhere soon, and have as many present as possible?

"Zoo."

C. G. W. Ry.

Eastern Division-

As a matter of fact, we should have a write-up every month in The Telegrapher. Every one should scare up some news, if only a line. A line from each of us would make a column before we know it. For the past five or six months there has not been a word said of the Eastern Division.

I wonder how many nons we can land before the first of the year. It is safe to say there are plenty of them to hook. Remember, "No cards, no favors."

Mr. Steading resigned as operator at "A" to accept third trick at "NA." Mr. Teague is now doing the third trick stunt at "A."

Bro. Powell resigned his second trick at "A." "13" he is going West.

Mr. H. Scott is doing the third stunt at Stillman Valley. "13" he has an application in.

Bro. Hullett relieved Mr. Willard at De Kalb. Bro. Pentecoff relieving Bro. Hullett at South Freeport.

They have made North Hanover a one-man station in the past month, throwing two of the boys out of work.

Bro. "R," at "DU," is laying off. Did not learn who relieved him.

Bro. "TW," at Byron, was doing the dispatching stunt a few days ago on account of the wires being struck by a wind storm.

Bro. Dodge, at "NA," says he has hooked a couple of nons lately. That helps some.

There is one thing we can be thankful for. That is we have no students along the pike. At least, we know of none. They had better keep hid if there are any.

Bro. "B," of "KT," wants to lay off. Chief

Mr. Fuller is now doing the second stunt at "KA."

Mr. Fuller and son, second and third tricks at "Q." gave us the promise of a dig next pay-day.

Now let's get our heads together and put a few lines in each month. Learn where the boys are, and find out who have the cards. Cert. 211.

Northwest Division-

This has been a month of changing around among the operators, and we hope that all have received their leave of absence, and are well satisfied.

Bro. G. C. Kelley, second trick at Dennison, took a few weeks' vacation, being relieved by Operator Cook.

Bro. P. Stenslin, formerly of Randolph, is at present wearing the agent's cap at McIntire, relieving Agent Frost, who has left the service.

Agency at McIntire and Elma bulletined. Up to date there is no report as to who secured the positions.

. Bro. F. J. Donovan, second trick at South St. Paul, was absent a few days on account of sickness, but was hurried back to work on account of Operator A. M. McDonald being unable to hold the trick. McDonald was a new man, and did not remain with the road.

Agent G. A. Smalley, of Randolph, took a few days' vacation. Bro. J. F. Hurley wearing the cap during his absence, and Bro. Larson, who has been working second trick there, is now working Bro. Hurley's trick on the first shift. Bro. Owens worked the second trick, and on the return of Agent Smalley, Bro. Hurley went back to first trick. Bro. Larson back to second trick, and Bro. Owens relieved Bro. McElrath for a few days.

Bro. G. Bailey, second trick at Nerstrand, took a few days' vacation. Am unable to say who relieved him.

Bro. Denn, agent at Hampton, is enjoying a vacation, and second trick man, Bro. J. Ward, is looking after the O. S. and D.'s during his absence. Bro. Rowan, regular third trick man at Hampton, is working second trick at that place while Operator C. Judd has the third trick.

Agent Talstad, of Stanton, laying off at present. Operator Luscombe, a new man, is relieving him.

Operator Cook, after relieving Bro. Kelley at Dennison, went to Coates to work third trick.

Operator Clayton, formerly of the "X" office, went to Hayfield a few days. We do not know who he relieved there.

Bro. C. Norris, of Inver Grove, has presented a plan which, if carried out faithfully by each member on the division, will be of great benefit to the Order.

An outline of the plan is as follows: All members located between Minneapolis and Hayfield will notify Bro. Norris at Inver Grove, or Bro. W. F. Smith at Coates, immediately whenever there is a transfer made at their station. In reporting to Bro. Norris and Bro. Smith, you will give full name of operator leaving, and that of relieving operator, also whether they are in good standing or not. If possible, give division or road from which the relieving operator is from. The cause of the retiring operators leaving should be furnished, and where he went from your station.

This will enable us to keep an accurate line-up, and it requires but a moment's time to call up "FR" or "VR," on the north end, and Bro. Grannis on the south end, and give them this information, and by so doing you are doing more for the Order than you may realize. We hope each member will take an interest in this and make it an entire success.

Bro. F. Polzgraf was transferred from Dodge Center to Hayfield, third trick. Cert. 194.

Seaboard Air Line.

Branchville, Va., August 25, 1908.

To All Members O. R. T., Division 97, and Friends and Associates in Railway Service:

I am in trouble. My boy has, been sent to State prison. Most of you know the circumstances. I am in debt, my home is encumbered to about its value, all or most of which was done to get money to defend him, my boy, before the court. I am fifty-two years old and my meager salary is insufficient to take care of my younger children and save my home. I feel that the trouble in my home now has broken all its happiness, and the financial assistance needed is bearing greatly upon me. I feel that my membership with brother members for so long a standing in the O. R. T., and the loyalty I have displayed, justifies my call on you for some voluntary assistance. I have exhausted all of my long years of service savings with the railroad people, and now, in my advanced years, coupled with the circumstances above mentioned, I ask that if you find that I have been true to the O. R. T., and you find that I am worthy to call upon you now in my distress, I would be grateful and appreciative for any financial assistance you feel able to give me.

I am yours,

S. B. Coggin, Cert. 31, Div. 97.

This is a worthy case and one to which every member should respond. Bro. Coggin is an old member, and has always carried an up-to-date card, and it is asked that each brother donate liberally.

F. O. CUMMINGS, Gen. S. & T.

First Division-

The division is slowly but surely becoming solid nd if those who are now carrying cards, and those who join from now on will decide to keep up-to-date, it won't take us long to organize every cligible employe on the system without outside assistance, or the necessity of putting the general chairman on the road.

It is the duty of all brothers who are up-to-date to ascertain if others working with them are in a like condition, and if they are not, use all reasonable efforts to have them pay up or join, as the case may be. If this they will not do, draw the line on them. If a man will not be a brother you can mark him down as an enemy, and he should be given the cold shoulder on all sides.

Bro. Benn has appointed Bro. C. B. Conyers, at Chester, Va., as assistant local chairman, and from now on there will be two monthly meetings

held, one at Richmond and one at Portsmouth. This will give every one an opportunity to attend. Now, boys, please be on hand at every meeting. There is no reason why every office should not be represented if the brothers will put forth any effort.

The matter in regard to passes has been handled, and if asked for in time they will always be furnished. Now, you can get transportation and meeting points are arranged, so all can attend, there is no reasonable excuse to offer for not going to the meetings. So show your O. R. T.ism by doing so.

Bro. Cumming's letter in July journal shows up bad for some of the members. Brothers, you should not forget or neglect so important a matter as paying your dues, after the Order has done so much for you. There is no other way you can spend a dollar that will net you so much income as the amount you pay the O. R. T. This you know, and I can't understand why some of you wait to be told to send in your dues.

There is another thing that is getting to be very demoralizing, that is the student business. The First Division has turned out eight or ten opera tors this year. Brothers, how can you obligate yourselves to the Order and allow such conditions to exist.

Do you suppose an engineer would take a man on his engine and learn him his profession. I should say not. After knowing all that some of the operators will ask the question, why is it the O. R. T. can not be as solid as the B. of L. E. and why operators can not get living wages, same as the engineers? Simply because one stands to his obligation and the other does not.

I am proud to say we have gotten rid of T. B. Copps, third trick man at McKenney, who scabbed for the W. U. at Norfolk last summer.

J. J. Ancill, at Margarettsville, scabbed for the Postal. Always remember this and do all in your power to make his path a bed of roses.

It is the duty of every member to remember those unworthy men, and when they happen to fall among us make it just as disagreeable for them as possible. There is no place on earth low enough for them.

The R. P. & C. boys have decided to hold monthly meetings at Richmond on the first Sunday after each pay-day, on arrival of No. 36. The Y. M. C. A. Hall being the place selected to meet.

All try to be present, September 20th. A large attendance is expected and I am sure you will not regret going. C. B. C.

Second Division-

I can't get anything that is worth much all alone. Let me have all the happenings that will be of interest to our Order. Let this come to me not later than the 20th of each month.

A few of us went to Hamlet on Saturday, the 15th, to attend our regular monthly meeting. I am sorry to say it was very informal. When a set of men think more of every-day amusements than they do of the thing that keeps them at work,

gives them better salaries and working conditions, then it is time to call a halt and see where we are. What on earth can you be thinking of? Do you want to go back to conditions of five years ago? It really looks so, and to tell you the truth, if you don't wake up and get busy you will be there and that before 1909, so far as the Second Division is concerned. Then you will wake up (as did the rich man who wheld Lazarus), and find it is too late to call upon the O. R. T. to send after you, "for I am tormented with low salaries and long hours."

Most of them seem to reason this way: "I have fought a good fight, I have won the nine-hour law, henceforth there is laid up for me an eight-hour job, where no railroad company can corrupt nor no monopoly can steal." Boys, there is one thing I want to ask you to do, and that is, stop and think; if you will think for yourselves, you will get to work for yourselves.

We old, married men are sticking all right and we are going to stick until the last roll call, but we can't do it all. We need your money, your influence and your presence. If, by any means, we can get you interested as much in our Order as you are in that red-headed, freckled-faced girl of yours, then we will do something. Wake up! Be a man in the full meaning of the word, work for the general good of your Order; talk it, show it in your face, prove it by your activity, and not by the little card in your pocket.

Third Division-

General chairman, Bro. Dan May, has just completed his annual inspection of the entire system. He says he struck somé pretty hard nuts down in Florida, otherwise the S. A. L. is near the 95 per cent mark. Brothers, this is very encouraging news and we Third Division boys must get busy on the few nons on hand.

By the time this appears in print Operators Kennebrew, at Oglesby, and Deniston, at Gloster, will be full-fledged members. Their applications have been read and passed upon.

Understand Bro. Blackwell, who worked second trick at Athens, has left the service. Have not learned his successor yet.

Bro. Sheeley, at Whitmire, is off a few days, spending his vacation at his home at Prosperity, S. C. Bro. Crisp is working his trick.

Bro. Orr, third trick at Chester, off for a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Harmon, formerly of the M. & O.

Understand our chief dispatcher, Mr. Furman, is spending his vacation up around Coney Island, N. Y. Mr. Clark is acting chief.

Mr. W. R. Hudler is now our third trick dispatcher, and a good sort he is. The boys should not forget him.

Bro. Crisp, at Heardmont, is off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Smith, formerly of Belt Junction.

Bro. Miller, at "AG," seems to be gaining in health splendidly since his long spell of fever.

Each brother on the Birmingham Division should work on the nons every possible chance. They are a good, nice set of boys, but they need some one to talk to them.

Understand our local chairman, Bro. Groover, is to leave the service very soon for other fields. Bro. Groover is now spending his vacation at Hot Springs, Ark.

Let us offer up a prayer for our grand old O. R. T. CERT. 529.

Sixth Division-

Since the last write-up, Bro. Daniel May, general chairman of Division No. 97, of Carlton, Ga., was to see me, as well as quite a number of others on this division. Bro. May is very anxious (and all of us should be) to line-up the Sixth Division, and was looking for some one to do it, or, rather, he wished to appoint an assistant or acting local chairman, as Bro. Bradford does not have the time to devote to it.

Bro. Bradford has done some good work, which he was always willing to do, and I think it is appreciated by all on this division.

When Bro. May informed me he wished me to take up this work I tried to refer him to others, naming several, but he had seen each of these, and they had sent him on down the line. It seemed as if it was up to me to accept it and do the best I could with it, which I did, and am doing all I can.

Now I want and need the help of every member to assist me in running down and catching all the nons. I have mailed over fifty letters, trying to locate the members in good standing. Some of the members seem to be indifferent and have not answered my letters.

Up to the present time I am unable to ascertain how many members we have on the division. We have a few applications for membership and promises for a good many more. By the end of this year let us try and have the Sixth Division solid, so when better times come and the road is put back in its rightful owner's hands we can look and hope for something better.

We also want a contract with the express company. The A. C. L. boys get 6 and 12 per cent, while we only get 5 and 10 per cent. With the membership of every agent-operator on the division we can easily get ours to the same standard.

Bro. Daniel, of Plymouth, is on a vacation; relieved by a non, a Mr. Freeman.

Bro. McBrayer, at Coleman, is to have a vacation in the near future.

We have the application for membership of Mr. Luffman, of Spatr, and hope to be able to mention more in our next write-up.

We should have a meeting some time soon. The time for it or the place has not yet been decided on, but most probably after some of the meetings called by Superintendent Boswell.



I think all employes of the company should attend these meetings called by the superintendent. They bring us in closer touch with one another and are of benefit to all.

Let every member aim high and don't forget what we are aiming at, then we will be sure to accomplish something for our good.

R. A. McMahan, Acting Local Chairman.

D. S. S. & A. Ry.

Bro. Blundell, Keweenaw Bay, has resigned from the service, and we understand he takes a position as bookkeeper for a lumber firm at Cheboygan.

Bro. Thebert, of Chassell, Sundayed at his home at Saxon, Wis., last Sunday.

Mr. Willman bid in Soo Junction on bulletin, but he is not up-to-date, having dropped out.

Bro. Cathers, agent at Nestoria, does the lightning act six hours per day. Bro. Bishop second trick. A new man third trick.

South Ishpeming is opened now for the summer ore business.

Bro. Youngberd, agent at Lake Nebogomon, resigned; relieved by Bro. A. E. Britsman, of Humboldt.

Up on the Arctic Division, Mineral Range Railway, the changes in agents and operators are so numerous it is hard to keep tab on who is working up there.

Relief Agent Bro. L. R. Brown now relieving agent at Kearsarge, and he advises operators there will be in line now pretty quick.

Bro. Clossey, local chairman of the Western Division, just returned from St. Mary's Hosp'tal, where he has been for several weeks nursing a bad case of inflammatory rheumatism.

General Secretary Rief, of Lake Linden, spent several days at his home in Lower Wisconsin.

Bro. Britsman, of Humboldt, Mich., bid in Lake Nebogamon, Wis., and got it on bulletin. He being relieved by Mr. Herbert.

Mr. Haring resigned as operator at Keweenaw Bay. A new man relieved him. Can not say if he is O. K. or not.

Bro. Benning, of Baraga, has been off for thirty days visiting friends in Petoskey and other Lower Michigan towns.

General Chairman J. H. McLean, L'Anse, has been spending several weeks in Chicago. Mrs. McLean having to undergo an operation at Mercy Hospital, that city. We "13" she is doing nicely now.

Train dispatchers all work nine hours per day now. Formerly worked eight hours.

Thomaston, Mich., now two tricks, nine hours each. Agent first trick, operator second trick.

Strongs station will be reopened. Who bids for it, boys?

Do not forget semi-annual dues are now due, and must be paid before you can get the six month's life-preserver. CERT. 42.

The Hocking Valley Ry.

River Division-

Bro. G. W. Fultz, second trick at B. I., spent several days recently calling on friends in Wellston and Jackson.

Mr. C. F. Hawkins, agent at Middleport, is off on a thirty-day vacation. Bro. C. F. Moore, first trick operator, filling his place. Bro. Ralph Palmer, third trick, taking first trick during this time. J. F. O'Leary now working third trick at Mid-

dleport.

Bro. Edw. L. Giboney, first trick at "JU," spent one day in Wellston last week.

Bro. S. T. Rathburn, second trick at "JU," off one night. His place was filled by Mr. L. A. Bing, extra man.

We are pretty well lined up on this division now, but notice a few nons yet. Can not "13" why they stay out in the cold. Will, start with next month and publish all names of those who refuse to do the necessary.

Bro. J. E. Robertson, agent at Pomeroy, off to Tennessee for a few days.

Business has been somewhat better on this pike the last few weeks. A few offices have been reepened.

Mr. R. S. Quigley, superintendent H. V. for a number of years, died at 12:40 p. m., August 18th, after a long illness, from diabetes. He was buried August 21st from St. Francis' Church, Columbus, Ohio. The boys from this division sent a beautiful floral piece to show the esteem in which he was held.

Bros. Lay and Giboney wish to thank all who contributed on the flowers for Mr. Quigley, for their remittance and promptness in sending same.

Wish some good trother would send in a few items for next month.

Get to work, brothers, and let us see if we can not get all the nons on this division in.

CERT. 302.

M. & St. L. Ry.

The regular monthly meeting of this division, held at Hopkins, August 16th, and was well attended. Owing to heavy traffic on the Pacific Division, Bro. Hamilton was unable to be with us, but hope he will be with us the next meeting. Every one that can possibly do so should arrange to attend. Our next meeting will be the third Sunday of next month, September 20th. Ask in time for transportation and leave of absence.

We wish to express our appreciation for the hospitable treatment received from agent and the force at Hopkins. They are always glad to see an O. R. T. man.

Bro. Barry, of Albert Lea, now working in "GO" office; relieved by Operator Cour, from Fort Dodge. Mr. Cour promises to come in next payday.

Bro. Romine, who has been taking a vacation, has returned to work at New Richland.



Extra Agent Rist and Operator Kubat, of Montgomery, have sent in their applications, and are now with us.

Bro. Galney relieving Bro. Burns at Merriam, third trick.

Mr. Cheezig, agent at Carver, off for a few days visiting in Aberdeen; relieved by Martin Johnson.

Bro. Murphy, from Cedar Lake yard, laying off; relieved by Operator Kidd.

Agent Dolan, Corwith, laying off; relieved by Traveling Agent Mapes.

Mr. Cooper, agent at Livermore, laying off; relieved by Extra Agent Riste.

The Thompson telegraph school, of Minneapolis, recently sent some of their graduates to the M. & St. L. Understand they were not heavy enough to cut the mustard. Understand Operator Fabel, Cedar Lake, is a professor in this college. Recently one of these graduates worked nights at a certain station on the line and handled a message from the agent to the general passenger department in regard to the reservation of a berth. After he had sent the message he inquired of one of the operators present if he knew what reservation this young lady came from. Operator told him he was not sure, but that he thought she belonged to the Sioux tribe. This is a fair example of the practical railroading this school teaches.

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Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.

Missouri River Division-

Bro. Prentice, of Cogswell, has just returned trom a three weeks' vacation. He was relieved by I. Walkey.

Bro. Lambert is away on a month's vacation, being relieved by Mr. Vennoy. Bro. Lambert has just come across with the necessary to make him a full-fledged O. R. T. Mr. Vennoy has the papers, and has promised to make good soon.

Cole Harbor and Plaza stations are bulletined. Have not heard who will get them.

Our general secretary and treasurer was along the line shaking hands with the boys, but did not have the time to stop off and make us a visit.

Our dispatchers are taking their vacations, one at a time. A Mr. Best is doing the relief work at that point. Have not heard if he has a card or not. We have a fine bunch of dispatchers to work with, and hope we will all appreciate the fact. Give them the very best service possible.

Mr. S. I. Smith, of Underwood, has been appointed correspondent for this division, and hope each and every one of the boys will send me a few items of news so we can have a write-up each month.

Let every one try and do something for the benefit of the Order. Keep after the few remaining nons, and try to get them all coming our way.

CERT. 207.

Soo Line Ry.

Wisconsin and Peninsula Division-

Do not forget to send your news items to the division correspondent before the 22d.

Account of a coal rush from Boat Line at Manistique, there has been a turn around from Gladstone for a week.

Keep the secretary and treasurer advised as to any change in your address.

Several of the boys have not yet sent in their dues. Be sure and do not forget this,

Get after the nons, boys, and do your share, and have your name printed in the journal.

I wish that all of those that are in favor of a meeting to be held in the near future would write me. The next time we hold a meeting up here we want to make a success of it. All those who will attend please drop me a note.

Bro. F. R. Ritchie, third trick at Manistique, has laid off for thirty days; relieved by Bro. L. A. Bronoel, from the D., S. S. & A. Bro. Bronoel brings an up-to-date card from that road.

Bro. J. T. Slater, from the D, S. S. & A., relieved Bro. Sheehan at "U1" office, Soo, Mich. Bro. Sheehan going to the C. P., having secured a position as train dispatcher on that road.

Mr. C. A. Nebon relieved Bro. C. F. Winblad as agent at Cavour. Bro. Windblad going West. Do not know whether Mr. Nebon has an up-to-date card or not.

Mr. Dowker, operator at the commercial office, Manistique, Mich., spent two weeks in Grand Rapids, Mich., transacting business.

Mr. D. Drohan, from the C., M. & St. P. Railway, is now doing the night stunt at North Crandon. Mr. Drohan is an old-timer.

Mr. L. J. Hartlerode has now resumed his duties as agent at Gagen, after being sick. He was relieved by Mr. Monthely. Mr. Monthely going to Lehigh to relieve the regular agent there. Mr. Hartlerode has promised to come in as soon as he gets settled.

One helper has been taken off the switch engine in Manistique yards.

Bro. Rose, second trick at Rhinelander, is now laying off; relieved by Mr. H. P. Blaneer from the D., S. S. & A.

Bro. Parent, night operator at Armstrong Creek, relieved by Mr. F. H. Fraser. Bro. Parent going to Minneapolis.

Bro. F. W. Louks has just returned from his vacation in Illinois. He was relieved by Bro. L. C. Berg, who is going to Bald Eagle as agent just as soon as he is checked out.

Bro. Schultz has just returned from his wedding trip. He was relieved by Operator Kramer, from Rapid River. Mr. D. Cue, agent at Loana Junction, relieved by Mr. Kramer.

Mr. Cue has relieved Bro. Mickleson at Dunbar for a short time. Bro. Mickleson laying off.

Operator Shipley has filled out the necessary paper, and we can now call him brother.

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Il innipeg Division-

Bro. Nelson, from Mahnomen nights, to the agency at Nekoma, N. D., on Wheat Line. A man named Wilson relieving Bro. Nelson at Mahnomen.

Owing to the increase in business on the Soo Line of late, we found it hard to secure a very large attendance at the meeting at Glenwood, Sunday, August 9th, but even at that we had quite a respectable gathering, and we could not but be impressed with the fact that the people of Glenwood know how to entertain visitors. Some of the boys came on the morning train, while others came the night before. The forenoon was devoted to sight-seeing, boating, fishing, visiting and autoing, including the twenty-six-mile trip around the lake. Immediately after dinner we retired to the commercial rooms which had been donated by that body, and the general chairman, Bro. Lewis, called the meeting to order. Bro. Smith, who has never missed a meeting, was elected as permanent chairman, and Bro. Allison as secretary, and the secretary was instructed to write notes of the meeting and send them to the division correspondent for publication in the journal.

We had a lengthy and interesting statement by General Chairman Lewis of the conditions as he found them in going over the line, and every one present was surprised and pleased to find that we are over 90 per cent strong on the Soo Line, and that most of our nons are, at heart, our friends. Bro. Lewis had made a house-to-house canvass of the W. and P. Division, and has the history of every man on that line at his tongue's end. He gave us a statement of how our money is used, and also showed where, in several instances, it had cost the division \$5.00 or \$10.00 to get information that some of the brothers had been asked to secure, and they had neglected to attend to it, and in consequence the chairman had lost one or two days in securing the same. He also showed us how impossible it is to give these figures to the membership in a circular letter, though any one may ask the general secretary and secure any such information at any time, or come to the meetings and get a full statement of it all. Several members of other divisions were found on the line, and though they had been working for months, none of their neighbors had asked them to transfer. Get after those transfers. They are worth \$10.00 a year to us, and we are entitled to them.

Bro. Lewis also gave us a sketch of the cases we have had up with the general offices and various division superintendents, and told us what the results had been so far. He also called attention to some \$25.00 helpers who have been handling train orders. He has taken these cases up with Mr. Huntington, who does not want that class of men to do wire work, and has asked Bro. Lewis to let him know of any further slop-overs of the kind. Bro. Lewis looks to us to help him locate each and every such case.

Bro. Paine gave us a short statement of conditions on the west end of Minnesota Division,

and also a statement of the membership and finances, both of which are in good shape.

A Committee on Resolutions was appointed as follows: J. F. Allison, C. J. Bradley and M. R. Bennett, and the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Be it Resolved, Soo Line Division, No. 119, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, hereby sincerely thanks the Commercial Club of Glenwood for their kind and generous treatment, the courtesses they have extended to us and the entertainment they have provided for us at our meeting in their beautiful city today, August 9, 1908; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the meeting to be published in The Telegrapher, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commercial Club of Glenwood.

J. F. Allison,

C. J. BRADLEY,
M. R. BENNETT,
Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 4 o'clock to take a trip around the lake in a launch. This trip also being Commercial Club hospitality. After enjoying the sports at the bath-house and pavilion for some time, the hour of departure came, and we started in the different directions, and the Glenwood meeting was over, but not forgotten.

Now, boys, get into the harness during the fall rush, and show what we can do.

The position as division correspondent is a very hard position to fill, if I can not get the help of you all by sending a few notes every month. Every one of you can get a little spare time some where between the 1st and 20th of each month to send me a few notes, and in this way help make a write-up in our journal every month. Bro. Allison sent me the most of these notes, and would like to have you all do as well every month from now on. Please send them by United States mail to me at Alexandria, Minn. Fraternally.

A. H. DAHL, Cor.

R. F. & P. Ry.

The regular monthly meeting of Division No. 125 was called to order by our worthy chief telegrapher, A. S. Pennypacker, at 8K p. m., August 14th, with the faithful few in place.

Notwithstanding the fact that the number was limited, the meeting was interesting (although the night was the most uncomfortable of the summer). This was largely due to the amount of business to be disposed of, and the keen interest manifested by every member present. Four applications were filed, balloted upon and elected as brothers, which makes us four stronger. If reports are true our September meeting will find as many more in line for admission.

As the division correspondent advertised for in the July write-up failed to materialize, your humble servant was appointed to fill the vacancy. The student question, too, was given due consideration. It is indeed strange that railroad officials who are eternally raising a howl about poor service do not wake up and take a look in this direction. The student is an impediment for the betterment of conditions, and no one knows it better than the officials who do the complaining. They, when in the market for motive power, switches or signals, insist that they must have the best manufactured, yet when employing a man to operate or handle these instruments it seems as if the man without experience is preferred. Why? I will leave that for Mr. Railroad Official to dope out, as he gets the credit for having all the brains on the railroad, but I know well that you can't get the service out of a hatchet you can out of an axe, if you want to split wood.

Bro. Moss, split-trick operator at "YD," off on his vacation. Bro. Rock, from "RO," is doing the stunt. Mr. Thacker is relieving Bro. Rock.

Friends of Mr. Gemeny, third trick at "X," will be glad to learn that he has recovered from his late illness.

Bro. Crismond, second trick at "X," and Bro. Rock were indisposed for a day or two this month, but are back again in their respective places.

Bro. McInteer, "QN," first trick, was not able to attend the meeting on account of whooping cough.

Bro. Raines, second trick at Ashland, bid in first trick at "JU."

Bro. Thompson now on second trick at "JU."

Bro. C. H. Boschen goes to Ashland, second trick.

Third trick at Glen Allen now advertised.

Bro. Nussey, from "RX," is relieving Operator Beasley at Woodslane, who is enjoying an indefinite vacation (enforced).

Bro. Dent, "ON," relieving Mr. Satterwhite, agent at Brooks, who is off on his vacation.

Second-trick Dispatcher Harner, who has been on his vacation, is back at work again. Understand he spent his vacation at his former home in New Jersey.

Dispatcher Galloway, first trick, is now enjoying his vacation. Bro. Swift is doing the turn as relief dispatcher.

Bro. Herndon, Jr., second trick at "K," is relieving Bro. Swift. Operator Ricketts relieving Bro. Herndon, Jr.

Bro. Riney is working third trick at "K," relieving Bro. Harrison, who is off on his vacation. Bro. G. C. Cocke has been off some time on account of illness in family.

Bro. L. D. Jones, of "AC," has about completed his \$4,000 residence at Bowdar, Va., and expects to move in by the 1st of October, at which time he will celebrate by giving a most sumptuous O. R. T. reception. Bro. C. L. Meiton will be master of ceremonies at this banquet.

Bro. W. G. Cox, late second trick at "RO," is now with the Oregon Short Line. His ill-health necessitated the change. We hope he will recover his health speedily and return to us soon again.

If I have slighted any one it is due to the fact that the information obtained can only be secured

by the use of dynamite or some other power of equal strength.

Next regular meeting Friday evening, September 11th. Each and every member will please do their utmost to be present. • CERT. 56.

C. R. I. & P. Ry.

Colorado Division-

Our wheat has begun to move, and everyone, your division correspondent included, is kept busy with a bunch of seals in one hand and a pad of way bills in the other, getting the stuff to moving and thereby bringing a few shekels into the company's coffers; however, we are glad to do the business, and it certainly looks good to us to know that our company is again prosperous after the recent depression in business.

There are a few changes on the division, but most of the boys are sticking to their jobs and hitting the ball in the same old way.

Bro. B. J. Brown, agent at Prairie View, is on a vacation.

Bro. F. W. Morris, of Division No. 31, is doing the relief work at Prairie View. Bro. Morris will transfer to No. 126 if he stays with us.

Bro. A. W. Koontz, agent at Gem, and an oldtimer on this division, has resigned and will devote his energies to running a dairy and poultry farm near Gem. The agency at Gem has been bulletined, but have not yet heard who gets the place.

Bro. McGee, regular agent at Ruleton, has returned from his vacation, and Bro. Potts, who has been relieving him, goes to Calhan for thirty days to relieve Bro. Boyd.

Understand Bro. Shea, operator at Kanorado, wants thirty days' relief, but to date has been unable to get away.

Chief Dispatcher M. L. Ellis off on thirty-day vacation. W. A. Inwood is acting chief during his absence, and C. O. Kallstead is acting night chief. Extra Dispatcher H. A. Hill is now working second trick, and W. H. Creighton on third.

Operator Johnson, of "GD," Goodland, has been on vacation; relieved by Operator Davis, of Des Moines. Understand Davis carries the right colors.

As times are now getting better, we truly hope that every man on the division will realize the importance of his taking the utmost interest in the business of the company and doing everything in their power to make the dividends pile up. When our company is prosperous we are all in the same condition, so it is up to us to get the business.

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Nebraska Division-

Bro. E. S. Kennedy, Kensington, has been off for the past week or so, spending his money in Colorado and Salt Lake. Bro. Carlisle is relieving.

Bro. Peasley, Phillipsburg, is spending his vacation in the Southern part of the State.

Bro. Ray Manion, nights at Scandia, is working at Phillipsburg for a few days. He was re-



lieved by Bro. L. H. Gilworth, from the Missouri Division.

Bro. H. C. Kenedy has finally been checked in at Courtland.

Bro. J. Henry has bid in Powhattan, but does not know, as yet, when he will be transferred.

Have not heard who got Montrose.

Bro. I. G. Hornbeck, Murdock, spent a few days in Omaha and Lincoln; relieved by Bro. W. S. Carlisle.

Operator R. S. Williams relieved at South Bend, while Sister Dollie Richardson was spending her vacation and money.

Sister J. B. Powers, Meadow, on a vacation; relieved by a beginner named Moss.

Bro. O. B. Olson, nights at South Bend, resigned and went to the U. P.; relieved by Operator R. S. Williams.

Bro. Ray Wells, second trick at Albright, went to Beatrice to work for a short time; relieved by Third-trick Operator Geo. Manion. Did not learn who relieved Manion.

Operator J. P. Burke is working third trick at Jansen for the present. E. M.

Cedar Rapids Division-

Bro. Lonner has returned and resumed work at Webster, after an extended vacation, taking care of his farm out West.

Relief agent, Bro. R. O. Dewey, went to Nichols and relieved D. C. Sterrett, who was doing relief work for J. W. Albright, who has been visiting relatives around Lone Tree and Traer. Mrs. D. C. Sterrett took charge of Plato during D. C. S.'s absence.

D. C. Sterrett has been transferred from Plato to Riverside, permanently. R. O. Dewey gets Plato.

Extra Agent II. E. Cover goes from Riverside to Kalona and relieves Bro. A. A. Varner, who is taking a short vacation, visiting relatives around Des Moines.

Helper put on again at Wellman, effective September 1st.

We are just in receipt of notice from our General Committee, who have reached an agreement, which we are glad to hear, and we urge on each member to pay up the assessment and their dues, and try and get the nons in line. Please get busy and help us out. You will be surprised what help you can do for us if you will only try.

Surely there are more brothers that can give us a line or two for our write-up each month. Don't forget to drop us a few lines for next write-up and keep it up.

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Des Moines Valley Division-

During the absence of Bro. Hughes, Rossic station was in charge of Bro. Auxer. Bro. Hughes spent the greater portion of his vacation at the parental home and at Spirit Lake.

Bro. Brown, Palmer, is out at Denver, helping the Democrats select a running mate for Bryan. Convention matters finished, he will investigate land conditions in Wyoming. If he is favorably impressed he will invest in some land. Palmer station is in charge of Mr. Peterson, an ex-C. & N. W. telegrapher.

Bro. Seigle will stay at Laurens at present on account of cancelling the bulletin on Selma station.

Selma bulletin cancelled. Bro. Harlan has changed his mind.

Bro. Ream, working at Evans, second trick, relieving Bro. Wade.

Bro. Wade, Evans, second trick, has resigned to accept a position with the C., B. & Q. Ry. as telegrapher at Des Moines.

Bro. John Sullivan, of Des Moines, called down to his old stamping ground at Beacon, to see his many friends. He is now working for the C., M. & St. P. Ry. as a train dispatcher at Des Moines. Keokuk, "C" night office, closed.

Bro. Auxer, who worked ten days at Evans, third trick, has drawn his time and departed for parts unknown.

Mr. O. J. Glaze, formerly of Kcokuk night office, relieved Bro. Auxer, third trick at Evans.

Bro. C. F. Dykstra, Pella, Iowa, has returned from the West and has reported for duty.

Bro. F. E. Warren, who has been doing relief work at Pella during the absence of Bro. Dykstra, will go to Otley, Iowa, to relieve Bro. W. P. Creger.

Bro. W. P. Creger, Otley, will make a visit to the State of New York for a month.

Bro. C. R. Jones is back to his old stamping ground at Eldon, having been bumped by one of the trick dispatchers during the time they abolished the Eldon dispatcher's office.

The dispatchers, Bros. Welsh, Tazewell and Pollock, have been taking the two weeks' lay-off in turn. Bro. Clyde Overturff has been doing the relief stunts there.

There have been a good many changes in Des Moines relay office lately, during the absence of Bro. Overturff. An operator who has been signing "RD," working days. Bro. Cheeney has returned to work, having been off for a few weeks.

Bro. Fry, of Rose Hill, has gone to Denver, Colo., for a three weeks' visit with his friends and relatives. Bro. C. E. Hill is doing the relief stunt until he returns, and then he will go to Evans to relieve one of the operators there.

Bro. Stanley, of Division No. 123, is employed at Sigourney.

Bro. Moore, Sigourney, has taken a thirty-day lay off, taking in the sights down in Texas. Bro. Stanley is handling the business until he returns.

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Bro. E. W. Stuart, third trick at Avoca, is taking a vacation. Bro. W. P. Barrett, back on the R. I., relieving him.

Bro. E. N. Case, at Shelby, is taking a vacation. Bro. C. P. Huyck is working second trick and J. L. Friend third. "13" Mr. Friend is off the S. P.

Bro. Hansen is working third trick at Neola again, after being off about six weeks.



Bro. Walker, who hails from the N. P., is working Neola, second trick regular, now.

The wife of Bro. Edwards, at Wiota, has been very sick for some time. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Bro. W. J. Moore, third trick at Marengo, leaves for Springfield, Mo., in a few days on a vacation. Bro. A. F. Parker, at West Liberty, has been off on a vacation for a couple of weeks.

Bro. E. J. Moran, formerly dispatcher at Des Moines, is now holding down third trick for the N. P. at Pasco, Wis.

Bro. C. A. Barton, agent at Ladora, leaves in a few days for Texas to look after his farm down there. He will extend his trip to California and Colorado before returning.

Bro. O. J. Knapp, second trick at Marengo, has been off on a vacation and visited different points on the Pacific coast.

Bro. R. O. Clark, second trick at Newton, has resigned to go braking on the Iowa Division.

Bro. L. E. Myer, first trick at Newton, has accepted a position as traveling salesman for an Oklahoma furniture house.

Bro. C. Kinyon is again working a trick at Newton.

Bro. C. W. Plumley, agent at Marengo, leaves in a short time for a vacation, which, I understand, he will spend in New York.

Bro. W. P. Masters, second trick at Iowa City, has been in Colorado looking after his farm.

Bro. D. D. Kaley, second trick at Colfax, has been enjoying a visit from his sister, Miss Ida, of Omaha, the past ten days.

Bro. G. R. Simpson, formerly second trick man at Colfax, is now with the Northwestern at Lake Geneva.

How do you like the nine-hour tricks by this time? Don't it revive your quenched spirit, also your good will? Be sure and show the D. O. C. your appreciation.

In passing over the division I noticed a few stations that the telegrapher on duty threw up his signal behind the train as though it had been struck by lightning. Hold to your levers, boys, and let it up easy or you will soon have the blades broken off your signal and cause more expense for the company.

Bro. A. S. Sandmeir, formerly nights at Altoona, is now working for the C. G. W. at Blockton, Iowa.

If some of you brothers will just sit down and think a few minutes and then sit down another few minutes and write your correspondent some news items, then you would be able to read more about the Iowa Division in the journal each month.

G. H. M.

East El Paso Division-

Bro. J. S. Harbison is relieving J. L. Farris as agent at Greensburg.

Bro. E. Floyd, agent at Haviland, has returned to work after a few days vacation, being relieved

by Mr. A. E. Bryant. Mr. Bryant now acting agent at Wellsford during the absence of Bro. C. V. Powers, off for about thirty days.

Bro. W. C. Jett, for several months operator and extra dispatcher at Pratt, left several days ago for Eldorado, Ark., where he has accepted a position with Chief Dispatcher L. F. Creagan, formerly of this division. "13" he gets a dispatcher's trick there.

Bros. Williamson and Kelley, of Hutchinson, have returned after thirty days' vacation in Colorado and Iowa, being relieved by Mr. E. D. Little, of the Hutchinson freight office, and Bro. N. R. Davidson now third trick at Pratt.

Business is getting some better now and it is hoped that it will continue to increase until all the unemployed are able to secure positions.

Let every brother that can, send a few items each month to Bro. E. L. Merrill, local chairman, Logan, N. M., who will be glad to forward them to The Telegrapher.

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Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts, Missouri Division-

Sister Pierce, Harvard nights, off a few weeks, visiting Denver friends.

Bro. Miller, Seymour, third trick, off on vacation, visiting Indiana friends.

Look for the cards bearing the names of a few nons. New ones will be issued every month.

How many got to shake hands with Capt. Hobson when he was up the line. Remember, brothers, what he did to one of the profession at Altamont.

Bro. Griswold, Columbus Junction, second trick, to Altamont, third trick.

Bro. J. E. McColloch is working extra at Columbus Junction and County Line, is now laid up at Muscatine, sick.

Bro. Jones, Eldon, second trick, has left us. Mr. Speary is relieving.

Bro. J. W. Stevens, who was at Harvard quite a while, is on C., M. & St. P. at Mystic, Iowa. Says "73" to all.

Mr. Homand relieving Sister Pierce at Harvard, third trick.

We should get up a fund to help Mr. Taft fight the anti-injunction bill and organized labor interests in general. We all appreciate his efforts to down us.

Ask for the unfair list of tobaccos, etc. Will mail you one. Then use anything but what is on it.

Miss Fox, Clio, nights, assists her papa on the owl shift, as he sleeps in the depot and "helps" her out. Some one should shake up his "gray matter" as to the nine-hour law.

Wish all the brothers would send in some items, as they are hard to get from the Sixth and Eighth Districts. Mail to S. E. Miller, Seymour, not later than the 10th. "TM."



C. B. & Q. Ry.

C., B. & Q. System-

I desire to call the attention of all to the fact that Bro. W. A. Henry, general secretary and treasurer, has moved from Ericson, Neb., to Fairfield, Iowa. Kindly address all communications to him at that point. He will hereafter devote all his time to the business of the Order on the Burlington System. This will afford him an opportunity to keep in touch with the membership better.

I frequently hear, in an indirect way, of violations of the schedule on the different divisions. If these violations were reported at the time they are made it would facilitate the adjustment of them, but they are allowed to go unnoticed from time to time until I get where they have had violations, then these things are brought to notice. It is the duty of any one who knows of a violation to report it to me or the local chairman at once in order that it may be nipped in the bud.

Men will know of direct violations, but will never mention them until they get in conversation with some one, then it will be said: "What good is your organization? It will not make the company live up to the schedule." If it happens that it does not, it is the fault of those who are agrieved, and not of the organization. If you will do your part, we will assure you that we will do curs.

The successful business man; the man who does things, keeps up-to-date with everything. Has a system: the right system, and follows it throughout, and thus makes a success of life. The man without a system—and when I say system, I mean the right way of doing things, is like an army without a general, or a flock of wild geese without a leader—lost! He can not accomplish anything.

Benjamin Franklin said: "He that will thrive, must himself hold the plow or drive." This is applicable to those I have pictured above, and who, by the way, I sometimes meet.

It will be remembered that the railroads, about one year ago, put in effect what they termed an "Employment Department," in connection with the so-called "Voluntary Relief." This department is supposed to be under cover, as the boys term it; a system of making good men, or, as it is termed, to keep a record of the employes, and thus get better men, but the boys term it the "Placklist Department." The system is very unpopular with the men for the reason that they believe that if, by accident, they happen to get in trouble, a record is made of it, and it follows them wherever they go. In one sense it may be the department is a good thing. It may or may not be instrumental in keeping men up to a higher standard. We opine not. We believe the former system that has been in effect for years, is good enough. It served well and answered all purposes better than the present rule. A blacklist, if maintained by any corporation or individual, is a most dastardly thing, and it should not exist for one minute. Blacklisting is a punishable offense under our laws; therefore, I believe anything that looks like a blacklist should not be tolerated for a minute, but put down and out.

I would not have it understood that I would for one minute defend a man whom I knew to be bad. Neither would I uphold him in any way, or try to cover him up. On the other hand, when it can be shown to me that a man is bad, and is not worthy of his hire, it will be found that I am icady to help do the needful.

I will not defend a known drunkard for drinking while in the service, or otherwise. will I defend a known bad man, except to find out his record. And I will not consent to wrong in any form. Therefore my objections to the Employment Department is that it seems to be a combination entered into by the different roads as a secret way of getting rid of men for trifling things. Things that should not be brought against them. In fact, it hits at the heart of labor organizations of whatsoever kind, as men who are outspoken in their loyalty to their organization will be listed, and when they get employment elsewhere their record will perhaps follow them, and doom them for dismissal. The old system is fair. If a man is not worthy his hire, let the employer find it out and dismiss him, and let that end it. so far as they are concerned. A man might be dismissed for some little offense at one time, and some back to the road again in a year or so, and be a good man. But under the "system" of the Employment Department his record would be there, and they would say, "We can not accept him." It is a bad system.

The Voluntary Relief Departments, I am told, are "voluntary" in name only, as it seems that it is more of a "compulsory" system. Men are not asked whether they want it or not, but more often are given to understand that they will either have to take it or not enter the service. How easy it is tor an employer to find something against a man who does not take the "relief." They can tell the employment departments to refuse the application for employment, then the superintendents of the employment departments will say to you that your "application was rejected for reasons which can not be given to you or anyone else."

Do you approve of such a system? I do not and I can see no good in it. Until I can be convinced of its good qualities I am not in favor of it.

The seniority lists for the whole Buriington System are out. If you have not received one, 254 your local chairman for it.

Do not get scared over the phone, boys. It will never prove a success, mark that down.

Those who have not paid dues should do so at once, also help to complete organization on the Eurlington. We are going to need all of you. Your interests are at stake. If you are a non-member it is your duty to yourself and your commendes to become a member. Let us be up and doing, and make the future something to be proud of. The time has arrived when we must make greater efforts than in the past.

We should make a great effort to see that the rine-hour law is lived up to in every detail, and also see that it is not abused.

Operators who are using the phones at a reduced rate of pay should see that when they use the telegraph they are paid telegraphers' pay for full time, and not just for the time of using the telegraph. If you use the Morse system, you are telegraphers, and should be paid accordingly, regardless of the time using the phone.

It has been stated that where the phones have been put in the telegraph operator has been bumped out, and has not been given an opportunity to take the phone job if desired. I am informed that the telegraph operator will be given the preference over a phone man, but if the company has another position where a telegraph operator is needed, the change to the other position may be made. See that this is done when you desire such positions.

I am told that some of the "cheap night helpers" that are working along the line, are reporting trains, giving block to trains, and have been known to take train orders. I hope you will report all such cases to me that they may be adjusted, as where such work is being done, it is in violation of the law, as it makes a twenty-tour service office. The man is entitled to work nine hours, and the helper to get a telegrapher's salary. Where phones have been installed, and phone men put in, the wages have been reduced below that of an operator, because the company claims it is not skilled labor. Therefore the reason for paying an operator more than a phone man is that the operator is a skilled laborer and the phone man Any one who has ever handled trains knows beyond a doubt that in order to run trains safely men must be employed who are skilled in that line of work, well-posted on train rules and train orders, and must otherwise be trustworthy men. There are men working as phone men now who do not know the use of signals; do not know how to copy train orders; do not know enough to display signals when they have orders, and are otherwise absolutely incompetent. Such men are employed in preference to good, reliable operators. Why? Simply to put the telegrapher out of business and put in his place a lot of cheap unreliable labor.

Some agents claim they have never received benefit from the Order. This is not true, because every man who has shared in an advance in salary has got it through the efforts of this organization, directly or indirectly; no question about it. Therefore, in order to keep these salaries where they belong. we must all unite for the purpose of holding what we have, and getting that which is still due us. It matters not whether you are an exclusive agent or not. It is your duty to join with us in the good work that is being so nobly performed. There are scores of agents' positions that must come under the schedule, in order that we may get a square deal for them. It is up to you to act and help out in this work, if you count your position worth anything. There must be more activity among us. Operators and agents have no time to teach students. That is not their business. But we believe that the Brookfield Division has the student teacher who can carry off the prize for turning out the most students. He is reputed to have turned out one hundred. Who can beat it?

It has been insinuated to me that the worthless men the company employ, are Order men, and that we are responsible for that class of men. We deny such an assertion, and will state that ninetynine times out of a hundred those are not, and have not been members of this Order. On the other hand, I will say that the railroad companies are more responsible for such a class of men than any one else. If they would use better judgment in employing men, and refuse to employ a man of that nature, they would soon put them out of business, but they will hire anything that comes along, and then say they are our men and our kind. Such an assertion is an insult to common decency. We deny the "output." Let the railroads co-operate with us in making better men, and then the problem will soon be solved, but it seems they do not want to, and rather prefer to put up with that kind of men.

The Burlington should have reasons to congratulate themselves. The system shows up the most complete write-up of any system in the country. Keep it up, boys. It shows we are alive. You should read all of the different write-ups each month. There is a great deal of good to be learned therefrom.

We see that the Burlington is not the only road that has nons. Others have them, but we are getting them thinned down nicely.

It should be remembered that more members have paid dues for the current term on the Burlington than at any former like period. Still there are a few who have not paid. Would like to see them paid up by the time this reaches you.

We are informed that the line from Billings, Mont., to Great Falls, Mont., will be opened for business in a few weeks. We do not know under what name or by what company it will be operated.

Brothers, let us get down to business, and see that there is more activity in the future than in the past. Let us work as never before to get things properly lined-up.

As a parting word, I would like to impress upon you all the great necessity of buying "union-made" goods. It may seem a trifling matter to some, but, brothers, it is right and proper that we all insist that everything we buy bears a "union label." It is the way in which to build up union shops. Insist on the "union label" at all times. Advise your merchants to buy "union-made" goods. They are the best. Patronize union shops. It is the means that puts the sweatshop out of business.

Winter will soon be at hand, so let us get our business in proper shape for the winter months. A little push from each man will produce the power to move great objects and accomplish much for our well-being.

M. J. JOHNSON, G. C.

Galesburg Division-

The nons on this division are still all busted.

Bro. Johnson, our general chairman, passed over our division on August 9th, stopping off a few hours with Bro. Malone at Galesburg. He was on his way to Lincoln from Chicago and the telegraphers' meeting at Aurora.

Bro. H. G. Etnire bid in Aledo days, an all-day job. He thought it was too much work for one, so he looked up and is trying it in double harness now.

Bro. Malone, our local chairman, takes a thirty days' vacation, commencing August 18th. He and Mrs. M. will visit at Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Ramp bid in third trick at Knoxville, made vacant by Bro. Etnire. Mr. Ramp will come into the fold in August.

Bro. Johnson, our general chairman, reported a fine crowd at the meeting in Aurora, Saturday night, August 8th. I don't see why we can not have a meeting of our division, so that we could all get together, meet each other and enjoy ourselves talking over our work and such things as would be of interest to us all. The local chairman would like to have the ideas from some of the members regarding a meeting at Galesburg. I do not see why we can not arrange for one as easy as other divisions do.

Bro. D. C. Root is working first trick at Knox-ville since Mr. Ramp took third trick there.

Still several nons who are willing to accept the benefits of the O. R. T., but are unwilling to lend us a helping hand to express their appreciation.

Bro. Chas. Anderson, at Henderson, is taking a fifteen days' vacation. Do not know where he went. He was relieved by George Larson, a phone man.

Bro. O. J. Errickson, who is on the extra operators' list, has been working a few days at Terminal Junction, Rock Island.

Bro. J. Flake was relieved at Seminary street, Galesburg, by Mr. G. H. Allen, this being Mr. Allen's first position. Bro. Flake went to Terminal Junction, relieving Bro. O. J. Errickson.

Mr. E. C. Houghton, of Henderson, has been taking a trip through the West.

Would like to know what these nons do with their money. It is always "haven't got any money." What do they do with it? They are drawing as much as we are, you can bet on that, if they were not they would be the first to make a "kick."

Bro. and Mrs. Foster, of Abingdon, entertained Bro. and Mrs. Malone one day during the month.

I always knew it was hard to get a reply from a non, but it is getting so one can hardly get a reply from the members. Brothers, we should always stand ready to give our assistance in any way that would be beneficial to our Order. One man can not do it all, he has to have help from his brothers.

Bro. Botkins, of Abingdon, was called to Centralia, a few days the middle of the month on account of the serious illness of his brother. R. H. Robertson, of Camp Point, is relieving him.

Bro. H. C. Clayton, at Colmar, takes a thirty days' vacation, August 17th. He will visit in Colorado, will return to Quincy, and says he may quit telegraphing and attend the Gem City Business College, but he says, "Never will I leave the good old O. R. T. It is a pleasure to read the magazine, which is full of good advice, and to know that wherever one goes he has a friend waiting for him, if he is an up-to-date man." This is the kind of men we need in the O. R. T.

Mr. J. L. Straub, yard office at Quincy, off on vacation, took his family and will spend a month in Colorado. Mr. A. P. Boyle is working his trick. Mr. C. R. Holton is working Boyles' trick.

E. Atchley, who has been sick for some time, has resumed work as first trick operator at Avon. Bro. W. W. Cox, at Avon, is taking a two weeks'

vacation; relieved by Mr. Tomkins, of the Santa Fe. Mr. S. Macleve, Galesburg yard office, off sick:

Mr. S. Macleve, Galesburg yard office, off sick relieved by Mr. S. C. Shrader.

I beg to thank several of our brothers for their kindness this month in contributing news. I will be only too well pleased if all of you will do your part each month, even if it is but one Item, it will help that much. Let us all get "25" now, and round up the delinquents and the nons.

Bro. J. E. Flack, of Colchester, is very sick with malarial fever.

Bro. L. R. Gougler, of Ipara, met with a misfortune in a bank failure, losing some \$4,000 that he had worked so hard for and saved.

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Beardstown Division-

In future the write-up for this division will be sent by Mr. T. Phippens, of Jacksonville, Ill., he having been appointed division correspondent.

After three weeks' vacation, Bro. D. Hodges has returned to Herrin, first trick, Operator Palmer relieving him during his absence.

Bro. E. M. Swisher has returned to work at Herrin, second trick, after being off sick a few days. Bro. Grissom, from Woodlawn, relieved him.

Bro. Keating, of "CH," has suddenly stopped making trips to "WD." "13" operator at "DS" has relieved him of those duties.

Mr. Kell, second trick at "CH," has the necessary papers now, and will be with us soon.

Operator Bethard, of "DS," bid in Larchland agency. Operator Welsch relieved him as operator at Sesser.

The service given the company on this line by the operators and agents is first class. Let us all try and give the good service in the future that we have in the past, and try and give them first-class service at all times when possible. The boys are always on hand to do business, and, with the exception of one office, can deliver the goods when called upon to do so; also, the men on this line are always ready and willing to help one another in carrying on the company's business, and a very friendly feeling exists between all of them and the officials of the division. Let us work so that this will continue to be more so, and the result will be gratifying to all concerned.

Bro. J. V. Akines relieved Bro. J. T. Cole at Girard, Ill. Bro. Cole laying off for two weeks. Bro. F. U. Stahman is relieving Bro. Akines at Atwater.

Bro. Cole will take his old stand at Keyesport when he resumes work. Mr. J. V. Livesey, now agent at Keysport, will take a leave of absence for thirty days.

Bro. R. O. Willet bid in agency at Adair on bulletin.

All train orders will be handled at "OX," the Van Line tower, thus relieving Mr. Akers of that work.

Bro. Willet, former agent at Boulder, received Adair on bid, relieving Mr. Hale, who took Winchester, first trick, on bid.

Brothers, have you not a friend on the line who is a non; if so, why don't you try and persuade him to come across. If he is a friend you can certainly exert this much influence over him. It looks bad to see you all sit still and wait for some one else. How many like to hear it said, "Well, he never has got an application since he has been in the Order." It don't sound good to any one. The Sheridan Division claims to have the strongest division in No. 130. Can't we just as well claim that honor as to let one of our Western Divisions claim it? Sure, and that is just what we are going to do.

Mr. Beddingfield, former agent at Barnett, has been trying to hold down first trick at Chapin, but was not heavy enough, and had to drop back to second. We "13" he is off now on investigation, on account of a "31" order to a Wabash passenger train.

Bro. Osborn, second trick at Greenfield, off on a few days' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Mosier.

Bro. Grigg, former agent at Reno, who is now acting as cashier at the Jacksonville freight house, has been offered a position as electrician under Mr. Rider; all lines east of the Missouri River.

Bro. Welch, from Alsey, has taken the day operator's position at Sesser, relieving Bro. Bethard, who went to Larchland as agent.

DIV. COR.

Sheridan Division ...

We have another case of bond cancellation by the National Surety Company on this division; over a trifling matter, we understand. We are not doing our duty toward finishing our own bond company. We want every member to take an interest in this matter and help complete it. No matter if you are O. K. with the National Surety Company, you should help the good thing along. Quite recently the conductors on the N. P. were sent application blanks by the National Surety Company to be filled out, but they were returned signed but not filled out, and with the information that they would gladly furnish bond with the Order of Railway Conductors.

Bro. R. P. Ross is off on a thirty-day vacation; relieved by Bro. Jack Vasek.

C. C. Wilson has resigned his position as second trick at Toluca and gone to Denver.

Bro. Runyan, Alger, off on leave of absence for a few days; relieved by Bro. J. F. Mills. Bro. Runyan is looking over the division for day work, which he is certainly entitled to.

Alger and Dietz were made night offices recently.

Bro. Mills has gone to Sheridan to relieve the diverting clerk in the chief dispatcher's office for thirty days.

Fred Wiley, from "SA," has left the service of the Burlington and gone to Kansas City, where he has a good position in a broker's office.

The wreck at Garry Owen, in which Engineer Mullen was killed, was caused by the heat kinking the track, so the company says. Mr. Mullen left a wife and three children to mourn his loss.

Dispatchers Smith and Johnson, "Z" office, are off on a fishing and hunting trip in the Big Horn Mountains. They were relieved by Bro. Tupper, of Hardin, and Bro. Hall, both old-timers, when it comes to dispatching. Bro. Hall has been braking on a passenger during the lull in business.

Bro. Peck has been off on account of sickness, but is again able to be on duty and has assumed charge of Hardin, while Bro. Tupper is working a trick at in Sheridan.

In view of the fact that nearly all of the sawmills in the West have closed down, there is quite a lot of lumber moving East. This, no doubt, comes from stock and we need not expect a great deal of business until some of the large lumber firms on the coast reduce their stock.

Mr. E. V. Runyon has accepted the agent's position at Arvada, and Sister Norton takes second trick, after a vacation.

Bro. Smith, of Newcastle, has accepted the agency at Toluca. Bro. Vaughn goes to Newcastle.

Quite a serious wreck occurred near Huntley, recently. Supposed to have been caused by fast running. No. 45, in charge of Conductor G. E. Peters and Engineer Ragan, went into the ditch with twelve or fifteen cars, mostly merchandise for the coast.

Reports in the case of Bro. C. E. Taylor, of the Missouri Pacific Railway, show that he was entirely blameless for the wreck between Lamonte and Knobnoster, Mo., in which eight persons were killed and thirty-seven injured. Dispatcher Strang, who was at fault, "took to the woods."

Three derailments in one day is the record for the Sheridan Division. One at Himes, on the Squaw Line, in which all cars left the track and only the engine remained on. The wrecker was required to get the track cleared. One at Dietz, cause unknown. Engine No. 1507 turned over. Was picked up by wrecker. No. 41 had trouble near Pedro and was nearly eleven hours late on her schedule.

Bro. Holstedt, "SA" office, has been enjoying a trip to the Big Horn Mountains.

Indications are that the ballast work will start soon at Ballantine pit. Quite a number of ballast cars have been moving westward, presumably being set out at the pit. This will employ more men in the train service and should give an operator a job at the pit.

Be sure and take out some stock in the proposed bond company this month. You will never regret it.

We hear a great many new operators working in "SA" office. This office should be on the bulletin list. We have plenty of competent men right here on the Sheridan Division that can hold the job. Why import them.

It is to be hoped that all telegraphers will take an interest in the coming campaign and boost the man most favorable to labor. At the present time the general impression is that Bryan will be the favorite. The majority of labor organizations will give him their support. Please study up on the subject and do the right thing when election day comes.

Read the July issue of the journal, it is full of good things.

Bro. Bert Hazlett, second trick operator at Moorcroft, transferred to third trick at Newcastle, relieving Operator Avery, who was there temporarily. Bro. Bernhard relieved Bro. Hazlett at Moorcroft and Avery took Bro. Bernhard's trick.

We may call Lee Snyder brother again, he having filled out the necessary papers last month.

Mr. H. G. Fetter, agent at Moorcroft, on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Snyder, from Cody. Have not learned who relieved Bro. Snyder at Cody.

Sister Clara Shaughnessy, Arvada, on a few days' vacation recently; relieved by Mr. C. B. Chester.

Bro. Kesinger, formerly of Rozet, took a trip back to Illinois lately.

Don't forget to send all the notes you can scrape up to Bro. E. E. Law, Wyola, or to Bro. Meehan at Ulm. They will see that they reach the right destination.

Bro. H. V. Carpenter, third trick operator at Gillette, was called East recently on account of his mother being taken sick.

Bro. W. C. Elder, operator at Osage until closed, has been transferred to Ballantine as agent; relieving Bro. D. Brown.

Night and day offices have been closed at Osage, Fhornton, Rozet and Croton.

Night offices at Clifton, Felix and Ulm have been abandoned, and day offices at Oriva and Verona. Div. Con.

La Crosse Division-

Mr. Earnie Jay did not like the grief on first trick at Savanna, so went back to his old love, the third trick. Mr. Olson (probably brother), formerly third trick, has left the service, and is trying his luck with the N. P. Mr. P. McFadden, of the Aurora Division, is now doing the multiple necessities on first trick while Operator "KY" is holding down second.

The Rock Island-C., B. & Q. ball team went to Galesburg to play another C., B. & Q. team. The latter winning by about 27 to 6. Vibroplex Dahlberg, of the Galesburg dispatcher's office, was the grandstand player for the "GT" aggregation, while

Bro. Stephenson was there with the "noise" for Rock Island.

Bro. A. A. Fitz, of East Dubuque, second trick, is on a vacation. "Lefty" Donahue, a "sticker," relieving.

Bro. Freid, from second trick, Rutledge, to third trick at Cassville. Agent Harville, of Cassville, to Grand Crossing agency. Bro. Clark to Cassville agency. Bro. Duffy to De Soto agency.

Bro. Hornby, agent at Bagley, is on a vacation. Understand he and his wife are taking a trip. Bro. Garber relieving.

Operator' Sahlostrom, second trick at Hanover, is going to Lytle. E. E. Pierce, of "AY," will relieve him. Bro. Dodge, of Galena Junction. has sent Mr. Sahlostrom's papers in, and he will no doubt be a brother before this appears in print.

Bro. Schneider, third trick at Galena Junction, was relieved by Operator Steading.

Bro. Beisly was a visitor in Galena Junction for a day or so. He has been following a plow on the farm for his health, but has held his up-to-date right along.

We note a certain "Mister" is taking a vacation and enjoying himself during the home-coming week at Galena. The boys helped this man out when he first hit the road. Evidently some folks have a very small amount of conscience, if any.

Bro. E. L. Graves, joint agent at Galena Junction, took a few days off to visit friends in Madison, Wis. Bro. Dodge acting as agent during Bro. Graves' absence.

W. B. Tart, first trick at Prairie Du Chien, is taking a vacation, and is going to take in Colorado and some of Utah. Bro. Kinkaid is relieving Mr. Tart.

The scribe is indebted to Bro. Dodge and M. C. Miller for notes this month. Notes from all the brothers will be appreciated.

B. Y. Hek.

Creston Division-

Bro. F. B. Rose was transferred from Malvern to McPherson, and was relieved by T. S. Spencer. Mr. R. W. Hurd, who was taking Bro. Hale's place at Malvern, has resigned.

Bro. R. B. Moulton, who has been working extra on this division for the past few weeks, has left the service, being relieved by Bro. Gale Skinner formerly with the Pennsylvania Lines, at Chicago.

Mr. P. C. Bryan, who has been relieving Bro-Rose during his vacation, resigned, and contemplates locating in Denver.

J. W. McEwin, of Glenwood, is off for three weeks, being relieved by W. H. Angler, lately of Chicago.

Bro. Schroeder, along with his wife, is enjoying a three weeks' vacation. Mr. Bristow, a new man, doing the third trick stunt during Bro. Schroeder's absence.

Agent Whipp, of Farragut, has resigned. Bro. Reynolds filling the vacancy at the present time.

Bro. E. G. Matthews, who worked at Shenan-doah as day operator and ticket agent a short



time is now doing the night ticket stunt at Red Oak.

C. C. Berry, of Corning, has his papers all signed up, and will soon be among us.

Bro. Joe Gillis, of Corning, took a short vacation this month.

Bro. E. E. Gill working third trick at Stanton now, with Bro. Wilkinson as second trick.

Bro. A. M. Bollman, of Stanton, who was away on his vacation recently returned, and is now relieving Mr. Duggan as agent at Shenandoah for a couple of months.

tion many of you have seen a bulletin notice this month? I have not. There have been several changes and no bulletins put out. This matter should be taken up in such a forceful manner that Dispatcher Shiffer could attend to it at once. If we were violating the schedule he would very soon make a complaint. Write your local chairman when you hear of a vacancy that is not bulletined, and he will do the rest. We must see that every part of the schedule is lived up to, or it will be but a short time until they will try and break it in some other place. This matter can be handled in such a way that the stations will be bulletined. Write it up.

We are indebted to Bro. Hale, of Malvern, for a nice line-up of the changes around his station, and also several other newsy items. All take a tumble and send us a line or two.

Bro. J. A. Bollman, first trick at Stanton, is relieving Bro. A. M. Bollman as agent at that place while the latter is working at Shenandoah as agent.

A very successful meeting was held at Creston recently when Bros. Johnson and Henry were with At this meeting, while the attendance was good, there were those who could have attended as well as not, become acquainted with each other and help discuss the matters pertaining to the welfare of the operators and agents on this division. Bros. Johnson and Henry both gave us an interesting talk, and showed us several let ters from the management of the Burlington showing that they appreciated the work we were doing for them. The report by Bro. Bollman, local chairman, showed that the Creston Division was in good shape, and the nons well weeded out. The plan for a rousing meeting to be held at Red Oak or Hastings were gone over, and as soon as it can be arranged the date will be announced, and we desire that at least one man from every station be present, as there will be a discussion that will be interesting to all, and no one can afford to miss this.

It seems rather queer that the best position of telegraphing, such as Creston office, can not be filled with men from our own division. Several changes recently at "CR" office have been filled by new men, and while we do not care for a place like that ourselves, yet there are men on this division that are willing to take them, and would prove more capable than the class they are getting. Let's go after this, and see what can be done. The operators and agents that have worked here

for the past years, and have been faithful to the company, are entitled to these places, and we should see that we get our share of the "puddin'."

Bro. Thompson, of Emerson, spent Sunday with his parents at Conway.

Bro. Clark, second trick at Emerson, left the 24th for a week down on the farm.

Mr. John Gleason has been relieving the operators, in turn, at Emerson. John has just returned from the West, where he worked for several months with the Union Pacific.

Chief Dispatcher W. F. Shiffer is enjoying a two weeks' rest with relatives and friends back East. His place is being filled by Chas. Connit.

Bro. J. Connit, of Creston shop office, is taking a vacation, and has gone to Denver to visit his brother.

Elmore, the new office between Stanton and Villisca, has been closed on account of steam shovel having finished the work there.

Passenger business has been very heavy on this pike for the last few weeks, and it keeps the boys all very close.

The meeting recently held at Creston is good evidence that there is the right kind of interest being taken in the Order by the boys, yet there is not the attendance at these meetings that there should be. There are always the same faithful few to be met at every meeting, and on these talls the work of keeping up the membership and improving our conditions. It would mean a lot to these members if some others would get next to themselves and attend these meetings. Paying one's dues is the very least thing that a good union man can do, and I am sure that all members would like to be put in a class with the good union man. Come to the meetings, and if you can not be there, write your local chairman what kept' you away, and then we will know you are interested in the work. Also do not forget the little items of news you hear, and send them to the division correspondent.

Remember, the operators on this division who said they could live without the help of the Order, and get out your little hammers and peck away at them, for they will soon get whipped into line. Keep after them. We had one here recently, and he struck us for \$2.00, but the bank account was low for his kind, and he concluded he was not wanted, and resigned.

Jack Moran, third trick dispatcher at Creston, was off three weeks spending his vacation in Colorado, where he has relatives. Chas. Connit took the "OS" during the time. Div. Cor.

St. Joseph Division-

Mr. R. T. Pilger from Heutons to block 31, and Bro. Finch, Island Park to Heutons.

Will some one suggest a way of getting nons in where they belong, when talking is of no avail? It is the old, old story: I can not afford it.

Bro. E. B. Gianque has just come out of a yery severe attack of the smallpox, which laid him up for three weeks.



Mr. M. R. Dupont, relief operator, relieved Bro. E. B. Gianque during his sick spell.

Bro. E. C. Lays, third trick at Curzons, has been taking a week's vacation, which he spent visiting relatives in Kansas City.

By the addition to the time-card a lot of new trains have been put on.

Bro. C. C. Lee, third trick at "NA," Amazonia, relieved Bro. Hull during the illness of his mother. Operator Wallace relieving Bro. Lee.

Bro. C. C. Lee, third trick at Amazonia, off sick; relieved by D. C. Davis. Bro. Lee improving, but will be off for some time yet.

The third operator put on at Parkville. Mr. Spaulding being sent there for a few days when he was relieved by Telegrapher Robertson, from third trick, block 31. Mr. Spaulding relieving him there.

Mr. Robertson laid off a week on account of an injury sustained to his hand; relieved by Mr. Tubb, who is still at Parkville. Mr. Robertson going to third trick at Armour at the end of his vacation, later relieved by Bro. Henery, who landed it on bulletin. Mr. Robertson relieving him at block 31.

Bro. Timberlake, second trick, block 31, enjoyed a few days' vacation picnicking at De Kalb.

We are glad to see quite an improvement this month in giving news for our write-up. Several of the boys were heard from this time, but occasionally we receive some of them too late to get in the next journal, in which case they have to lay over until the next month. Don't fail to have all your items in the hands of the local chairman not later than the 25th of each month, and always try to furnish a few at least. If you will always do this St. Joe Division will appear with the best of them.

Wymore Division-

Another month has rolled around on the new term. How many of you are carrying an up-to-date card? If you have not yet got one, get busy and send in your money. Do not wait until the eleventh hour. Let us all stand together and try to make the old O. R. T. a thing for each of us to be proud of, and this can only be done by placing yourself up-to-date and sticking in that position.

Did you old fellows ever stop and think how conditions have improved during the last five or six years? The Order is what caused the change. Let it die out and see how quick we shall be set back to where we used to work our heads off, sixteen and twenty hours each day for \$40.00 and \$45.00 per month, and you, Mr. Night Operator, for \$35.00 and \$40.00. In fact, it has been but a few years ago when a night man drew the magnificent sum of \$30.00 per, and was glad of a chance to work at that. However, while we are enjoying all these privileges, let us return good, honest work for what we are getting, and show that organized labor is the only labor worth employing.

Bro. T. B. Carpenter transferred from Stoddard to day telegrapher at Washington.

Mr. Hugh Hadsell has been holding down Geneva days, while Bro. Butler worked the extrastunt.

Bro. F. C. Savage, agent at Hildreth, has been spending a thirty days' vacation in Colorado; relieved by Bro. A. F. Heskett.

The student who went to Helvey to relieve Bro. Stasenka, evidently did not like the looks of the town, as while Bro. Stasenka and the auditor were at dinner he made his get-away without even saying good-bye.

J. W. White, nights at Fortescue, could no longer remain out of the fold, so is now carrying an up-to-date card.

Bro. Cowles, agent at Unadilla, has been enjoying a vacation in Montana and Wyoming; relieved by Bro. Zettle.

Mr. Forbes, agent at Concordia, has been on leave of absence. Bro. Jack Hartzell relieving him.

Night office at Preston was recently reopened with Bro. H. G. Pennington at the helm.

Bro. Allsman, Falls City, has been enjoying a thirty days' leave of absence; relieved by a Mr. Bowers, a recent arrival from the "Katy."

Mr. F. C. Johnson, nights at Humboldt, has placed himself among the list of nons by back-sliding, and says he will wait a while before making good. Presume he has found an easy and cheap way to reap benefits.

Mr. McNew, recently nights at Salem, has invested in a store, and left the service. Bro. Zabel, of Firth, relieved him.

Bro. Roy Borland, agent at Haddam, recently off duty on account of receiving serious injuries in a runaway.

Bro. J. W. White recently transferred from nights at Fortescue to position of day telegrapher and cashier at Superior.

Mr. Bittner, nights at Dawson, says he is an Order man (?), but he does not seem to be willing to produce the cash to back it up. He has been enjoying O. R. T. benefits for more than a year now, and it looks like he could afford to make good.

Pay up. No card, no favors. Div. Co

Sterling Division-

Have you all got your card?

Now get busy and line-up the non next to you. Bro. Blakely, formerly at Sidney, second trick, is now located at Norfolk, with the C. & N. W., and doing nicely.

Bro. W. M. Feary, at Curtis, is allowed a cashier now, but no helper, though one is much needed there.

Bro. H. P. Armitage, from Mitchell to Bertrand.

Let us post ourselves and get wise. Use only union-made goods. You will not find man(y)na grape seeds or Post hay extract on our bill-of-fare.

Bro. Reynolds, at Moorefield, enjoyed a few weeks' vacation, and has now resumed his duties again; relieved by Bro. Call.

Fort Laramie, Wyo., was opened again as a telegraph office with M. G. Anderson as agent.

Of what use is a non-air car in the progress of a train. Every non-union workman bears the same relation to labor's progress. You are either for or against us. Come across and be up-to-date.

J. T. Maddox.

Aurora Division-

Mr. F. J. Mulligan, third trick at Kewanee Cabin, just back from a vacation spent in the Southern part of the State. He was relieved by Phoner Holmes, of Aurora, Ill.

Bros. Johnson and Henry, our general chairman and secretary and treasurer, visited between trains with Bro. Crawford at Galva tower recently.

Bro. Stoneburg, second trick telegrapher at Somonauk Cabin, is taking a ten-day lay-off, being relieved by Bro. Hodges, formerly of Hinckley.

Bro. Cook, formerly third trick telegrapher at "SY," relieved by Bro. Hodges, of Hinckley.

Bro. Ostwig, formerly second trick telegrapher at Shabbona, is now working as telegrapher at La Salle. Ill.

Bro. H. M. Kaut, formerly first trick telegrapher at Shabbona, has been relieved by a phoner. All telegraph instruments have been cut out at that station.

Bro. Johnson, formerly second trick telegrapher at Big Rock, but who was let out at that station on account of cutting out the telegraphing, has been working extra at Plano and Mendota.

Bro. Coffman, second trick telegrapher at Plano, has been away on a ten-day vacation, visiting St. Paul and other Northern cities. He was relieved by Bro. Johnson, of Big Rock, Ill.

Bro. Vaaga, third trick telegrapher at Plano, is taking a few weeks' vacation, being relieved by Mr. Lossee.

Bro. McNamara, agent at Plano, Ill., has just returned from the West after a two weeks' vacation. It was rumored that he was to go to Sandwich as agent, but he would not accept the offer.

Bro. Pratt, agent at Sandwich, has resigned. He expects to leave for the Northwest the 1st of September.

Bro. Johnson, general chairman, was present at our last meeting, at Aurora, Ill. The next meeting will be held at Aurora, Ill., September 19th. All try and be present.

Bro. O. H. Beardsley, second trick telegrapher at Earlville tower, was called to Sterling, Ill., on account of the death of his wife's father.

Bro. Sexton, agent at Leland, was in Chicago one day last week to see the White Sox get beat.

Lincoln Division-

Mr. McLure, of the Rock Island, is relieving Bro. Paulson, night operator at Louisville, on account of sickness.

Business is picking up some on the east end.

Mr. Goldsberry, of Waverly, off for a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Belling, from Sutton.

Mr. Mike McShane and Mr. Jones relieved Bro. Whitelock while he was taking a business trip over the Sioux City and O'Neil line.

Bro. W. L. Kesinger, of Rozet, Wyo., stopped over Sunday in Lincoln on his way to his old home in Wrights, Ill.

W. A. Morgan, of Allen, was landed and can be called brother by the time you are squinting at this. Temporary transfer at Greenwood, G. Vant to J. E. Gavin. Don't know how they are lined up.

Mr. Dunham, of Lyons, off for fifteen-day vacation; relieved by Bro. Ticnor.

Bro. Whitelock has resigned the local chairmanship and Bro. Holt, of Rosalie, is acting in his place.

Bro. A. P. Coalman off for a visit of thirty days in the Southern part of the State, being relieved by Extra Agent H. E. Gorden.

Bro. Karn, of Oakland, transferred to Winnebago, vice Mr. Irwin, resigned by request. Another sample of the non element. Bro. Karn relieved at Oakland by Bro. Bxley. "13" Bxley is from the C. & N. W.

Bro. I. C. York, of Giltner, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. N. A. S. McLain.

Bro. E. H. Wisen, of Leshara, off for a week, attending the land distribution at Ft. Garland, Colo. "13" he drew a choice irrigation farm.

Mr. R. T. Smith, of York, has again entered the service, relieving Bro. Wisen, of Leshara.

Bro. J. N. Byergo is taking a thirty days' vacation. He and his wife will visit in Illinois, Missouri, Louisiana and Oklahoma; relieved by Mr. R. T. Smith.

Mr. J. Hollenback, of McLean, off thirty days on leave of absence, returned to work on the 30th. He was relieved by Mr. Baker, of Page.

Mr. Young, of Havelock, was relieved by Bro. Saul during his absence.

Bro. Whitelock, of Havelock, and Bro. Abbott, of Ashland, attended the dance at Gretna, July 27th.

Bro. Ray Homshell, second trick at Greenwood, visited in Lincoln Sunday.

Bro. J. L. Mayfield, second trick man at Plattsmouth, off a few days the first part of the month, Bro. Williams doing the stunt during his absence.

Melia station has been opened days. Don't know who is holding it down, but understand it is a brother off the U. P.

Bellevue was open for a few nights while the Omaha-Ashland line was out of service, Bro. Mc-Williams doing the owl act.

Bro. J. F. Purdy relieved Bro. Aultz, second trick man at Oreapolis, for a few days.

The agent at LaPlatte was taken off the 1st of the month. The section men now juggle the mail to and from the depot.

Bro. J. L. Mayfield is working first trick at Plattsmouth for a few weeks, while Mr. W. Clemens is lying off. Bro. McWilliams is working second trick.



Bro. Paulson, of Missouri Pacific Crossing at Louisville, off a few nights on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. McClurg, of the R. I.

Bro. Baker, of "FM" office, Fremont, is taking a vacation. Bro. McLarin, formerly of Columbus, stamping tickets during his absence.

Operators Stephens, of Emerald; Prue, of Beldin, and Nigg, of Ashland, have remitted for cards and will be on the fair list by the time this notice reaches you.

Bro. Davis, an old-timer from the Alliance Division, is now working for Granger Brothers, in Lincoln

A meeting was held in Lincoln last month, but owing to disagreeable weather there were not many present. The meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the phone proposition. Bro. Davis gave the boys a little talk on the subject.

At 10 o'clock cream and cake was served, Bro. A. Gaylord, of the C. T. U. of A., being toast-master.

It is reported that there were only twelve in attendance at the meeting when there should have been at least thirty. Now, boys, come out to these meetings if you possibly can. We will keep you posted in advance to the best of our ability when the meetings will be held. Please try and make arrangements to be on hand. There are many important matters to be discussed, and we need the co-operation of all to bring the required results in these discussions.

Bro. J. S. Ford, who some time ago gave up his position as agent at Roca to enter the train service, met with a fatal accident while switching cars at the stone quarry, east of Louisville. On the afternoon of the 15th he and another brakeman went with the engineer to the quarry to drag the pit. For some unknown reason a coupling did not make and Bro. Ford stepped in to adjust the coupler on the engine. While he was doing this, the cars being on an incline, ran back on him, crushing him frightfully about the hips. He was at once placed upon a train and started to Lincoln. He succumbed to his injuries before reaching home. Bro. Ford leaves a wife and a small child.

Bro. Puryear, of Winslow, has accepted the position of division correspondent, and if you will kindly send your notes to him in future he will try and juggle them for you.

If there is any one that should have been called brother that was mentioned as mister, please let me hear from you and it will gladly be corrected, and notice to that effect posted in the next write-up.

Now, boys, get busy and shower the notes in, and see if you can't snow the correspondent. Any note, no matter how small, will be gladly accepted. When you leave your present position just drop me a card, telling me who relieved you, where you are going, where the new man is from, and how he is lined up, etc. In fact, give us a history of your life.

Please be careful, in sending in items, to give the correct spelling of names, and know whether a man is in good standing or not before you mention him as mister or brother. We don't want any hard feelings existing between any of us. and we want the write-ups to go on smoothly. Now, let us hear from all of you. Don't forget the place, Winslow, Neb., this State. Div. Cor.

Lincoln Division-

Business is picking up on this end of the system. Train crews are working their full time, operators are scarce as hens' teeth, and business is progressing. Quite a number of changes going on on the line.

Miss Fisher, of Peoria, Ill., but recently of the general freight office, Omaha, is agent at Grafton.

Bro. A. C. Hugg, of Brayton, has been transferred from Lincoln Division to McCook Division; located at Culberston, Neb.

Bro. Hugg relieved at Brayton by Mr. Geo. T. Kirchner, a phone man of Aurora. Brayton station pays \$45 now. What do you think of this phone business? Experience is the best teacher. When a few trains get tied up right the "Q" will be having a shingle out. "Phones for Sale."

Bro. M. Belling is relieving Bro. B. O. Eckland, of Walbach, who is taking a vacation through the mountains via Denver.

Bro. Roy Miles, of Division No. 130, is now stationed at Handford, Cal., doing the ticket agent stunt.

Bro. F. F. Miles, our division local chairman, is taking a vacation for the benefit of his wife's health, going direct to Denver, Salt Lake, San Francisco, and returning via Portland, Seattle and Billings.

Bro. D. A. Leeper, of Utica, is spending his vacation at Cambridge, Neb.; relieved by Bro. A. R. Hall.

Bro. A. R. Hall, second trick operator at Utica, had the misfortune to get his fingers mashed by the ticket window falling on them; relieved by Mr. C. L. Bush, of Wyoming Division.

The working hours of Utica have been changed. The agent comes on duty at 3 a. m. and works until 11 a. m., with one hour off for meals. The operator comes on duty at 1 p. m. and works until 11 p. m. Office closed from 11 p. m. until 3 a. m.

Mr. C. E. Wilson resigned as third trick operator at Denton, and will work for the Missouri Pacific at Omaha; relieved by Mr. W. P. O'Day, of Sargent office.

Bro. F. Stephen resigned as third trick operator at Denton.

Bro. Schnyder, of Grafton, resigned from railroad work on account of ill health. He will locate in some mountain town. Div. Cor.

Burlington Division-

I wish to call your attention to page 1097 of the July journal, which calls all of you into the service of gathering up those items that you like so well to read.

I think a good plan to help the division corre spondent out with a good writing each month



would be this: Each member have a sheet of imper hanging in a handy place in the office at all tirres and put down anything that happens that would be of any interest to us, and then mail it to your local chairman or division correspondent mot later than the 20th of each month. Try it.

Our new Bro. S. C. Ellis, of Hillsboro, Ia., took a trip out among the sand hills of Colorado. Bro. R. H. Stout relieving him.

It will not be long until we will have the chance of attending an election, and we should look first before we leap. We must not just step up and cast our vote for some political party, and if we were asked why we did it, the only excuse would be that "Dad votes that way." But we should read up on the matter and cast our vote for some friend of ours, and not let it be said that we pulled the string that let the ax fall across our neck. Vote for a friend of labor, and if "dad" does not know any better, let him vote for the other fellow. Compare the two platforms and see who is our friend.

Bro. Johnson, G. C., says that he has not heard anything about the Adams Express Company raising the bonds of the employes, but said if it was a fact, we must fight it. Therefore, if any of you members are being held up and do not let him know about it you are to blame. Tell him about it. I know of several on this line that are requested to hand in a double amount of premium.

Mr. W. T. Mickle, the only and lonely non on the Albia Branch, is taking a thirty days' vacatior, in the West. Dale Ellis, of Hillsboro, Ia., is relieving him at Pleasantville, Ia.

Mr. J. C. McKay was off a few days ago, and Bro. Theitten, of Winfield, Ia., relieved him.

Old settiers, old soldiers and Labor Day was celebrated at Hamilton, Ia., September 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th, and our worthy local chairman, Bro. Oliver, was chosen secretary and treasurer of the affair.

The big telephone hoodoo that we see printed under big headlines in our daily papers most every day, giving out some statement from some official about how the telephone is going to put the telegraph to the bad, has like many other things, a reaction. I will tell you how it is going to turn out: The officials have this stuff printed partly to discourage the members of our Order. But instead of that we are growing stronger each day on that account, and the reaction is going to come later when they begin to want new men for it is surely a deadener on the student proposition.

You take, for instance, a fellow that has some idea to try and learn telegraphy, and then let him see one of these big, scary pages that cover the whole side of the Record-Herald, and it will cause him to drop his telegraphy plan like it was something hot. I notice it here among the boys about town. Six months ago I was asked by several of the young men if it would be of any use to try and learn telegraphy with me at this place. Of course, it was not. And I notice today if you approach one of them and ask them when they

are going to make the start in telegraphy they will soon inform you that they would sooner tackle any other proposition than that now, owing to the outlook through the columns of the papers.

The night of August 6th Pilot Grove depot was struck by lightning and completely destroyed by fire. The contents of the building were practically all saved. This was one of the best depot buildings on the Burlington Division. Bro. L. F. Giable is holding down the three tricks in an old narrow-gauge box-car, which always answers the purpose when an emergency like this occurs.

We made the statement in the first part of this letter that Bro. S. C. Ellis, of Hillsboro, had taken a trip to Colorado, but have learned since his return that he has been in Texas and New Mexico. He reports that he has purchased a farm in the Pecos Valley.

Bro. J. V. Datin, of Bussey, Iowa, has just returned from his trip to the Pacific Coast and Southern Texas.

We learned from the Lineman that the Carthage Branch of the Burlington Division will be soon equipped with telephones.

Mr. C. W. Orbin, third trick dispatcher at Burlington, is in the East on his regular vacation. Mr. E. Coker, extra dispatcher, is relieving Mr. Orbin at "DE."

We are advised that it will be some time before the telephones would be installed on the Burlington & Oskaloosa Branch. My informant also states that there will have to be some further improvements made on the telephone before they can be called a howling success.

The Iowa Central is hauling train loads of empty box-cars to Illinois to have them repaired, and in that way relieve the situation somewhat in Marshalltown, Iowa, where the car men are out for bettering their conditions.

There will be one nice thing in our favor when the company puts our telephone in. It is this: We can call on our neighbor, if not a member, and insert O. R. T.'ism into him in so many places at one time that he will be compelled to cross the line of manhood or acknowledge that he is standing in the other class. At the present time, when we write them a nice letter they will read the letters and sit down and look rather sheepish for a few moments and finally remark to themselves that they are in the wrong in holding out against their brother workers, but the next thought that comes to them is: "Ah, well, what is the use in me spending any money in that O. R. T., for they always have gotten along without me, and my salary has been raised right along with the rest. So what do I care." Then they take another sheepish look at the letter and toss it into the waste basket, where such a class of men throw lots of valuable circulars, and say no more.

Bro. Jack Vannoy, of Fremont, was at Martinsburg, Iowa, a few days ago visiting his brother, Robert.

We do not wish to be personal in the following, but we learned that one of the officials of the

Adams Express Company has acknowledged that the raise that has been asked a great many of the employes in their bond premiums is somewhat of a graft, but gets out of it by claiming that he is acting under higher authority in the matter, which is very likely true. We also understand that some of the boys have been told that if the employes did not send in their request for the raise, that they would get some other man in their place. This matter was laid before a division superintendent of the railroad company, and he stated that he had nothing to do with the Adams Express Company, but said if it was not right that the express company should raise our bond, we should protest it. That does not sound like he was siding with them.

I remember a circumstance that happened on this line some years ago. This was told me by one of the old employes that is still on here. He said that the express company made a ruling that they would only pay commission on the forwarded business. He told the messenger that he would not allow any express unloaded on the platform, and the consequence was that within a few days he got notice that he would receive pay on both forwarded and received. And the worst of it is this very fellow that bluffed the express company out of commissions on all express handled, is too big a coward to get into the O. R. T.

We are very much disappointed in not getting any news from the Quincy Branch for this month. Please wake up, some of you fellows down there and send us something in the news line.

Do not forget how and who to vote for this fall. It is up to us more than ever to know how every candidate is standing, and what can be expected of him.

Do not forget the telephone question. This will prove dangerous to all concerned, and can not give satisfaction to any.

We should always strive to give satisfaction in our work, and always watch out for our best interests.

Div. Cor., Cert. 1126.

Alliance Division-

Extra agent, Bro. Smith, relieved Bro. J. F. Roley, at Pluma, while he visited relatives in Missouri. Then he relieved Bro. H. L. Brown, of Lakeside, who visited his father at Hecla, and is now viewing the scenery in Yellowstone Park.

Bro. E. C. Reed, formerly agent at Hill City, is now city ticket agent for the C. & N. W. at Deadwood.

Bro. F. M. Vincent, of Rochford, checked in at Hill City permanent.

Bro. L. F. Taylor, of Orella, assigned Rochford. Bro. J. W. Bollinger, of Elsworth nights, assigned Orella.

Understand Bro. Bollinger had the misfortune of losing his household goods in the fire which destroyed the Orella depot shortly after he had moved in.

Roubaix and Keystone not closed.

Mr. Adell Helmer, agent at Minnekahta, out of service. Understand he goes back to the farm.

Mr. H. B. Sheldon, formerly cashier at Aurora. now agent at Minnekahta.

Bro. F. D. Sanderson, agent at Halsey, returned to work after being in the hospital for some time. He is feeling much better.

A. E. Simmonds, agent at Thedford, off for a few days, making a trip to Omaha. Bro. Triplett relieving him.

Bro. W. L. Ayres, of Crawford, off for a week on business. Cashier Livingstone spent one Sunday in Alliance, and the following Monday in Hot Springs, Bro. Triplett doing the necessary in both cases.

Bro. B. R. Ness transferred from Crawford to Edgemont, then left the service.

Bro. A. A. Spradling, of Halsey, on third trick at Crawford, understand lined up for Seneca.

Bro. Hurlburt, Ardmore, awaiting for relief for vacation. Sister Richards will probably take the station during his absence.

"Baldy" Brown back to work at Hecla. J. R. Tippens gone to St. Louis.

W. J. Hart working third trick at Whitman.

Operator Joice, from the Northwestern, and F. E. McCormick holding the night jobs at Ellsworth.

Bro. J. W. Thompson to agency at Seneca for a few days while "Help" goes to Hot Springs, fishing.

Two new men on night jobs at Anselmo.

Bro. F. Doolittle is doing the "stunt" as agent at Anselmo, while Bro. Moulton is off on a vacation.

Bro. Ralph Cox, from Edgemont, to "J" office, Alliance.

Operator Lamphere from Halsey to Edgemont. Several new "sines" heard in "J" office lately. Unable to furnish the names they represent.

SHORT-Division correspondent; one who can sling ink, chronicling what few events take place on the Alliance Division each month. Don't all say you are "over" a division correspondent. Had a good one until he went astray, and either want the same one back or another. Please examine your freight houses carefully and see if you can locate the shortage. Until some one will act as correspondent, will endeavor to write up the division myself each month, providing the boys will supply me with the items. Had all kinds of help this month. Hope to have as much more the coming month. It is utterly impossible for me to keep track of the changes without hearing from you, so when you hear of a change write it on a postal card and mail it to your local chairman, and he will see that it reaches the division correspondent or is published. CERT. 407.

A. C. L. Ry.

Atlantic Coast Line Division-

For the information of the members of this division, I wish to report through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER my recent trip to Atlanta and points in Georgia and South Carolina.

A meeting was called for August 8th, in Atlanta, of all officers or representatives of the various Southern divisions, to make preliminary arrangements for the proper entertainment of the convention which meets in that city on the second Monday in May, 1909. Divisions Nos. 59, 56, 46 and 132 were represented at this meeting. Division No. 132 (A. C. L.) being represented by your general secretary and treasurer.

It was decided to ask every member of the divisions in the South to contribute fifty cents each toward a fund for the proper entertainment of the convention in true Southern style. I am glad to say this division had already taken the iniative in this respect and a large number of our members have already remitted their fifty cents. There are some who have not yet done so, but we trust every member of Division No. 132 will do so at once.

On account of the small number of members from Atlanta and vicinity, it was decided to hold another meeting on Saturday night, August 22d, and those present at the meeting of the 8th were to see as many of the Atlanta members as possible and urge a large attendance for the 22d.

The meeting of the 22d was called to order by the president, Bro. A. L. McDaniel, of Division No. 59, at 8 p. m., with representatives from Divisions Nos. 46, 50, 59 and 132. A committee of seven, consisting of Atlanta members, were elected to actively take charge of the work that should be done at once, and they were given power to appoint other committees when necessary, subject to the approval of the members in session. Meetings will hereafter be held on the second Saturday night in each month, under the auspices of the Dixie Twin Telegraphers' Club. Any member of either the C. T. U. of A. or O. R. T. who holds an upto-date card is eligible to membership. If any of our members desire information in regard to the club same will be cheerfully furnished by either the secretary, Sister Mrs. E. B. Smith, box 716, Atlanta, Ga., or myself.

The committee appointed at this meeting is a live one, and will go right to work to have everything in apple-pie order for the convention. A report of the meetings, from time to time, will be reported under the head of "The Dixic Twin Telegraphers' Club." Members of this division are requested to keep up with these meetings, as we want all to be informed as to what is being done. You will find these reports in the last pages of the "Fraternal" columns of each issue of The Telegraphere.

Between the meetings of the 8th and 22d I made a trip over portions of the Waycross, Savannah and Charleston Districts, and found the line in very good shape. There are a few nons around the cities, but very few on the line, and practically all of those in the cities promise to come up in September. I met some very enthusiastic members, some who never tire of working for the good of the cause. These are the fellows who make the O. R. T. the strong organization it is. I am sorry I could not stop at every station, but, owing to the fact that the Hepburn law prohibits any more free rides it makes expenses too heavy for the division

for me to stay on the road as long as I would like

All we have got to do is to pull together, and we will have one of the best-organized roads in the country. We have got the best-organized road of any size in the South already. Our local members have done this, and I would like to shake the hand of each of these true workers, and tell them low much we appreciate their loyalty. It would be a pleasure to meet every member personally, and I hope to do this at no distant date.

On the roll of honor list in the August Telegrapher, I notice a number of the members of this division. Before the contest closes I want to see a large number of them on that page. You can get all the application Janks you need, and I am anxious to furnish them to any member who can use a set. There are two classes of telegraphers we do not want, however, they are those who are discharged for being drunk, and those who jump their board bills. I hope no member will solicit applications from this class, no matter how proficient they are, as they would be a detriment, rather than a help to us.

We have the material, let's make the A. C. L. the leading division of the Southeast.

Yours fraternally,

J. H. WILLIAMS, G. S. & T.

Savannah District-

New members added to the fold this month: Bros. W. W. Henry, third trick at McCullough, Ga.; C. G. Murray, first trick at Callahan, Ga., and L. T. Wasden, of Winokur, Ga. We extend the glad hand to all and wish them a long and pleasant voyage with us in the O. k. T. boat.

Bro. and Mrs. W. R. Bennett have returned and resumed work after a thirty-day vacation pleasantly spent visiting relatives in Florida.

Bro. Hatchell, first trick at Folkston, has returned from a month's vacation. During his absence Bro. J. T. Tylor worked first trick, but is now back on his own trick again.

Bro. R. F. Donaldson relieved Mr. Bidhood, agent at Ways, about a week on account of sickness, after which Bro. Donaldson went to Burroughs to work third trick temporarily.

Bro. J. B. Simpson, of dispatcher's office, Savannah, has resumed duty after a ten-day vacation spent visiting relatives and friends.

Bro. J. H. Williams, our genial general secretary-treasurer, spent the evening with Bro. W. M. Harvey, agent at Hortense, Saturday, August 15th, and secured the promise of second and third trick men at that place to join our ranks. Bro. Williams worked the line from Waycross to Hortense, and then went to Jesup via Brunswick, making calls on the brothers where possible from Jesup to Savannah.

Bro. Ila Smith, first trick at Offerman, relieved Bros. Murray and Butler, each for one week, at Callahan, during the last of July, Bro. R. F. Donaldson working first trick at Offerman during his absence. With this write-up I expect to close my work with the good brothers on Savannah District of the A. C. L., and leave the service of the road, having been rejected by the Relief Department, and it is with sincere regret that I must say good-bye to you, as my stay with you has been very pleasant, and it would be hard to find a better set of men to work with than the Savannah District boys. My best wishes will always be with you in your work, both for the company and our Order, and I hope to see the present high state of the organization maintained for all future time.

CRACKER JOE.

Wilmington District-

The nine-hour law helped very few of us, in fact, this was one of the hardest hit places on the system on account of so many small offices that the officials considered of so little importance that they could be discontinued as telegraph stations. Then, too, the overtime was something worth having prior to March 4th, as every station north of Wilmington drew from one to three hours each day. All these little things count. While it is our loss, we are very glad the law is now into effect, and will be glad to see it go further, and cover every station on the main lines.

In some respects the fruit season, just passed, has been a remarkable one. Everything was earlier than usual, and the berries lasted several weeks longer than usual, and while shipments were light, it was an advantage to us, as it caused them to move by express, which is where we get our extras.

There have been remarkably few changes on the district for the past month.

Newbern was bulletined, after being filled by a man from another department. We now understand there will be no appointment at present, as the former agent, Mr. Mannix, is still living. We will watch this with interest, as we want to see if the seniority rule will be effective under circumstances of this kind.

Bro. C. B. Barrus has been taken off as clerk at Faison, and is working relief at Dudley for the present.

Let's hear from this district each month.

CERT, 1.

Jacksonville District-

So far as the writer can tell there has been only one change on this district this month. Mr. J. R. Yearby is relieving Mr. D. W. Sasser the ticket agent at Orlando, for a few days' vacation.

There were a few members on this district dropped from the roll on July 31st on account of not paying up their dues. We were, indeed, surprised and sorry to see these men lose out. Some of them dropped out temporarily on account of their offices being discontinued as telegraph offices, but three or them have deliberately placed themselves on the non-list, and have no excuse to offer for doing so. Boys, this will never do. We must try to do better than this. The latter part of July our local chairman addressed a circular

letter to each member on the district asking the members to assist him in getting up a few items so that the district could be written up each month, and only one member responded to that request.

There are several nons on the district, and if we ever expect to see the district anything like solid we have got to do something more than just pay our dues and wait for two or three men to do the work.

Boys, let's try and have at least a few items in THE TRLEGRAPHER each month from this district. Send your local chairman all the items you can get, no matter if it is only a few. Let's try to keep up with the boys on the other districts.

Understand there has been a chop-off ax in the "DO," Sanford, office, throwing Bro. Bailey, an extra man from the East Coast, out on the road for a job.

Mr. Willis, our old first trick dispatcher, has resigned. Do not know as yet where he has gone. Mr. Peck, the former chief of the north end, has been appointed to first trick, and Mr. Wagner, formerly chief of the south end, has been made chief over the entire Jacksonville District.

No. 6 wire has been cut through from Jacksonville to Port Tampa, and has been working very badly, so let's all assist in keeping it going.

Bro. N. Harper has returned to his station, Astor, after a vacation. Bro. Harper was relieved by Bro. J. C. Vick during his absence.

Bro. K. C. Pope is relieving Mr. R. D. Stephens, the ticket agent at Port Tampa for a few days' vacation.

Bro. C. M. Bryan, of Lisbon, has returned to work after a few days' vacation. Bro. Bryan was relieved by Mr. J. C. Alsobrook.

Bro. B. C. Hartley is working extra at Orange Park during the absence of the regular agent, Mr. W. S. Evans.

Bro. R. W. Harrison, of Dover, has resigned and geos to Boca Grande, where he proposes going into the fish business. Bro. Harrison resigned some time ago. Mr. W. H. Powers will succeed him as agent at Dover.

The dull season has struck us now, and business is light, but in two months it will be lively again.

There are several nons down this way we would like to call brothers. Let's all get together and see if they can not be landed. They have been enjoying the advantages of a schedule for several years, and we think they should now come to the front and show that they have some manhood lett. They should not expect to keep on getting good things that the organization has gotten for them without being willing to pay for same.

We have one of the best local chairmen on the system, and if we will all get right down to work like he has, we will have this district in as good shape as any. Each member should write the local chairman occasionally and keep him encouraged. He will appreciate a word from any member, and will feel that he is appreciated then.

FLORIDA CRACKER.



Columbia District-

This district is still in good shape, although a few of our members have not responded to the latest circular of the general secretary and treasurer in regard to remitting their dues promptly. Brothers, this is a very important matter, and should have your immediate attention. Your officers can not do effective work without the proper funds, neither can they do effective work without your hearty support. Do you think they have it when they have to write you half a dozen times for your dues? This applies to a very few on this district, but we want those few to come right up to the mark along with the others. Let's have an up-to-date district. We can do it. We can have the very best district on the system if we try, as it has always been well organized since the first visit of Bro. King Connor, who commenced the organization at Florence.

Bro. Z. T. Barbie has been assigned the agency at Hartsville, vice Bro. W. P. Woodard resigned.

Bro. J. T. China succeeds Bro. Barbie as cashier at Sumter freight office.

Bro. C. C. Chapman goes to Sumter ticket office as assistant ticket clerk and telegrapher, caused by the promotion of Bro. China to cashier in the freight office and Bro. Parrish to the position of ticket agent.

Right here I wish to call the attention of our members to Section 29, page 54, of the General Statutes of the Order which requires that the grand secretary and treasurer transfer, within sixty days, ary member who is working within the territory of a local or system division. As the grand secretary and treasurer has his hands full, he can not keep up with every member, and so it is our duty to notify the local chairman and general secretary and treasurer of our division as soon as we find a member of another division working on the A. C. L., so he can be transferred. This makes the member feel more interest in the A. C. L. and its members, and helps our own division financially, as his dues then come to our First of all we want to work for the Order, then for our own division.

It costs \$8.25 to join in August. Let's see who is the first member to secure an application at that rate. We have a few nons with us yet. Let's get their applications now.

Vacancies are becoming frequent, and bulletins are not rare visitors on this district now. How different from the old days when a man never knew of a vacancy until some one had been placed in it, and there was no such thing as applying for it then. We would not say appointments were made by any system of favoritism, but injustices were done unknowingly sometimes, by going to other districts for men when there were older men right on the district ready and waiting for a chance at some of the places offered. That is all changed now, and vacancies are bulletined by our efficient local chairman, Bro. Patrick, of Bennetts-ville.

Bro. Z. T. Barbie, of Sumter, has been assigned to Hartsville agency, vice Bro. W. P. Woodard resigned.

Bro. B. F. Biggs, of Orangeburg, succeeds Bro. Barbie as cashier at Sumter.

Bro. C. C. Dunn has been assigned to Morven, N. C., upon bulletin.

These are the only changes that have been reported to the correspondent this month, but we understand others have been, or will be made.

DIV. COR.

Richmond District, South-

We can have the best represented system in the South if we try, and the July Telegrapher shows we have made a start. Let's keep it up until the whole system is represented. We expect to have every district represented in Atlanta next year. At least we hope to have each one represented, and we know the Richmond District, South, is going to be.

We are sorry to say, at this writing, that Sister Miss Taylor has not been reinstated at Wilson, but we hope to hear that this has been done ere this letter appears in The Telegrapher.

The following vacancies have been bulletined and filled since last month:

Wilson, first trick, by Bro. C. L. Pearson from Wilson, third trick, vice Sister Miss S. D. Tay'or, removed.

Wilson, third trick, Bro. T. D. Teford, from Lucama, second trick. Lucama closed as a night office.

Four Oaks, Bro. S. V. Ellis, from Lucama, assigned third trick. Bro. O. A. Privett to second trick from Contentnea.

Contentnea, second trick, now bulletined on account of transfer of Bro. Privett.

We note, with much regret, that the scab mentioned in the July Telegrapher, page 1227, working at Margarettville, N. C., on the Seaboard, is now with this line at Rocky Mount, N. C., "X" office. We have no room for any such persons on this system. We do not believe the officials care for such, and look for his speedy removal. Any man who will go back on his fellow employes will not hesitate when the opportunity offers to do the same by the company.

I am sorry to say he was once asked to join the O. R. T., while working in "K" office, Richmond. We, of course, did not then know the kind of man he was, or he would not have been asked. We apologize to the membership of this division for ever having asked such a man to become a member.

What is the trouble that we can not have more meetings at some point on the district. We should have them regular now, as we have so many three-trick offices that it would be very convenient for a number to get off most any time. These meetings are a great source of enjoyment, and should be encouraged in every possible way. Let cach member who can do so get out to the next one that is called.



I hope to make the write-up from this district of interest each month, and with the proper encouragement will see that there is something each month hereafter.

Bro. C. I. Cease, of "DI," South Rocky Mount, has bid in third trick at Wilson. This is one of the cases where a man preferred a place at lower salary, and is one of the strong arguments that was made for a seniority rule and the bulletining of vacancies.

Bro. R. E. L. Woodell, of Parkton, second trick, has bid in first trick at Hope Mills.

Bro. W. H. Schipman, of "FY," Florence yard. has returned to work after a very pleasant vacation. Bro. Schipman was relieved by Mr. C. W. Futch.

Bro. Charles Bolick, of "FY," Florence, made a flying trip to Charleston last week.

It is reported that the Atlantic Coast Line has opened a telegraph school in Columbia, S. C.. and that the dispatcher's wire will be cut in so the students can get the benefit of main line practice. There is such a pressing need for more telegraphers in this territory. Not more than a dozen extra men on each district at present. As there are twelve districts, and several extra men on each one of them, what can the students promise themselves?

We expect to see the south end of the Richmond District in extra good shape before very long. Some of our members are going right down after some of the nons, as they wish to see their names on the honor roll in The Telegrapher next month. Bro. Williams says several have asked for blanks since the August journal has been out, and that one member has sent in an application and promises another pay day, which is about due now. Let them come. We are glad to welcome them,

If there are any members of other divisions working on this district, we would like for them to transfer to Division 132. All that is necessary is for such member to write to Bro. J. H. Williams, general secretary and treasurer. Willson, N. C., giving his division and certificate number, and he will make the transfer. Div. Cor.

Waycross District-

Bro. C. T. Strickland, formerly of Waycross, Western Union, and, later, in business for himself, is now holding down one of the tricks in the Albany box car, officially called the Albany yard.

Mr. J. W. Murray was let out at Millwood, and relieved by Bro. Lorraine Murray, but finally reinstated.

Bro. R. L. Hall has been working relief as clerk at Sylvester since the resignation of Mr. B. A. Golden, who went to the Flint River & Gulf, as agent as Sylvester. Bro. E. F. Goodrum has been assigned to Sylvester as clerk-operator.

Bro. L. Murray, I understand, has been assigned to the Fairfax agency. We hoped he would remain at Millwood and break up the factory there. Bro. A. S. O'Neal assigned a trick at Nahunta, having been transferred from Live Oak. Glad to say the B. & W. is almost solid, and we expect to report just three men out on that line before many weeks. It is hard to say if those three will ever do any business. They have reaped so many benefits without helping to get them that it looks like they intend continuing the same way. Strange, but have never heard of the paymaster having to take any money back from any of these men. The writer has talked with all of these men, and they have sympathy for the Order, and are Ordermen at heart. Did you ever hear the story of the Irishman and another man at the house of a deceased friend?

The other man was saying to the widow how sorry he was, and how much sympathy he had for her. The Irishman put his hand in his pocket and pulled out \$ \$5 bill, and said I am sorry this much, how much are you sorry, and how much your sympathy worth. Whenever a man says he has sympathy for the Order I feel like the Irishman did, and ask how much sympathy he has.

Bro. G. L. Siebert has bid in the third trick at Valdosta.

Bro. P. E. Taylor has bid in the clerk-operator job at Meigs.

Dixie agency was bulletined, but we are now informed that there will be no change, neither will there be a change at Dupont, owing to Bro. John's declining to accept the Valdosta position, after having bid in same.

Bro. S. L. McKnight, who has been attending a medical college at Charleston, S. C., is again with us during vacation, and is working at Outley, Ga.

Bro. R. F. Ashmore has been assigned Haylow agency, vice Bro. J. S. Summersill, transferred to Hildreth nights.

Bro. H. E. Pearce, from extra list to Manor nights.

DIV. Con.

Charleston District-

The general secretary and treasurer was over this way this month, and reports the line between Charleston and Savannah in pretty fair shape, but says it could be in better shape around Charleston. He thinks, however, that by the middle of September there will be a decided improvement on the district, as he looks for results from his trip over the district.

We are glad to note that the two operators who came to us when the trains commenced to run into the new station in Charleston, who formerly worked at Line street, Southern office, are both up-to-date. All members should, as soon as a new man shows up, find out how he stands, and get his application, if not a member, provided he can show the proper kind of a record.

We must have some names on the honor roll in the next Telegrapher. Who will be first.

Fraternally, Drv. Con.



Lakeland District-

Bro. W. E. Tucker has returned to Kathleen, Fla., after a pleasant vacation. Bro. Tucker was relieved by Mr. J. L. Brandon.

Bro. J. T. Manning, of Clark, is off to the mountains of North Carolina for a well-earned vacation, being relieved by Bro. W. J. Deal, of Baldwin, Fla.

Bro. T. C. Howell, second trick, Dunnellon, held down first trick, "CD," Lakeland, for two weeks, while the regular man was off on vacation. Mr. R. M. Cameron, who was sent to Dunnellon, fell down on the job, and had to be relieved by Bro. J. L. Stewart, of Croom. Does not this show that the Order men are best?

Fort Meade agency has been bulletined on account of resignation of Bro. A. D. McKinney, and same assigned to Bro. W. H. Fortson, present agent at Bowling Green, and that agency now on bulletin. Bro. Fortson is the oldest man on our seniority list, and a very competent man.

Everything is moving smoothly on our district, business gradually increasing, and it is expected that three operators will soon be used at several points where only two are being employed at present. Some of these places it will be impossible to close for any time during the twenty-four hours, as soon as business gets a little better.

There are only a few nons left with us and we are sure of most of them.

We are sorry some of our members have, had so much hard luck and so many misfortunes, and find it difficult to raise enough to keep up their dues on account of so much sickness in their families. We believe, however, that most of them realize that they would have less to pay their doctors' bills, etc., if it was not for the help of the organization, and will keep up their dues, even if some bills have to wait. The question being, which can they afford best, to pay O. R. T. dues and help themselves, or, perhaps, take less and not be able to meet their obligations.

DIV. COR.

C. C. C. & St. L. Ry.

St. Louis Division, East-

No card, no favors, still our motto.

Bro. G. C. Stokes, at N. A., former member of Division 31, is now a member of 138. Thirtyune's loss is 138's gain.

Agent West is taking a vacation. Bro. C. C. Winters is doing the station work and acting as agent. He was relieved in the tower by Operator Winkler.

The double track between Greencastle and Delmar, has been placed in service. This makes a double track, Terre Haute to G. K., a distance of sixty-three miles.

Brothers, get busy and each month send a few items to Bro. C. S. Byrd, Hadley, Ind. He has been appointed local correspondent for the Sanky.

We take pleasure in reporting the following as new members: W. C. Freeland, F. S. Mason and N. E. Day.

We understand Bro. L. C. Adams has resigned his position at J. R. to accept a position with another road. Bro. Robinson is holding the position until it can be bulletined.

Bro. Robertson, of Kansas, has been off on a vacation. He was relieved by Mr. Chapman, an extra man.

Bro. G. M. Armstrong has been off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Fletch.

Bro. Kelly has resumed work at Paris tower after being off a few weeks on a vacation.

DIV. COR.

Michigan Division-

You can not expect a nice write-up and keep up-to-date unless you are able to get some notes from the boys along the line. It is rather hard to keep posted on the changes and new things coming and going from Benton Harbor to Louis-ville unless you can hear from some of the boys who can assist you in the very important write-up. I like to see a good word from every division, and, boys, if you like to read them, help me along with a note or two.

We the Michigan Division boys, congratulate ourselves upon the re-election of our local chairman, Bro. Geo. Lavengood, of Alexandria. Bro. George will look after your troubles in the proper shape if you will only report to him, and then don't leave it to him to do it all. Pull up. Show yourself as a man, and stay with him.

Are you talking to that non next to you, and calling his attention to the fact that the overtime he made the other night, and that call he got last week and received overtime for was possible through a hard battle with the officials, and only granted after hard work of the O. R. T. committee? Keep on telling them. It was through very hard work that the committee held our present wages what they are and were, through this depression of business.

What do you think of an official who takes the name of an operator off the seniority list and takes his rights away from him because he refuses to accept another place, preferring to stay where he is? I fear they are not posted on Rule No. 7 as they should be.

Send items to Bro. Middlekamp, who is division correspondent.

Get in your harness. Get after the nons. Vote the right way in November, and at last the poor operator shall gain a home in heaven, but can not say where some of those nons and officials will land.

DIV. COR.

Indianapolis Division-

The newly-elected General Committee met at the English Hotel, July 31st, for the purpose of organizing the work for next year, getting the new committeemen acquainted with the duties and fixing dates for meetings. September 1st was chosen and Anderson the place for this division.

Our local chairman, Bro. Cook, has been elected to serve another year, showing we appreciate his efforts in the past. He has also been appointed



general correspondent for all divisions, so all local correspondents will send their items to him, and he will forward them to St. Louis.

Taft, Mix and third trick in dispatcher's office advertised.

Third Trick Dispatcher Roach has been relieved, but did not learn the particulars. Extra Dispatcher Hardy now doing the stunt.

Bro. Carl Harvey visiting his farm near De Graf.

Bros. Beanblossim and Hiltsell are working in the dispatcher's office.

Bro. King is back at Gretna.

Agent Vance, De Graff, off, and Bro. Specce doing the agency. Bro. Newfarmer doing the telegraphing.

Bros. Dean and Binegar laying off at Quincy. Bro. White and Operator Barbie relieving.

Bro. Harry Hess visited in De Graff last month, Bro. Marx, McCords, is visiting his old home.

Quite a number promised to come in this month, but have not come over as yet. Don't delay. You know it is "No card, no favors."

Pemberton is the worst dump on this division for students, and it is a would be agent who is doing the professor act for butter and eggs.

"GEE WHIZ."

Chicago Division-

I wish to express my thanks to the brothers of the Chicago Division for the confidence they have shown in me in electing me as their representative, and beg to state that I shall endeavor to do my best in representing their interests in all things, and if I fail to do as much as some think I ought. I would like for it to be understood that I did my best.

Would like to say to the brothers that the majority of our members make a great mistake in thinking that in electing a chairman the responsibility is shifted off their shoulders entirely, and they are through with everything except paying their dues until the next election, for, unless a chairman has the support of his division he can do nothing.

If you remember, I was chairman of this division at one time before, and I know from experience that I had before that the chairman has his hardest proposition to contend with in the deadness of the members of the division. If every man were an enthusiastic worker how much more good could be done, and how much pleasanter it would be for the chairman, but as it is it is a continual grind to get any life stirred into any one-scarcely enough enthusiasm or interest shown to get an answer to a letter, for I have written brothers three and four times on matters that may have seemed to them to mean nothing, when, in fact, they were of vital importance to us. Do not think when you have paid your dues for six months you are through for that amount of time, and pat yourself on the back and say, "I am a good member. If they were all like me we would move things!"

Brothers, we would move things, but how? Backward instead of forward. If we would all sit

down as soon as we paid our dues, where would we be the next time we went for a revision of schedule?

Would like to ask the brothers of the Chicago Division how many times the Chicago Division write-up appeared in The Telegrapher in the past year? Think it was about five times, and one of those times by a member of another road, working on the Big Four.

Again, you say, well, why was there no writeup in the journal? Why did the local chairman not put in a write-up?

"Why did the chairman not put in a write-up?" Simply because no one took interest enough in the work to send him any news. If, when any one knew any news he would sit right down and send it to the division correspondent we would get a write-up each menth, and one to be proud of. Each of us should consider it our duty to make our division appear better than the other, and not depend entirely on the local chairman. Now, brothers, as a chairman just starting, would kindly ask you to all wake up, and each make it his personal duty to work a little harder than the other.

Bro. S. G. Martin, Sunman, Ind., has been appointed division correspondent, and as Bro. Martin is an enthusiastic worker for the cause, I am satisfied that if each of you will but try. we will see a write-up each month to be proud of, and instead of feeling ashamed to say "I beong to the Chicago Division," we will be proud to say this. Be a booster. If you have a non working a trick with you, or any comes in touch with you, go after them; not once, but all the time until finally he comes, if for no more than to get rid of you.

WALTER O. BRINEMAN.

Chicago Division, North End-

The waning of summer finds this division still improving as to the increasing movement of traffic. The number of trains being handled is somewhat in advance of last month, and am only sorry to state we can not record any increase in the number of our craft being employed, likewise the number of offices operated, but still the report is outhat a number of night offices which were recently closed are to be reopened soon, and a few first and second tricks are again to be restored.

Quite a number of brothers are anxiously awaiting to be relieved that they may enjoy that long-looked-for vacation, although relief men seem scarce on this division. Almost daily some mem ber of the craft is heard to call the dispatcher up from various points in quest of employment, but meet with that sad reply, "Nothing doing."

The lack of a chairman on this end of the division is plainly in evidence. The chairman of the Chicago Division asks Bro. Kennington to assist him in his work, and to represent this end.

Operator Lasson, of Swanington, reported sick on August 3d; relieved by Bro. Shute, a new man on this division.

Bro. Nicewonder, third trick at Rex, is enjoying a thirty days' vacation in Cincinnati; relieved



by Operator Fickle, first trick, who, in turn, was relieved by Extra Operator Bro. B. J. Butler.

Third tricks at Donovan and Whitestown appear on the August bulletin.

Bro. C. H. Terry, from first trick at Scheff, now first trick at St. Anne.

Operator Willy is relieving Bro. Walls at Clarks Hill, first trick. Walls is on vacation.

V. R. Bender, formerly first trick at St. Anne, bid in third trick at Whitestown.

Bro. Gilbert, from third trick at Donovan, is now a full-fledged agent, and acts in that capacity at Iroquois. He was relieved at Donovan by Operator W. C. Fletcher, who bid in the third trick.

Bro. H. D. Andrews, second trick at Swanington, off on vacation for three weeks. He was also relieved by Mr. W. C. Fletcher.

H. B. Winship, formerly at Sheldon, now third trick at Earl Park; relieved at Sheldon by Bro. Jordan.

Bro. Westfall, third trick at "KT," back, after a month's vacation spent in the West.

CERT. 1794.

Compania Del Ferrocarril Nacional de Mexico.

Business is very dull on the M. N. since the merger. Quite a lot of our freight business is being handled by the Mexican Central into Saltillo from the north.

Bro. Sledge and wife, of Cotulla, Tex., spent several days in Saltillo a few days ago. Understand he is off on leave of absence, and is taking in the sights, going from here to Mexico City, and will also visit all the most important cities in Mexico. Bro. Sledge was somewhat surprised at seeing a "No card, no favors," in a telegraph office in Mexico.

Mr. T. J. Arnold, at one time chief dispatcher for the I. & G. N. at San Antonio, Tex., but who is now working a trick at Palestine, Tex., in company with Engineer Duncan, of the I. & G. N. Ry.. passed through on their return trip from Mexico City a few days ago. We are always glad to shake hands with old friends, even if they do fire us once in a while.

Bro. Shelby is, holding down "SH," Laredo shops. He is the only brother we ever work with on the line, as there are no others, with the exception of Bro. Padilla at Mexican Central Railway, where we now have a pony wire. Bro. Shelby tells us that the Texas Mexican Railway needs some attention, as there is not a member on that line from Laredo, Tex., to Corpus Christi.

Bro. Richer, formerly assistant operator at "ND," Saltillo, I "13" is working somewhere on the C. & Z. Ry, out of Saltillo.

Bro. Flores, formerly with the C. & Z. Ry here, is now agent at Pesqueria, on the Matamoras branch of the Nacional Railway.

Mr. Lawrence Leyendecker, operator at "SX," Laredo dispatcher's office, laying off for awhile; relieved by Operator Jose Caballero. Mr. Calalero had a card for 1907, but "13" is not up-to-date now, and will also have to be termed a non.

We have been troubled lately with non-members claiming to be members, but lost their cards, left them in "my other coat," etc. There are some who "have been," but they seem to think that when they get one card that it fixes them for all An operator named Araiza called us up out of bed some time ago, had a letter from an old "used-to-be member," telling us to do all in our power to square him. When we asked him for his card he had left it in his grip, but in the meantime he did not "13" the other "grip," nor anything else about it. He went to work on the Mexican Central, but at the present writing he is in jail at Parras, on account of leaving quite a number of unsettled bills here, board bills and booze bills, mostly.

We have just been advised that we have a new superintendent, Mr. R. M. Leech, formerly superintendent of the Southern Division, being transferred to this division, with headquarters at San Luis Potosi. Mr. J. C. Sielski has been transferred elsewhere.

"13" dispatcher's office at Laredo, Tex., is to be moved to Monterrey, Mexico, in the near future, also that we are to be moved to the Mexican Central's new depot on account of the merger with that road. I suppose some of us will then be looking for jobs, as that would be six operators there, and suppose that some of us will lose out in the deal, but it is to be hoped that such will not be the case.

About the only consolation I have is the fact that our ticket agent, Mr. Francisco Pena, is an up-to-date B. of R. C. man, having joined that order some time ago, and always carries his card in his pocket, and joins me in saying, "No card, no favors."

I notice Division No. 28 has been cut out of the journal. Wonder what was the trouble with the boys on that line, anyway? Same as down on this road, I suppose.

The majority of offices on this and all the other roads in Mexico are filled with students, and they are continually butting in on the wires with their "d. n." and sine, etc. The men that are teaching these boys do not understand, or it can not be pounded into the blockheads, that these same students would (if they had an opportunity) take their jobs for half what they now receive.

The National baseball team, of which we are members, play a game of ball every Sunday evening. We have some fine players among us and have arranged for a game with Monterrey next Sunday, August 23d. Will give an account of it in my next writing.

With kindest regards to all the boys, will stop and try to do better next time. "Adios."

CERT. 4314.



The Ft. Worth & Denver City Ry.

Bro. Simmons, Tascosa, is going to Sunset as agent, Mr. Irvin, "X," Childress office, relieving him as agent.

We have with us at Tascosa, Bro. Patty, one of the ones to lose out on the Santa Fe on account of the Order. You all know what it means when the Santa Fe officials find out that you carry an up-to-date. I hope the time is near approaching when they will have to recognize our cards.

Two new offices opened on the line, Newlin and Carey, only temporary, I suppose, during the ballasting of the track. Bro. Plentl is acting operator.

Bro. Ellis, a new man on the road, former!y at Tascosa, now holding third trick at Memphis.

Chief Dispatcher Bodeen has just returned from a trip West.

A new man at Magenta pit, Bro. Ratliff, who is doing about thirteen hours a day. Understand he was formerly a St. L. & S. W., of Texas. man.

The Ft. W. & D. C. is doing a good business now, and promises to be the best road in the State very soon.

I would like to see some good organizer come our way. I think everything is favorable for a schedule here, if it was only worked up.

Mr. Haines, Amarillo, first trick, now in "X" office, Childress. I think he is in the dispatcher's office. He will do the extra "DI" stunt there.

Let us all get busy and see how many new ones we can get to line up, stick and vote together. I know there is lots of good material to work on here, if we only try. Don't be a dead one, but get off and go see your neighbor operator and return with his application filled out. Some of the members seem to think to pay dues and carry an up-to-date is all that is necessary, but, my brothers, we must work if we expect to accomplish anything. I hope you will all realize the fact and do all you can.

Lehigh Valley Railroad.

I have just finished reading an article signed by "An Enthusiastic Member."

Our brother is right in his views and, as he says, look at the Pennsylvania Railroad, the New York Central and the Long Island. I am not a member of the L. V. Division, but in the past have been, and am still an up-to-date member but on another road, and one which is nearly 100 per cent strong, and I wish to say that we can ask for anything reasonable and it is forthcoming without any questions.

At one time the Lehigh Valley was nearly 85 per cent O. R. T., and through the lack of spirit of its officers the members became discouraged and dropped out of line, one by one, until the Order was almost extinct on this road.

I was born and brought up on the Lehigh and, naturally, I want to see it one of the best roads in the country, and I am of the opinion that if the men would get together and again organize, put in an active committee, that they would have their rights, and have as solid a road as any in the country.

As it is, the operators are doing the work of two men, and are not being recognized by the company, while their agents are doing the work that should be turned over to a common laborer; such as having to get out on the platform and handle from one to ten tons of freight, put it on the platform for the freight men to get, and then wheel all in the house that is left by the local freight, while on nearly every other road that kind of work is either given to a laborer, or the freight crews do it.

I am now handling a balance sheet of over \$5,000 a month on freight alone, over two million pounds of L. C. L. received, and never lay a hand on one piece of it. Why? Simply because the O. R. T. objected to it, and arrangements were made to have the present system adopted.

I would be very glad to have this matter discussed in the next issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, and get the views of the Lehigh men, and I shall try and help the cause along, if the opportunity ever presents itself.

AN INTERESTED MEMBER.

Kanawha & Michigan Ry.

A. P. Hines, local chairman, of Palos, has returned to work after a few days' vacation. He was relieved by Bro. C. L. Ross.

Bro. G. Z. Swett is doing first trick at Glouster. Bro. C. L. Ross, formerly agent at Fisher, second trick, and Bro. C. H. Quillin, from the B. & O., third trick.

R. D. Snyder assigned third trick at Dexter.

Dispatcher Sid Fortune, first trick at Hobson, off on thirty-day vacation.

Bro. B. F. McGuckin, formerly of C. & O., copying in dispatchers' office at Hobson, while dispatchers are taking their annual vacations.

There is a new man copying in dispatcher's office at Charleston, but we are unable to give his name at this writing or say whether he is up-to-date

W. W. Houston, our chief, was seen going over the road August 5th.

The following telegraph positions have been opened up on the Ohio Division, owing to the increase of traffic in the past thirty days: Doty, days; Glouster, third trick.

Brothers, why can't we arrange to hold meetings in the near future? Division No. 118 has a good membership and something should be done to bring about more activity. A good many things could be discussed that would be of great benefit, both to the company and to the brothers.

CERT. 490.

Bro. W. B. Rutherford has resigned his position as agent at Albany. Bro. G. W. Johnson, of Trimble, is filling the vacancy. I ""13" Bro. Rutherford is engaged in the real estate business in some of the Western States.

Bro. French is off on an extended vacation. Kave not learned who relieved him.



Bro. S. O. Pickers, of Buffalo, made a flying trip home a few days ago.

Smithers is now a three-trick office, with the agent doing six hours' telegraphing; Bro. E. R. McKnight, second trick, and Bro. Mason, recently from the C. & C. Ry., third trick.

Longacre telegraph office discontinued.

Boys, keep after the nons. There are just a few left on the line, but keep after them and get them in the fold.

Owing to the recent depression of business and the nine-hour law taking effect, a few offices have been closed, but as business is picking up these offices will not remain closed long.

Let us hear from some other brother.

CERT. 239.

Quebec Central Ry.

I beg to refer to notice to Q. C. R. members, in your July issue, in which Mr. Owl, quotes me as running a wide-open "ham factory." Of course, it is well known that an owl can not see daylight, and this explains the misrepresentation of the Garthby office. I will let the other stations, socalled "ham factories," speak for themselves, but is as much as Garthby is concerned, there have been no students taken since the organization of the O. R. T. on the Quebec Central Railway. When this road was canvassed by the organizers there were two students here who had then been learning for a year, and both were capable of holding positions, and are now employed. One is a member of the Order, and the other waits his admission. I am a strict adherent to the O. R. T. Had Mr. Owl been able to see daylight, he would have directed his criticisms against other stations that are really packing concerns. In concluding, I would ask the Order to make an investigation, and have the packers discontinue their business, or be discarded from the organization.

Yours fraternally, J. S. PAULIN, Agent Q. C. R., Garthby, P. Q.

I note, with great dissatisfaction, the article signed "Owl," in July journal. This party can not be very well posted, or he would know that as far as Ascot is concerned there has been no students allowed in the office since the Order was tradents allowed in the office since the Order was organized here. The one and only student now in the office was admitted quite a long time before there was the least question of any Order on this road. The agent at Ascot clearly understands that is it to his interest as well as all other members not to have students in their offices, because he is aware that the scarcity of operators will assure better wages, better working conditions, etc.

The student now in Ascot station was admitted before the organization of the Order on this road.

It is not advisable for me to turn a man out who, having paid his money, is, of course, entitled to get some benefit out of it.

I hope that after close study of the above facts this certain "owl" will be enough of a gentleman to withdraw what he says against Ascot.

CERT. 34, DIV. 131.

Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Ry.

Louisville Division—

- G. W. Baker, night operator at New Albany yard office, got canned while out doing local preaching for the "cause."
- J. H. Davis, agent at Borden, had the misfortune to get a cinder in his eye, and was relieved by E. F. Packwood.
- E. R. Prow is again answering to the call of "SA."
- L. D. Wood was called to French Lick Tuesday to take charge of the office there. A MEMBER.

The Delaware & Hudson Ry.

Champlain Division-

We did not hold any meeting for August, as the brothers could not get away during this month, but expect a large meeting in September.

If all would note changes and news around their respective stations, perhaps we could make quite a write-up.

What about the students from Professor May's school at Whitehall? Will they make good, or are you helping them along?

If each one will drop me a line the balance can read the item and draw their conclusions.

Bro. Geo. Ramsdall, of Rupert, has been working at Saratoga yard office, temporarily. Mr. Hayes, a one-time brother of 122, being dismissed from depot, and Mr. Porter of yard, relieving.

Cor.

Pennsylvania Ry.

Pittsburg Division-

The second annual picnic, held by Pittsburg Division, telegraph operators, at Oakford Park, Jeannette, August 18th, was a great success. The weather was fine, and everybody had a very enjoyable day. Owing to operators being a little scarce and the nine-hour law being in effect, a number of our sisters and brothers could not be with us. Second trick boys gathered in the morning to cheer the ball teams, score, 5 to 3, in favor of west end, and for luncheon on the lawn. In the afternoon many interesting races were in progress. The most amusing being the sack race. Dinner was served with the greatest success. Sister Holby being in charge. "VC" is a good hustler, and in less time than I am writing this, she, while smiling and joking, had a most inviting and appetizing dinner before us, then she conducted the hungry picnickers to the dining room, and waited on all the guests. Dancing and roller skating took place in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Stewart were the guests of honor.

We, the Pittsburg Division, telegraph operators, desire to thank the committee, Sister Holby, Bros. Singley and Blystone for their faithful work, and the good time they have showed us. I remain,

"BILL."



Chautauqua Division-

I find we have quite a number of men holding good jobs on this division who are not holding cards. Will each one take notice and see if the person working the other trick with you are upto-date, and if not question them and find out what is the matter, and see if we can not make this end solid?

Bro. Larson is holding first trick at "HN." G. D. being closed up.

I "13" that Tidioute will be a three-trick station before long.

Mr. Daniel, of "ON," has been with old friends in camp at Gettysburg.

Little do ye know your own blessedness;
For to travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive.

And the true success is to join the O. R. T.

CERT. 192.

Conemaugh Division-

Business on the Conemaugh Division is somewhat better than it was for some of the previous months.

Bro. Cassel, first trick man of "AJ," left with a ball team for Atlantic City.

Bro. McGrew, third trick, of "AJ," was off several days on account of sickness.

Bro. J. H. Foy has returned to duty.

Miss Fullerton is away on a sixteen-day vacation.

Glad we can call Mr. Fultz brother now. He is wearing the button.

"13" that Bro. D. H. Fultz and Bro. J. A. Johnston have sent in their resignations. Talking of going West.

Mr. J. E. Borland was working third trick at "XY," as extra, being relieved by Mr. Drakeford, also extra. Mr. Borland is working first trick at "CO."

Get after the nons and make them come to time. Election is drawing near, so read and study up, and vote for the union men.

Sister Bryson, at "DA," first trick, off for a few days this month on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. Lewis.

Sister Reiley, at "DA," second trick, off for fitteen days on vacation. "13" she has gone to her home in New York; relieved by Mr. Brenneman.

Sister Kennedy, "DA," third trick, relieved the 28th by Relief Operator Youmans.

Sister Howe, "GI," first trick, of three days this month. First relief, day, and other two, fourth and fifth, relieved by Relief Operator Bonham and Miss McFarland.

Mr. Brewer doing second trick stunt at "S." Mr. Callward doing third trick. "13" he gets this regular.

Sister Skelley bid in "VN," second trick.

A Member.

P. and N. W. Division-

Bro. Peace, second trick at Puxsutawney being extra agent, has been relieving agents during the last few weeks. Puxsy has been worked as first and second tricks during the time Bro. Peace was employed elsewhere.

Several of the boys on this division are back with their dues.

All daylight men and first trick to be placed on the delinquent list.

Bro. Ifert, third trick at LaJose, is working in dispatcher's office on message wire. Third trick at LaJose being closed for two weeks.

Quite a number of the boys are clamoring for their vacation.

Bro. Bratton has been working the message wire in dispatcher's office, Bellwood, for two or three weeks.

Boys, what are you doing for the Order? Read the twelfth and eighteenth items on page 1105, of July journal. Which class do you belong to? Have your dues been paid for this six months? Are you trying to complete thorough organization by getting after that non working with you, or that backslider next to you? We must have thorough organization if we wish to accomplish anything. We, who are on the ground, know the disposition of the non and backslider working with us better, perhaps, than some stranger, and therefore should be able to draw them into line. Attend the next meeting of your division and get a little O. R. T. blood into your union veins.

Every member can not be present, but some of you can. If necessary, lose a day now and then. Make it a point to attend a meeting as often as possible. The change will do you good. Get the relief operator to favor you with a date. If he is true blue he will give you the date you desire. If you can not attend your own division, attend the one nearest to you. Get in touch with the work, and then keep in touch.

Boston & Maine Ry.

C. & P. Division-

Remember the monthly meetings that come on the third Saturday of every month.

Many of the boys are taking their vacations

The members have been doing some great work among the nons on this division, there being quite a number who have recently become up-to-date.

Mr. Morse, spare on third trick at Claremont Junction; Mr. Buck, spare on third trick at Puncy, and Mr. Manix, regular third trick man at Deerfield Junction, are a few who have joined lately.

Bro. Berry is working second trick at Deerfield Junction for a short time. Mr. Van, who was granted two months' leave of absence, is in Canada. He is undecided as to coming back. Mr. Van had the third trick at Putney, Vt. Agent Gee is away on a vacation of three weeks, visiting his home in Northern Vermont.

Bro. Crowley, second trick at Putney, went to the celebration at Quebec on his vacation.



Bro. Foley, of South Vernon, who bid off Dummerston station, has given it up to Mr. Nichols, who is to be reinstated.

Bro. Beaulieu, second trick at "BO," is visiting his parents in Canada.

Bro. Hicks, at Ashulot, off on three weeks' vacation. A brother from Pass. Division relieving him.

Operator Munday, Keene, N. H., is an O. R. S. A. man, who is doing a good deal of talking. I would like to ask this operator whether it was the O. R. S. A. or the O. R. T. he can thank for his eight-hour trick?

Cert. 16.

The Twin City Telegraphers' Club.

The meeting of the club for August was held at Midway the evening of the 8th. No business of importance being before the club a general discussion was held and the meeting broke up early.

Bro. Mack, of St. Cloud, is spending his vacation in St. Paul; relieved by Bro. Seeman.

Bro. Foulkes spent a week at Greenwood, Wis.; relieved by Fred Herberg, of Taylor Falls.

Bro. Bowman, of Anoka, met with a bad accident, being struck by No. 6, which resulted in the loss of one of his legs.

Understand C. H. Johnson has resigned first trick at White Bear; relieved by Bro. Mero, of second trick. A new man from C. G. W., got third trick.

Bro. Hoffman resumed work at Gladstone, Bro. Andrae, who was relieving him, going to Glenwood

A very heavy passenger movement to the West at present. Some livestock moving.

Bro. Foulkes is entertaining a sister from Whitewater, Wis., a few days.

The bridge at Seventh street was badly wrecked by a train of coal cars running away and derailing under the bridge.

Bro. Guernsey did relief work at Elk River, holding down first trick at that point for ten days, at present at Sauk Centre days.

Bro. J. C. McCarty and wife, of Bear Mouth, Mont., spent a few days in the city, also spent a few days at Chicago.

Mr. E. R. Walker, of Minneapolis, is doing the heavy work at Jackson street shops.

Bro. Thoner, of Division No. 31, of M. & O., was a Twin City caller on his way from South Dakota to Winnipeg.

Bro. Kitt, of the Soo Line, spent a few days visiting his folks at Minneapolis.

Bro. Lapham has started his new house on Doswell avenue.

Bro. Renshaw was in town long enough to come out to the meeting. The members were well pleased with the talk he gave us. Cert. 173.

Dixie's Twin Order Telegraphers' Club.

We are now under way for the convention in May. The Dixie boys are all working hard and expect to show the convention one of the best and most profitable times it has ever been their pleasure to spend.

The Dixie Club met this month with a good attendance. A number of new members were taken in, and dues paid. General discussions for the best manner in which to entertain the convention was the main topic.

Among the number present at the meeting was Bros. Stafford, from Rankin depot. Tenn., and Bro. Williams, from Wilson, N. C. Brothers from a number of States were present, and from the fine reports given from their different roads we will not want for assistance in the preparations.

It is to be trusted that every member in the South will send in their dues to the secretary-treasurer of the Dixie Club (which is \$1), and get one of the swell little cards, and be on hand at the meetings every second Saturday night. See the Directory.





NOTICE

J. R. Culp, Cert. 294, Div. 19, and A. M. Troy, Cert. 49, Div. 12, have been expelled from the Order for student teaching.

MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 114 is due SEPT. 1, 1908. Time for payment expires OCT. 81, 1908.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On	300 0	0 (Series)	20 cents each
On	500 0	0 (Series		30 cents each
On	1,000 0	0 (Series)	60 cents each

BENEFITS PAID DURING AUGUST, 1908.

CLAIM			CERT.		
No. NAMB.	CAUSE.	DIV.	No.	Series.	ANT.
750 Dudley T. Gibson	. Pernicious Malaria	.Grand	1434	6B\$	500 00
751Arthur B. Shurter	. Pistol Shot Wound	. 8	1074	1B	500 00
752E. E. Parker	. Mitral Insufficiency	. 74	1926	7 C	1,000 00
	. Typhoid Fever				300 00
	. Pneumonia				500 00
	. Apoplexy				1,000 00
	. Pulmonary Tuberculosis				500 00
759T. H. Kain	. Pulmonary Tuberculosis	. Grand	2656	8A	300 00
	. Progressive Pernicious Anaemia			8C	1,000 00
	. Pu'monary Tuberculosis		1662	O A	300 00
	. Phthisis Pulmonalis		576	3A	300 00
	. Cerebral Hemorrhage		1854	2A	300 00
	. Typhoid Fever		617	2 C :	1,000 00
767Wm. Rosenbaum	. Pulmonary Tuberculosis	. 93	637	2A	300 00
768 Earl Morrison	. Accident	. 93	492	5A	300 00
770 Edward M. Caldwell.	. Railroad Accident	. 62	1370	0C	1,000 00
	. Paralysis of Heart			9B	500 00
	. Carcinoma Tranverse Colon		813	7C	1,000 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT-MORTUARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.	
Received on Assessment Account to July 31, 1908	
	\$684,181 10
disbursements.	
Death Claims paid to July 31, 1908	10,600 00

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NO. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets 1st and 3d Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 39400 St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

NO. 3. HARRISBURG, PA.—Meets 1st Thursday each month in Mauk's Hall, corner 6th & Keller sts., Harrisburg, Pa., and at some point on Middle Division, P. R. R., 3d Thursday evening each month at 7 p. m. J. S. Leyder, Chief Tel., Thompsontown, Pa.; B. H. Saltsman, S. & T., 431 North st., Harrisburg, Pa.

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- NO. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambright, S. & T., Landisville, Pa.
- NO. 11, OLD TOWN, ME.—Meets 4th Sunday each month at 1:30 p. m., Royal Arcanum Hall, 116 Main st., Bangor, Me. Burton A. Brackett, Chief Tel., 32 Coombs st., Bangor, Me.; E. E. McPheters, S. & T., Great Works, Me.
- NO. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets 3d Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sts., Sunbury, Pa. Bruce McCrocken, Chief Tel., Riverside, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.
- NO. 14.—Division covers the Norfolk & Western Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. E. Layman, Gen'l Chairman, Troutville, Va.; T. H. Lankford, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 11, Cloverdale, Va.
- NO. 15, OTTAWA, ONT.—Meets subject to call of Chief Telegrapher at Ottawa, Ont. G. W. Shepherd, Chief Tel., Alexandria, Ont.; D. Robertson, S. & T., Glen Robertson, Ont.; D. Robertson and G. W. Shepherd, Legislative Representatives.
- NO. 16.—Division covers the Michigan Central Railroad. Meets 3d Monday each month at 7:30 p. m., Prismatic Hall, 140 First st., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Culkins, Gen'l Chairman, Albion, Mich.; J. H. Staley, Gen'l S. & T., Falls View, Ont.
- NO. 17, BALTIMORE, MD.—Meets 1st and 3d Wednesday of each month at Old Town Bank Building, 3d floor, Baltimore, Md. Wm. M. Skinner, Chief Tel., 2224 E. Oliver st., Baltimore, Md.; Daniel L. Koller, S. & T., Hartford road and West Erdman ave., Baltimore, Md.
- NO. 18.—Division covers the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. M. Mulcahy, Gen'l Chairman, 33 Courtney st., Dunkirk, N. Y.; O. S. Smith, Gen'l S. & T., Argos, Ind.
- NO. 20.—Division covers the New York, Ontario & Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Guy Cochran, Gen'l Chairman, Kingston, N. Y.; H. D. Pfoor, Gen'l S. & T., P. O. Box 114, Jermyn, Pa.; M. E. Eccleston, Local Chairman, Southern Division, Port Jervis, N. Y.; T. E. Nealon, Local Chairman, Scranton Division, Archbald, Pa.; C. F. Ingersoll, Local Chairman, Northern Division, Guilford, N. Y.; C. E. Downie, Asst. Local Chairman, Southern Division, Summitville, N. Y.; J. D. Foote, Assistant Local Chairman, Southern Division, Cooks Falls, N. Y.

- NO. 21.—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D. No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; A. C. Bushwaw, Gen'l S. & T., 55 Samuel st., Dayton, Ohio.
- NO. 22.—Division covers the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad System, R. J. Clark, Gen'l S. & T., Arbo, Miss.
- NO. 23.—Division covers the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Milwaukee Terminal meetings held subject to call of Local Chairman. O. W. Renshaw, Gen'l Chairman, 2 West 14th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; G. E. Soyster, Gen'l S. & T., 1554 Bever ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- NO. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Friday evening of each month in Red Men's Hall. 112 West Fourth st., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Friday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. Thos. R. Hepler, Chief Tel., 423 Park ave., Williamsport, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.
- NO. 25.—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway' System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex. L. W. Sledge, Local Chairman. Cotulla, Tex. 1. L. Wood, Local Chairman. Otto, Tex. S. E. Gray, Local Chairman, Overton, Tex.
- NO. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 265 W. 144th st., New York City. F. J. Ryan, Chief Tel.; 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. L. MacBain, S. & T., 2744 Eighth ave., New York City.
- NO. 27.—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. C. H. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsboro, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., R. F. D., No. 21, Bridgeport, Ind.
- NO. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormack, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.
- NO. 31.—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. L. M. Nance, Gen'l Chairman, 4039 Castleman ave., St. Louis, Mo.; W. M. Holman, Gen'l S. & T., 7210 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- NO. 32.—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman. 1368 Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; J. E. McQuade, Gen'l S. & T.. 1368 Jefferson st.. Springfield, Mo.



- NO. 33.-Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36. Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. Districts, meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10, Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill. Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. H. W. Mason, Local Chairman, Eastern District, 1314 Arch st., N. S., Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Lanning, Local Chairman, Western District, Celia, Pa. Cleveland Division meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall. Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, Local Chairman, Massillon, Ohio. Chicago Division meets on third Friday nights of each month, in B. of L. F. Hall, Garrett, Ind. O. J. Prouse, Local Chairman, East District, 303 North Union st., Fostoria, Ohio. A. P. Webster, Local Chairman, West District, Kimmell, West End Baltimore Division meets Ind. third Friday of August, November and February, at Washington Junction, Md., at 8 p. m. Third Friday of September, December and March at Typographical Hall, 423 G st., N. W., Washington, D. C., at 9 p. m. Third Friday of October, January and April at Woodstock, Md. D. M. Wright, Jr., Local Chairman, Brunswick, Md.
- NO. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.
- NO. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.
- NO. 36.—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atalanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.
- NO. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Bank's Hall, over postoffice, New Rochelle, N. Y. F. J. Maher, Chief Tel., Harlem River station, New York, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

- NO. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 8 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Art. O. Betters, Chief Tel., 216 Summer st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417 Springfield, Mass.
- NO. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; Charles I. Mead, Gen'l S. & T. Smyrna, Mich.
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- NO. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon, ave., West Somerville, Mass.; John A. Tuck, S. & T., upper station, Wakefield, Mass.
- NO. 42.—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. Frank N. Hall, Gen'l Chairman, 35 Clinton st., Salamanca, N. Y.; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.
- NO. 43.—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; E. G. Skelding, Gen'l S. & T., 531 Victor st., Winnipeg, Man.
- NO. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st.. Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. F. Heller, S. & T., 1441 Bushwick ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- NO. 45, WOODVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton. Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Plymouth, N. H.

- NO. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga. O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga.
- NO. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Moets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Λ. D. Lawson, Chief Tel., Hunters River, P. E. I.; J. J. Trainor, S. & T., Bedford Station, P. E. I.
- NO. 48.—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. J. Tobin, Gen'l Chairman, 315 E. Exchange st., Owosso, Mich.; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 930 Oak st., Springfield, Ohio.
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- NO. 50.—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.
- NO. 51.—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets 1st Friday evening after 16th, each month, in Eagles' Hall, Greenville, Pa., after the arrival of trains 2 and 13. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshall st., Conneaut, Ohio.
- NO. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
- NO. 53.—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., 1220 12th ave., East Oakland, Cal.
- NO. 54.—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 roth st., Olympia, Wash.
- NO. 55.—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittaburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at \$ p. m., in Trades and Labor Assembly Hall, Massillon, Ohio. J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.
- NO. 56.—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway Systems. L. D. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Tifton, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

- NO. 57.—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Templa, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.
- NO. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. H. W. Kennedy, Chief Telegrapher, 305 N. Van Buren st., Wilmington, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.
- NO. 59.—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.: A. L. McDaniel, Gen'l S. & T., Forest City, N. C.
- NO. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third, Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.
- NO. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; R. A. McMillan, S. & T., Charlo Station, N. B.
- NO. 62.—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333, Williamstown, Ky. J. W. North. Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., High Bridge, Ky. W. E. Hines, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Somerset, Ky. Meets 4th Saturday night each month at Somerset, Ky. B. D. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings on Ciacinnati and A. G. S. Divisions subject to call of General or Local Chairman.
- NO. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.
- NO. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.; Ed Roy, Treasurer, Aston Junction, Que.
- NO. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m.. second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall. Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; G. F. Berry, S. & T., 452 Msin st., Biddeford, Me.



- NO. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- NO. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. E. O. Sherman, Chief Tel., 331 S. River st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.; J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- NO. 68.—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.
- NO. 69.—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.
- NO. 70.—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Hotel Foley, St. Paul, Minn.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.
- NO. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA.—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Trainmen's Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.
- NO. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., Box 432, South St. Joseph, Mo.; W. E. Reese, S. & T., Box 682, St. Joseph, Mo.
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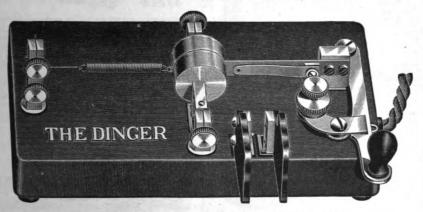
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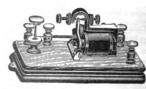


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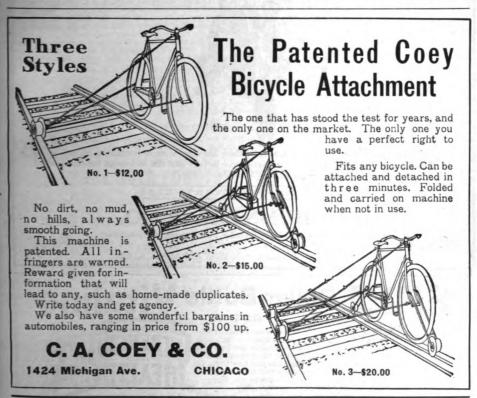
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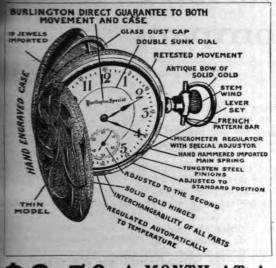
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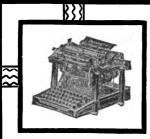
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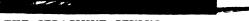
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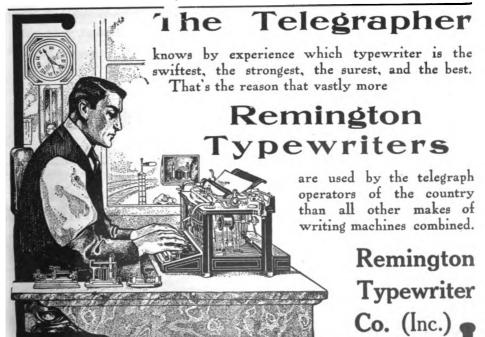


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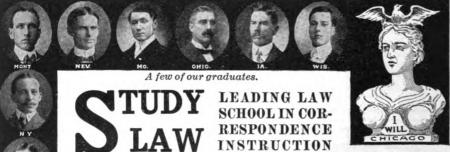
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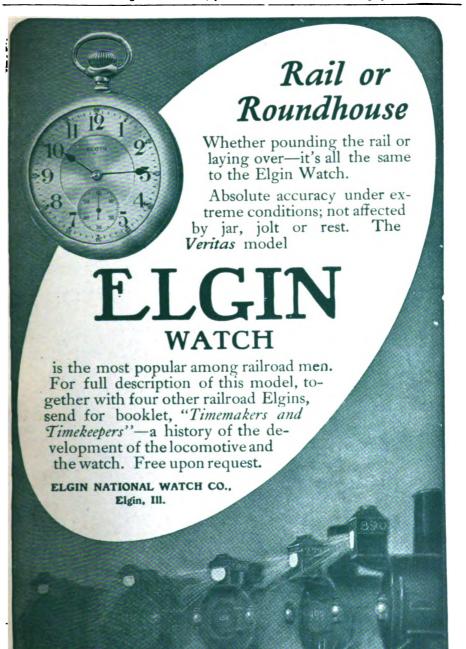
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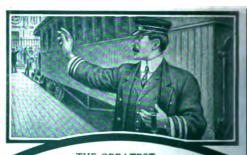
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Organized Labor Awakens to Importance of Coming Election.

Prominent Labor Leaders Express Views on Present Situation.

HE great battle of ballots which will be fought on November 3d is close at hand. Before another issue of The Telegrapher makes its appearance the citizens of the United States will have elected a President to serve them four years from March 4th, next.

In contemplating this election one thing, above all others seems to stand out as a fact beyond question, namely, that either Mr. Bryan or Mr. Taft will be the next President of these United States, unless death should intervene.

That being true, the lines are clearly drawn. It is not a question of the individual, as such, but a question of what each of them represents; what they will do if

exalted to the highest position within the gift of the people.

The respective parties which they represent have spoken for them in this regard, and their utterances are a matter of record. In fact, their respective "platforms" speak for them. Therefore it behooves every organized worker to carefully study the platforms of the two parties, and decide for himself which one of the platforms nearest represents that which is to his interest.

The two particular things in which labor is most vitally interested are the injunction and the decision of the Supreme Court, declaring labor organizations came under the provisions of the Sherman Anti-trust Law. Both evils can be remedied by legis-

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lation; therefore, when the representatives of the two great parties met in convention to draft their platforms and nominate their candidates, President Gompers and other representatives of organized labor went to those conventions and requested that planks be inserted in the platform of each pledging the parties to the enactment of legislation asked for by labor in regard to these two matters.

The report of the committee of which President Gompers was chairman was published in the September issue of this journal, and which was summarized in the following brief manner:

"The National Convention of the Republican party, at Chicago, refused to incorporate the demands of labor in its platform, and instead inserted a plank on injunctions, which indorses the existing abuse of the injunctions as applied to labor disputes.

"The Democratic Convention, at Denver, on the other hand, made labor's demands a part of its platform."

It will be seen from the foregoing that the issue is fairly presented.

THE VOTE OF ORGANIZED LABOR IN THIS COUNTRY IS THE BALANCE OF POWER.

If organized labor desires injunctions continued and legalized, they can bring this about by voting for the candidate of the party that has declared its intention of legalizing them.

On the other hand, if organized labor desires to stop the issuance of injunctions in labor disputes, and desires the enactment of legislation exempting labor organizations from the provisions of the Sherman Antitrust Law, they can bring this about by voting for the candidate of the party that has pledged itself to enact this remedial legislation.

THE RESULT OF THE FORTHCOM-ING ELECTION IS UP TO ORGAN-IZED LABOR.

Labor leaders throughout the country, realizing to what extent organized labor will be affected by the result of the election, have given public utterance to their views in this regard to a greater extent than ever before; many of which appear in the current issue of the American Federationist, the

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JAMES DUNCAN,

Grand Secretary and Treasurer Granite Cutters' International Union.

The progress of an economic movement can be measured by the opposition to it. When the activities of the workers for betterment were simmering, as it were, and either for lack of numbers, leadership or power were not much in evidence, the nonproducing rich and the corporation attorney patted such a movement on the back. or ignored it. With time came advancement. The things for which the workers were clubbed or imprisoned a few years ago are now recognized. The new demands of organized labor encountered opposition from the same sources, but by other methods.

Twenty-five years ago it was difficult to get a report into a daily paper about a labor meeting, but this has changed. At first only adverse reports were published, but evolution is doing its part, and even now in literary circles and in public halls economics are more discussed than all other subjects.

Education and commerce make and keep a country great and that which tends to their improvement helps the nation. this foundation all else is built. True, the political arena makes the most noise, but politics or the system of government is simply the method of the state to administer certain rules for the maintenance of order and for the regulation of commerce. If unalloyed justice between man and man were as evident as political trickery is abundant, there would be less need for regulative law, consequently as between economics and politics the former is the greater. As a means to an end, however, the workers, while relying on economic organization, should not permit the non-producing schemers to control political organization, but should and will in time, extend the same ennobling influence to politics they have given to economics. This requires education and confidence, time and vigilance, but he who diagnoses differently

has not a clear conception of the philosophy of the labor movement.

In recent years effort has been made by those whose God is the dollar, to attack popular government by trying to divide the people into classes. Perpetuation of democracy and the safeguarding of the republic depends upon the common people. Van Cleave said at the Chicago Republican Convention: "What do labor men want here? Let them go to the Democratic Convention at Denver, where they belong!" If his exclamation means anything, it is that "the interests" control the Republican party and would forbid it to listen to a committee of workingmen.

As liberty-loving citizens we protest against class legislation.

We ask no more than equality under the law. We will be content with nothing less.

We object to equity courts manufacturing injunction law to deprive union men during labor disputes of the freedom of speech and locomotion conceded to others.

We ask for no exemption from legal process which may be properly applied to other citizens.

We will not tamely submit to any species of decisions which attempts to put us into a class and subject us to specific court procedure. We will cheerfully support the institutions of our country, federal and state, as we have done in the past, and will utilize the rights guaranteed to us in every lawful manner to secure redress when unjustly treated.

This is not defaming the courts, nor belittling their proper functions. It is fullgrown citizenship.

It is not sedition. It is constitutional loyalty.

It is not abusing our educative system. It is using and extending it.

It is not detracting from the importance of our public institutions. It is applying them legitimately.

It is not hampering commerce. It is fostering and helping it.

It is not curtailing productivity nor the consuming power. It is enhancing both.

Vive la République. Vive Liberté. Vive Labor.

L. R. THOMAS,

Grand Secretary and Treasurer Metal Trades Federation of North America.

Since the conventions of the two great political organizations have passed into history, and each party has declared its attitude towards organized labor's appeal for a "square deal," the writer has endeavored to ascertain the feelings and sentiments of the rank and file of the various unions composing the American Federation of Labor as to the position taken by the president of the American Federation of Labor and the Executive Council in recommending the labor plank of the Democratic platform to the favorable consideration of the workers.

My inquiries have been made in the shop and the factory, among the busy workers at the lathe and bench, in the foundry and at the furnace, among workingmen who have been life-long supporters of the Republican party, men whose affiliations with the iron industry has impregnated them with the doctrine of the protective tariff, and who have loyally supported the party in the past, and to whose votes the Republican party owes its triumphs. I have found a deep feeling of resentment at the treatment accorded labor's representatives by the Republican party in the Chicago Convention. In every instance the attitude of President Gompers and his colleagues is commended and all declare that a rebuke will be administered to the Republican party in November that will be remembered for all time to come.

That it might not be charged that this article is the effusion of an enthusiastic Democratic partisan who sees only what pleases his eyes, or hears only what is pleasant to his ears, the writer would say that since casting his first vote for James A. Garfield he has loyally supported the Republican party in every national campaign and it is with reluctance that he now severs his connection with it, but in common with the great body of organized labor of which he is a part, he feels keenly the slighting, contemptuous treatment accorded a worthy class of citizens by the party which, under Abraham Lincoln, was the party of the oppressed and lowly.

In the course of my investigations, I came across quite a number of those who had, earlier in life, been members of unions of their crafts, but who had later accepted employment outside their craft, but still had much of the old spirit of fair play which had been instilled by unionism and is now aroused again by certain circulars and letters from Van Cleave, wherein he exultingly boasts of his triumph over organized labor in the last session of Congress and at the Republican Convention in Chicago, and in vitriolic language calls on all employers of labor to combine and crush out organized labor. Judging from the sentiments expressed by several recipients of the Van Cleave circulars, I am of the opinion that they will be in the nature of a boomerang and will hurt the author and the Republican party more than organized labor.

The prevailing sentiment among the unions I have visited is approval of the course pursued by the officers of the American Federation of Labor. The only discordant note to be heard is from the placeholders, time-servers, and petty grafters, who have long been leeches upon the Republican party, and now see a possibility of their graft slipping away.

From my own observations, I am constrained to believe that labor is at last aroused and that President Gompers will have the united support of the workers and their friends, regardless of what attacks may be made upon him by the political sycophants and toadys, in or out of organized labor.

P. J. McArdle,

President Amalgamated Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

In these times of industrial depression and political activity we of the labor movement have much with which to engross our thoughts. While the industrial situation has caused us much concern for the past ten months it is improving, and the workers are now particularly and peculiarly interested in the political situation.

We are interested because our industrial and economic welfare depends upon the existence of our trade organizations and because the practicability and continuity of our trade unions depends on the political developments of the near future.

Organized labor has noted the growing tendency in recent years on the part of capital to use the judicial branch of state and national government to defeat the legitimate and laudable aims of organized labor, and, indeed, we have shown much less concern than the gravity of the situation warranted.

Emboldened by the success of this system of judicial-fought strikes the beneficiaries have come to regard an unlawful un-American privilege as a right. Organized American labor, smarting under these abuses, and recognizing in their development the subversion of the fundamental principles of our democratic government, raised its voice in appeal and protest to the end that relief might be had.

In common with all the people, organized labor believed that there should be no question as to its proper legal status and of its right to continue in its wonted sphere of useful activity.

However, in its pursuits of uplifting mar and making for a higher civilization it ran counter to some one's business interests and "interfered" with property, and consequently found itself declared by the Supreme Court of the United States to be a trust or unlawful combination in restraint of trade.

The mere fact that the framers of the Sherman Anti-trust Law did not contemplate such an interpretation did not matter to the august judges. The decision was made and must stand unless Congress enacts legislation exempting labor from the provisions of the Sherman Anti-trust Law.

Congress alone can afford relief for these injustices of court-made law and misinterpretations, and to it labor went. Labor was not as hopeful as the justice of its claims would warrant for it had been there several times before on other matters. It appealed, and then it protested, and when Congress could no longer remain silent on the subject it spoke, and in defiant words told labor that it could have nothing it asked for. And lest labor might not appreciate the fact, the recent Congress added

with emphasis that it was responsible, and was willing to accept the consequences.

Congress was overwhelmingly in the control of the Republican party, and its will and sentiments were voiced by Republican leaders; Congress adjourned, and its arrogant, defiant attitude toward labor was only equaled by its subserviency to labor's enemies.

The Republican party, together with other parties are again before the people for their suffrages. The lines are being drawn for the quadrennial battle of the ballots. The parties have convened, named their candidates and adopted platforms.

In order to be entirely consistent with its record made during the last session of Congress, the Republican party named candidates with records particularly nauseating to organized labor.

Its standard bearer's chief claim to attention seems to have been his connection with the injunction in labor disputes. It is his paternal relation to the latter that makes him particularly obnoxious to men of toil.

His running mate being one of the "Big Five," in the last house of Congress who were directly responsible for the failure of the remedial legislation demanded by labor is particularly well fitted to fill out a ticket against which every workingman can conscientiously cast his ballot.

The platform of the Republican party is in direct accord with the records of its candidates so far as the planks of chief interest to labor are concerned.

This platform was adopted after the representatives of labor had presented its claims to the Resolutions Committee and asked the convention to go on record in favor of them. A perusal of that platform will show that the Republican Convention not only failed to recognize the justice of labor's claims, but made a studied effort to ignore them.

Instead of offering relief that convention went on record in favor of the continuance of present practices in relation to injunctions, and expressed its intention of having them written into the statutes so that a fair-minded judge will have no option other than to conform to them.

This position was clearly defined by Speaker Cannon in a post-convention statement at Chicago.

It seems to me that the working people have but one thing to be thankful to the Republican party for at this time, and that is the brutal frankness with which its leaders have stated their opposition to their (the wage-earner's) interest.

In contrast to this we find the Republican party's chief opponent conceding the essence of all that labor contended for so far as the platform is concerned, and openly avowing its intention of enacting labor's demands into law if placed in the position to do so.

The lines are clearly drawn, and the issues—real live issues—brought face to face with the workers of our country. Every workingman is called upon for action as he never was before. The responsibility is his, and he can not shirk it.

He must rebuke labor's enemies or indorse them in their open hostile opposition to his interests.

His future is in his own hands. He must act as his own savior or his own executioner. No one can, nor will any one attempt to deliver his vote to any candidate or any party. They will only bring to him the facts. Let him think well, then act as his conscience dictates, with a full understanding of what it portends for his future.

DANIEL J. KEEFE,

President Longshoremen's International Union.

The abuses of injunction orders are an outrage upon a free people, and are without parallel in the history and theory of law, equity and justice. We can imagine how such proceedings are possible in Russia, but that in free America a man can be heavily fined and sent to jail without the process of a trial by jury seems incredible. The most unjust, unfair and arbitrary features of our whole system of jurisprudence are the so-called injunction orders of a federal judge in labor disputes. It is not less than the prostitution of all law, and a sham and mockery on the sanctity of law. That it weakens the respect of the masses for the courts goes without saying. The theory

and practice of law that will invest any judge with the sole and arbitrary power of punishing for contempt of court, without trial by jury, seems a violation of the fundamental principles of law, and infamous to any person able to reason and think.

In all criminal proceedings the maximum penalty is fixed by law, while courts are not limited in the penalties for contempt. It is an imperative necessity that labor should demand the enactment of a law to limit the application of injunctions and to provide for trial by jury in all cases of contempt of court.

An effort was made during the recent session of Congress to remedy the evil of injunction orders of the federal courts, but the enemies of organized labor had sufficient influence to prevent its passage. We must go before Congress with renewed efforts at its next session and urge our friends to work and vote for a statute restricting the power of federal courts in the issuing of injunctions in labor disputes.

J. C. SKEMP,

Grand Secretary-Treasurer Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers.

The Republican party has decided to stand pat. With a clear conception of the consequences, it has deliberately chosen to represent the reactionary elements and forces in our national life. On every question, whether of principle or practice, of policy or legislation, it has candidly gone on record as opposed to progress. The sacredness of vested interests and of private property rights, including the employer's alleged property right in the labor he needs, are to be its gospel, the perpetuation of special privileges its peculiar duty and function.

Lincoln, the homely commoner, who, with unquestioning faith, accepted the principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence, and believed with all his soul in the supreme authority of the people, who dared even to criticise and overrule the supreme court, has been deposed from his pedestal to make place for the aristocrat, Hamilton—the personification of distrust of the masses—as the idol and prophet of the party. Hamilton's belief in the necessity.

for some supreme authority above and apart from the people, whose fiat shall be final and not subject to revision, by them has been accepted as sound Republican doctrine. For the king, or—when that failed—the president elected for life, backed by an appointed Senate, in imitation of the English House of Lords, which Hamilton desired, the Republican party would substitute an irresponsible judiciary holding office for life.

The divinity that doth hedge a king is to environ our supreme court without even the constitutional limitations that prevent the gross abuse of power by hereditary rulers. Released from the wholesome check of popular opinion, a handful of judges are to be entrusted with autocratic power. The donning of a black gown is to render its wearer immaculate and infallible, immune from even the criticism of the vulgar.

Fearing the adoption of the initiative and referendum in state and national affairs, realizing that direct legislation will make a reality of our present sham representative government by restoring the law-making power to the people, the business interests seek to forestall and defeat any attempt to restrict their opportunities to levy tribute from the toilers by conferring unlimited power upon the bench. Assuming that the people can not—or rather should not—be trusted to govern themselves, they have decided to govern them through the courts.

Organized labor has no cause to find fault with the Republican platform. It is a frank expression of the policy of the party and the mental attitude of its leaders.

The sections inserted in the platform as a cheap compliment to the wage-earners, consist of platitudes void of sense or substance and exaggerated claims of service rendered.

The injunction plank can be summed up as a cipher—"nothing but chaff," Judge Grosscup terms it. A mere statement of the existing usage, it offers no relief from no remedy for the abuse of the injunction. No restriction of the process to its legitimate field—the protection of property—is promised.

The Republican party has removed every vestige of doubt as to its attitude. It has

burned its bridges behind it. Its platform is an open defiance of organized labor and the common people, a frank acceptance of the theory that governments should be administered in the interest of the few, and that the few should be entrusted with the care of the many, that a superior class should govern, and an inferior class obey, that the ruling class should control the means, be given the power and be charged with the responsibility to provide for the welfare of the masses.

We are asked to abandon our hopes for equal opportunities for all, and to accept in their stead a government by an aristocracy which, out of its abundance, will see that the toilers receive all it thinks good for them.

The Republican party feels strong enough to dispense with our support, and frankly, forcefully and officially serves notice upon us that our presence is tolerated only so long as we vote the ticket and ask no voice in the party council, but gratefully accept what is thrown to us. The issue is clearly drawn. The most hidebound party-man can not deceive himself. What more could we ask?

WALTER MACARTHUR, Editor Coast Seamen's Journal

Whatever the immediate results of the discussion on the injunction issue, one thing is already assured—the issue has been raised in such manner as to preclude the possibility of its being settled "until it is settled right."

The first great step, the condition precedent, has been achieved. The eye and the car of the public has been caught; the public conscience may be trusted to do the rest. However the public shall judge the issue can, of course, only be conjectured; but that judgment will be rendered, and that in a manner conformable to public interest rather than to party or class bias, is a foregone conclusion.

But yesterday the voice of labor on the subject of "Government by Injunction" was as "a voice crying in the wilderness." Few outside the ranks of organized labor, and these only in academic fashion, thought

or cared anything about the topic. To press and public the s bject was unheard of, or heard of only to be dismissed with a jest or a sneer. Even those far-seeing representatives of the press, who, with ears ever attuned to catch the slightest whisper of social unrest, heard the slogan afar; attempted to drown the sound by a labored assumption of unconcern.

Today the protest against "Government by Injunction" fills the air. The great political parties have taken up the cry and made of it a matter of practical politics. By the manner of its treatment by the party conventions, as much as by its intrinsic importance, the injunction issue has been made the great political issue of the hour. Many a candidate for office, from that of the presidency down to justice of the peace, will find himself compelled to take one side or other upon this issue. The candidate who shall attempt to gain the suffrages of the people while assuming a "no lookee-no hearee-no speakee" attitude upon the injunction question will almost certainly find the people assuming a like attitude toward himself.

Those newspapers which but recently discussed the subject as though it made them tired, rather than otherwise, now volley and thunder like so many battalions bent upon leaving neither living, dead, nor wounded on the field. According to the newspapers the protest against "Government by Injunction," which only a few days ago was merely so much, or rather so little, "sound and fury, signifying nothing," has become an "assault upon the integrity of the courts," threatening the very foundations of all government! The press, having failed to smother or minimize the issue, now seems determined to magnify it in order that it may not be lost sight of.

While it is not given to any man to anticipate with certainty the verdict of the people upon this question, there are not lacking criteria of human judgment, to say nothing of exemplars in human history, upon which to build a reasonable hope that in the outcome both liberty and law will triumph—the former in the conservation of personal rights, the latter in the assurance of renewed public confidence and respect.

OWEN MILLER,

Grand Sccretary American Federation of Musicians.

For twenty years the American Federation of Labor bent every energy to the work of organization, and turned a cold shoulder to every endeavor to commit it to political action. Its firm and continual refusal to expend its energy and finances in the political field carried with it the conviction that keeping out of politics was a permanent tenet of the organization. Its enemies, both private and public, applauded this determination and fought the organization with more vigor than ever. This was especially true of certain influential officials, holding prominent positions, who opposed every bill introduced into Congress at the instigation of the American Federation of Labor. Speaker Cannon and Representative Littlefield, of Maine, were particularly vicious in their opposition to all labor measures.

The Executive Council considered that the Congressional election of 1906 was the psychological moment to have the American Federation of Labor make its debut in the political field. The result is a matter of history. In spite of the backing of the present candidate for President on the Republican ticket, Littlefield barely escaped defeat. As it was, his victory was a humiliation; so much so, that he was compelled to resign as a member of Congress, and notify. his constituents that he would refuse a nomination for re-election in 1908. why? Because the Republican managers well understood that the defeat of Littlefield in September this year would have spelled disaster for the party in November. This is why Littlefield resigned, and for no other reason.

The Sixtieth Congress turned down every measure proposed by organized labor. The leaders of the party, Cannon, Payne, Dalzell and Sherman, all boastfully declared that the party was responsible for the acts of that Congress and was prepared to take the consequences.

The Republican Convention at Chicago added insult to injury when it adopted the present procedure regulating injunctions as a plank of the platform of the party.

The opportunity to rebuke these insolent representatives of the "interests" is at hand. Let us take them at their word and hold them responsible for their refusal to consider our petitions. Never was there a better opportunity to defeat this arrogant party, drunk with power, than at the present time. It is an old maxim, "that whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad."

Not satisfied with entirely ignoring the demands of organized labor and giving every possible advantage to the National Manufacturers' Association, as represented through Van Cleave, to cinch their endeavors, they nominate for vice-president one who opposed all bills introduced in the House in the interests of the people. In addition to that, he is known to be a member of a number of trusts and monopolies. chief of which is the cruel ice trust of Utica, N. Y., which monopolized the industry and placed the prices at such a figure that the poorer people of the entire valley were unable to secure this very necessary article through the hot months last summer.

For the treasurer of the Campaign Committee they have chosen a man who is a member of nearly every one of the great predatory trusts that monopolize the public utilities, and he has come out with the statement that he will apply to the great corporations for contributions to the funds to carry on the campaign and that the general demand that these contributions be made known will be ignored, though they may be published after the campaign. Such a report after the campaign will be utterly worthless, as the people want to know during the campaign who is putting up the money to pay the freight. We all remember with what vociferousness Roosevelt denied that the insurance corporations were paying anything towards the expenses of the election of 1904, and that he did not hesitate to use "short and ugly" words in his denunciation. It had its effect upon the American people and the election, but the insurance investigation, conducted by the present governor of the State of New York, proved that the Republican campaign statements made as to such contributions were

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not true. The testimony showed that each of the large insurance companies deliberately took from the stockholders thousands upon thousands of dollars to help pay the expenses of the Republican campaign. This arrogant political party has succeeded so often in humbugging the majority of the people that they think they can play the same game again. They seem to have forgotten that Abraham Lincoln "You can fool all of the people some of the time, some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time." It is the duty of the members of the American Federation of Labor to scrutinize this campaign closely. Our members must do their duty on election day by going to the polls, and not only themselves vote against the politicians that have turned down their every request, but also to see to it that they persuade as many of their friends as possible to do the same thing.

In spite of Taft's specious and misleading speeches, none of us want to lose sight of the fact that he was the judge who inaugurated and now justifies the present cruel and unjust system of injunctions, which has worked so many hardships to the working people of this country. Taft has never made an apology for his action that account. On the contrary, he entered the State of Oklahoma as a member of the President's Cabinet and stumped the state against the adoption of the proposed constitution because it contained an anti-injunction provision. The people replied by adopting the constitution by a 100,000 majority.

We should not forget that when the American Federation of Labor decided to make an example of Littlefield, that Taft was the first to enter the district and use his great influence as Secretary of War to help Littlefield against organized labor. When all of these recollections come to our mind, let us work as one man, and do our full duty in voting against the man who invented the present injunction policy and the party that has refused the just demands of organized labor.

CAL WYATT,

General Organizer American Federation of Labor.

From my observations and inquiries since the action of the Democratic Convention at Denver, I am strongly inclined to the opinion that a large majority of loyal trade unionists will support Mr. Bryan in the There is developing an coming election. increasing disposition on the part of the workingmen to disregard all party ties and support more loyally their political friends. This movement is due largely to the educational work that has been done through the instrumentality of the American Federation of Labor and its leaders. Each new move has been most bitterly criticised and often purposely misrepresented by men dominated almost entirely by selfish motives, but professing loyalty to the cause. These men we now find most virulently opposing the recommendations recently emanating from the authorized heads of the labor movement through President Gompers. careful analysis of this class, as represented in the daily press, largely unfriendly, ignores entirely the fact that the course pursued which culminated in the action of the Denver Convention, had the approval of accredited representatives of all international trade unions in the conference held March last in Washington, D. C.

Men who are partisans and more loyal to political parties than they are to their unions will naturally oppose the plan proposed by President Gompers and his colleagues, who have been exercising their best judgment and discretion to secure the remedies we have been pleading for at the hands of certain misrepresentatives of the government for years past. We have been taught to support our accredited representatives when a thoroughly discussed and approved policy has been decided on in our trade unions. For some time past it has been that fixed policy which has pushed our movement forward to its present high standard of efficiency and protection. Because of the adverse criticism and the alarm plainly indicated by political leaders, office holders and capitalists and a venal press, shall we cease our legitimate efforts to secure the laws we have been advocating for years as well as a correction of certain iudicial abuses?

There is one peculiar phase of the controversy under consideration that has especially impressed me; those most antagonistic suggest no possible immediate remedy or substitute for our present course. They all admit the evils we, as workingmen, complain of, and that there is a pressing and urgent necessity for their removal and correction. Why not, then, give our leaders the benefit (if it is so badly needed) of their superior knowledge, and thereby save our movement from further humiliation and defeat.

Every influence at our command as trade unionists was used to induce the Republican leaders in the last Congress to amend the Sherman Anti-trust Law, pass the anti-injunction bill, and extend the provisions of the eight-hour law, and properly protect the lives and limbs of railroad and government employes. Had these small concessions been made, the fight that is now on would have been avoided. We were sneeringly refused and told that the controlling party would assume responsibility for such action. That party has discovered now a most serious blunder was then made, little dreaming the demands then refused would be carried to the Chicago Convention. Under threat by certain interests of withholding large political contributions, labor's demands were ignored, and notice was served that nothing could be expected from the Republican party in the future. The door of hope was closed in our face and we were told to go to and do our worst.

The story of how our representatives were received by the Democrats at Denver is also history. Would it be too great a sacrifice on our part to take a chance, in the hope that the promise given at Denver was made in good faith? If ever we secure our industrial independence, it will be by ignoring partisan politics and voting for our friends.

The necessity for such action is now more apparent than ever before, and the defeat of the Republican party this fall will make the producing classes the greatest factor for good the world has ever known. All depends on how the votes are cast. A change is badly needed, and must come before any improvement can be secured.

J. W. KLINE,

President Blacksmiths' International Union.

Mr. Van Cleave is mad. After assuming the position of dictator to the Manufacturers' Association, he finds that in spite of him, trades unionism continues to grow in prestige and numerical strength. His declarations against organized workingmen, as un-American and unworthy of consideration have been repudiated by some of our most worthy and loyal citizens.

This is a republic. All stand alike, or are supposed to. In Mr. Van Cleave's frantic efforts to besmirch the character and reputation of some of our trades unionists, he is only digging a deeper grave for himself and others like him who are too blind and too narrow to take in the breath and the needs of humanity.

Since Mr. Van Cleave has been taking an active part in opposition to trades unionism. nearly all of the churches have passed resolutions of sympathy with us and even gone so far as to organize societies to advance the interests of organized workingmen and denounce most emphatically the usurpation of power by illegal corporate bodies. The tendency of the American public opinion. in spite of Mr. Van Cleave, is toward organized wage-earners.

The Republican Convention in Chicago lost more sleep over the trades union movement than anything else. The Democratic Convention in Denver recognized the organized toilers of our country by adopting the anti-injunction plank as presented by the American Federation of Labor, and the one to exempt labor unions from being classed as trusts. Mr. Van Cleave didn't go there. Why?

The gallant fight put up by our president of the American Federation of Labor is something marvelous. With little or no money he faces a gigantic monopoly with money enough to build a wall of gold about itself as high as that of ancient Babylon However, justice will prevail.

Congress met and adjourned, and labor's appeal remained unheeded. In the face of that, the politicians will come to us with the display of all their oratorical power, and doubtless some will be charmed by their cloquence and be caught in the trap

again. The warnings sent out by President Gompers should be heeded. Do not fear to ask the man who asks you for your support, whether he can support measures that will do justice to all American citizens and not for the self-conscious capitalist class only.

The 10,000 telegrams sent to Congress by members of the Manufacturers' Association against the anti-injunction bill and other legislation favored by the American Federation of Labor should teach us a lesson that wage-earners have the same recourse, and will elect those pledged to labor's interests.

JOHN P. FREY,

Editor International Molders' Journal.

The trend of many judicial decisions in cases arising from industrial disputes in the immediate past, gives ample cause for surprise and indignation—surprise at the elasticity which some of our courts seemingly discover in the fundamental principles of our legislation, and indignation because of the apparent judicial class distinctions which are being created between employer and employe.

The respect which wage-workers have for our judiciary as a whole, and their firm belief in its integrity, does not blind them to the injustice contained in some of their decisions, and their dangerous trend in industrial cases. To remain silent in view of some recent decisions would be moral cowardice.

Four cases which indicate the dangerous judicial class distinctions being created, deserve attention and wide publicity. years ago the Retail Dealers' Association of South Dakota, through the action of their annual convention, instructed their secretary to prepare an unfair list, containing the names of those wholesalers and jobbers who would refuse to discontinue selling goods to the catalogue and mail-order This action was taken because of the serious, and as they considered it, unfair competition which the catalogue and mail-order houses had created. As a result of this action Montgomery Ward & Co. applied to the federal court of South Dakota, Judge Carland on the bench, for an injunction restraining this Retail Dealers' Association from publishing their unfair list and continuing their boycott.

The court refused to grant the request, no injunction being granted, and in the decision refusing to issue a restraining order the court said, in part:

"But the right to do business free from lawful competition, includes the right to buy as well as to sell, although it is quite probable that the damage from interference in the former case would be much less than in the latter. * * * For damage arising from the commission of lawful acts the law affords no remedy. * * * That the retail dealers have a lawful right to agree among themselves that they will not purchase merchandise from wholesalers and jobbers who sell to catalogue or mail-order houses can not be denied, and it necessarily follows that they have the right to inform each other as to what wholesalers and jobbers do sell to catalogue and mail-order houses."

Not long ago the A. F. of L. took action which was similar to and paralleled that taken by this Retail Dealers' Association. An injunction was prayed for in the Federal Court of the District of Columbia, Judge Gould on the bench, and it was promptly issued, restraining the American Federation of Labor, its officers and affliated bodies from informing their membership that the Buck's Stove and Range Company had been placed upon the unfair list.

These two cases embraced similar conditions, and involved the same principles, the only distinction being that in the first instance the association was composed of business men, and in the second of workmen. In the first case the court held that business men had every right to establish a boycott for the protection of their business interests, and in the second it held that workmen transgressed the fundamental principles of American institutions by doing likewise.

The other two cases are of equal importance in indicating the class decisions under consideration. The members of the Mine Owners' Association in Nevada agreed between themselves to discharge all the union miners in their employ who refused to surrender their membership in their trade

union, and to give employment to no union workman, although this action was contrary to the state law which forbade any discrimination against union workmen.

The mine owners' policy finally led to an action before the Federal Court of Nevada, Judge Farrington on the bench. The court held that the state law forbidding discrimination was invalid in as much-as it interfered with the constitutional provision that no man should be deprived "of life, liberty" or property without due process of law," since it deprived the employer of the right to contract as to matters which might be And furthermore that an vital to him. agreement between the mine owners that they would not employ any person who belonged to a certain labor organization or to any affiliated organization, did not constitute an unlawful conspiracy against such organization or its members.

The case I desire to parallel with this arose in Lynn, Mass., where the building contractors, through their association, determined to enter into no further trade agreements with the building trades unions, and to introduce non-union conditions of employment.

A strike of the building trades ensued, not for the purpose of securing signed agreements, but to prevent the introduction of non-union conditions. This was shortly afterwards followed by an injunction issued by a state court, which enjoined the strikers from continuing the strike, from paying strike benefits, and from placing the contractors' names upon an unfair list.

An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, and this court not only sustained the injunction, but declared that a strike to prevent the introduction of non-union conditions was illegal.

The court's attitude may be easily grasped from the following brief excerpts from its decision, which read, in part:

"Without going into details, it is manifest that the strike here in question was a strike against the open shop, as the plaintiff proposed to carry on an open shop. * * * The occasion of the strike, as we have said, was the posting of open shop rules. The strike was manifestly a strike against working under those rules. * * * It follows that the plaintiffs were entitled to an injunction restraining the defendants from combining together to further the strike in question, and from doing any acts whatsoever, peaceful or otherwise, in furtherance thereof including the payment of strike benefits, and putting the plaintiffs upon the unfair list."

In the Nevada case the broad principle is announced that employers have a right to combine and agree not to employ members of a certain labor union, or of any affiliated union, as well as to discharge all such members in their employ. In Massachusetts it was held that an organization of workmen can not combine and agree not to work for certain employers.

In the first instance employers are given judicial authority to discharge and lockout their union employes when they desire to disrupt their trade union, and in the other the workmen are denied the right to strike against the introduction of non-union conditions—yes, even more, they are denied the right to tell their fellowworkmen that these union-disrupting, building contractors are unfair to organized labor.

These decisions seem to announce that business men and employers have rights and privileges which the workmen are not entitled to enjoy. They establish judicial class distinctions which, if generally applied, would effectively destroy our liberties and abrogate our rights by creating two distinct classes—one privileged and the other without rights or privileges; one of judicially-created industrial masters, and the other of judicially-created industrial slaves.

It may not be possible for a layman to suggest one definite remedy which would be adequate of itself to prevent the evident injustice in the judicial practice of the present day in connection with industrial questions. It is evident, however, that legislation is required which will clearly define the equal rights and privileges of both employer and employe, for it is not true that some "are born with saddles on their backs, and others booted and spurred to ride them."

To secure the necessary legislation representatives must be elected who, in addition to honest and patriotic motives must be equipped with accurate and practical knowl-

edge of the present-day industrial conditions. The legislative and judicial precedents of a century ago are neither adequate nor applicable to the peculiar conditions which have arisen with the growth of our present industrial system.

JOHN GOLDEN,

President United Textile Workers of America.

The great task that confronts the leaders of the trade union movement today is to find the best and most effective means of arousing the spirit of the rank and file, and to bring them to a realization of the fact that we are now facing the most critical period in our whole history. The question for the members of trade unions to ask themselves' after reading the recent decisions handed down by the supreme court is just where they are at, and what legal standing they have, providing these decisions are allowed to stand, which they certainly will unless something is done to bring about a change.

We have been hugging the idea for over a century that the American constitution guaranteed us a free press. The Supreme Court has taught us different; no matter what injustice we may have suffered at the hands of a firm, our members may be deprived of their means of livelihood, because they have the temerity to join a labor union. We are not allowed to bring the facts to the attention of our friends through the regular medium of our official journals. Nevertheless, this same august body of judges ruled that it is perfectly legal for an employer of labor to discharge any or all his employes on no other grounds than that they have joined a union of their craft. In order to find sufficient grounds upon which to base the last decision, the labor unions have been placed in the same category as trusts and combinations. In other words, the Sherman Anti-trust Law, framed for the sole purpose of curbing the gigantic trusts that were robbing the people wholesale, has been so construed as to make it apply to labor unions. Just reflect for a moment, here is a movement where certain moneyed interests combine for the purpose of controlling a given commodity, so they may dictate the price; small dealers who either refuse to join them in their unholy work of robbing the people, or otherwise are not needed are crushed to the wall. This movement became so alarming that a special law was enacted to meet it, which might have been effective providing it had been applied.

Here, on the other hand, is another movement whose sole object is the improvement of the condition of those who must earn their bread by the sweat of their face, a movement that has taken thousands of little children from the mills, the mines, and the workshop and put them in the school and the playground; a movement that has secured humane laws for the protection of women employed in our various industries, and, in spite of all this, it is placed in the same class with such soulless corporations as Standard Oil and the Beef Trust. When I learned that the officers of the American Federation of Labor had gone to Chicago, and later to Denver, and placed the demands of organized labor before the conventions of the two leading political parties, in no unmistakable terms, I could not help but feel that this action marked a new epoch in the history of the trade union movement. The two platforms are now before us. We all know just how far they go with regard to injunctions, where we made our special fight. We can easily realize which comes nearest to our ideals. is for us to act accordingly. The time has arrived when the man who toils must shake off the shackels of political partisanship. He is confronting a situation today which will test his very soul. If he ever hopes to secure a fair share of the wealth he creates, now is the time for him to act, and act where it will be most effective-at the ballot-box. If he fails to do so he is deserving of all the indignities that have been heaped upon him up to the present time, and whatever happens to the labor movement in the future, he, and he alone, is responsible for it. Organized labor is suffering today under certain injustices. Organized labor has the political power to have these grievances remedied. Before the year closes it will be demonstrated whether organized labor, has the brains to use that power as it should

be used, by administering a stinging rebuke to our enemies and electing our friends.

EMMET T. FLOOD,

General Organizer American Federation of Labor.

Before the new year dawns, a new President of the United States and a new Congress will be elected.

This election should especially attract the attention of all the toilers of our country.

Labor unions have done more for their members than any other society or organization in existence.

There is no law that has ever been enacted, through the efforts of organized labor, that has not benefited all the working people. Organized labor has never been so selfish as to ask that Congress, or any legislative body enact laws which might benefit its members alone; but has demanded that these laws be enacted in favor of all the people.

Wherever there is a law on the statute-books of our states or in Congress, in any way favoring labor, you can trace it to the efforts of organized labor; but now the courts of our country, even to the highest tribunal, the Supreme Court, have handed down adverse decisions, which ought to be still fresh in the mind of every trade unionist. What reason have we to believe they may not go further, and even enjoin members of labor unions from lawfully assembling?

Has not the Supreme Court in the District of Columbia ordered President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, Secretary Frank Morrison, and Vice-President John Mitchell, to appear before it on the 8th day of September, 1908, and show cause why they should not be judged in contempt of court, for no other reason than that they have notified their members of action of the court in issuing a permanent injunction against the American Federation of Labor, to prevent them from notifying their members that a certain firm was unfair to organized labor?

Would not any fair-minded man regard this injunction as a violation of the Declaration of Independence, which has guaranteed to us the right of free speech and free dom of the press?

Labor has protested to Congress on account of previous decisions of similar character handed down by the courts and demanded that some laws be enacted to prevent their recurrence.

Congress ignored labor's demand, and adjourned.

The American Federation of Labor, through its Executive Council, next turned its attention to the Republican Convention held in Chicago, and asked that it adopt the plank proposed by labor. It met with the same rebuff.

The Republican Convention not only turned labor's request down, but went further by informing labor if the Republicans should control Congress in the future the workers can expect less consideration than in the past.

The Executive Council then proceeded to Denver, made the same demand of the Democratic party as was made to the Republican party.

President Gompers, Secretary Morrison. Vice-President John Mitchell, and other members of the Executive Council, say they are satisfied with the consideration they received at the hands of the Democratic party and the labor platform adopted at their convention. So am I, and so ought every good trade unionist.

No matter what our political affiliation has been before, let us, at this election, be trade unionists.

It is my sincere hope that the vote of every trade unionist at the coming election in November will be the seal of disapproval of the actions of the Republican party, as shown by its majority in Congress and the Chicago Convention.

HOMER D. CALL,

Grand Secretary-Treasurer Amalgamated Meat Cutters.

Probably no question has ever been more repeatedly asked than this: "What do you think of the present labor situation?" Many ask it with bated breath, honestly believing that the present situation presages the dissolution of organized labor and the withdrawal of all the individual rights and lib-

erties of the American workingman, but in my opinion that is an idle fear. The toilers of this land are too intelligent and have the love of liberty too firmly planted in their hearts to become discouraged at the setbacks which they have received at the hands of the Supreme Court and the Republican party.

Since the twelfth century, when Archbishop De Gray protested the appointment of Stephen Langton as cardinal, and King John attempted to coerce the Pope, which resulted in the crusade against the King of England, the outcome of which was the issuing of the Magna Charta, which established the supremacy of a fixed principle of law over the will and power of the King, and the right of a trial by a jury of our peers; as a further check to the official judges should they be tempted to sell the liberties and privileges of the subjects, down through the ages to the time of the Boston tea party, when the American colonies rebelled and boycotted the products of the capitalists of England, has this question been asked, and in most instances promptly answered by an uprising of the people and a successful struggle for a restoration of their rights. I feel confident that the same thing will prevail today, though it is to be hoped that the necessary reforms will be accomplished peacefully.

The Republican party "unintentionally" did much to restore the individual liberty which the late Supreme Court decision robbed us of, by its cold-blooded refusal to enact any remedial legislation in the late Congress, and by its flat refusal to insert a plank in its platform which would give any relief to labor, but instead adopted a plank presented by the Van Cleave-Post-Parry association of labor haters, thereby arousing the workers of the land as never before. I feel confident that this action will result in uniting the forces of labor solidly and that in the coming election the question of party will be lost sight of and labor will vote as a unit for those who decided by the adoption of labor's demands at the Denver Convention that they consider the man above the dollar, and in the end the workingman will come into possession of his full rights and liberties again.

Of course, we can not expect that all of this can be done in a day. As one writer has said: "We must not forget that six one-half centuries rolled between and Magna Charta and the emancipation proclamation; 150 years lie between the time that the Pilgrim fathers landed on Plymouth Rock and the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the same breeze that sent the Mayflower to the land of hope and promise also bore a vessel with a cargo of slaves, and it took 250 years to remove the curse of slavery, and that the last 130 years has done more for liberty, more for humanity, more for the sons and daughters of workingmen than was done in all the ages since the dawn of creation.

I firmly believe that organized labor will in the end be benefited by the action of the United States Supreme Court, and the brutal treatment received at the hands of the. Republican Convention at Chicago.

In my opinion the present situation demands that the toilers of America today forget that there is any party except the party that incorporated into its platform, the demands of organized labor as presented by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor at Denver. They must show by their ballots next November that the Manufacturers' Association simply lied when it assured the Republican Committee on Resolutions that there was no such thing as "the labor vote."

We now call upon the workers of our common country to stand faithfully by our friends, oppose and defeat our enemies. whether they be candidates for President, for Congress, or other offices, whether executive, legislative, or judicial.

HEARINGS ON NINE-HOUR LAW.

(Continued from September issue.)

Mr. W. G. Deering (representing the Louisville & Nashville): May I ask you a question? Is that brought around by the abnormal condition of affairs at this time, or by the soliciting of these men to make applications?

Mr. Perham: They were requested by me to ask for positions. I stated that the rail-roads claimed that they could not get the

men, and I knew that that was not true, that the men were to be obtained.

Mr. Deering: Is it not brought around by this abnormal condition? Would it be true in a normal condition of the roads?

Mr. Perham: The normal condition is shown by the answers to Question No. 1 in this circular. I will read Question No. 1, so that you will perfectly understand the situation:

"Question No. 1. How many experienced railroad telegraphers are there in your town or county, or employed on railroads, who are in other lines of business where knowledge of telegraphy is not requisite?"

The answers received to that were 8,689, during the months of July and August, 1907. The number of those who answered at the time were 5,640. Since that time there has been a strike among the commercial telegraphers, which has had the effect of increasing the number of unemployed, and most of those men have had experience in the railroad business and are competent to hold any position that a railroad has to offer.

The depression in business that has been in evidence since October 28th last has had the effect of throwing many thousands more out of employment, and men are being discharged every day and added to the ranks of the unemployed on account of this depression in business. There are several reasons why there are so many men out of work, but it looks to us who have charge of the affairs for the men that there are about two men out of employment for each man working.

The Chairman: Have you anything further to offer with reference to this particular road?

Mr. Perham: I desire to file with you the applications for employment from the men in the States traversed by the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company.

The Chairman: Unless that is desired by Mr. Gray, you need not do it. It would only make a voluminous record, which no member of the Commission can possibly take the time to examine between now and the 4th of March.

Mr. Perham: Mr. Chairman, I would not have suggested that had it not been for the remarks made in this room this morning concerning the character of the men that I represent. I resent that, and I wish to place on file evidence in your care that that is not true.

The Chairman: You may file, if you please, ten such letters.

Commissioner Clements: What was it you intended to file?

Mr. Perham: I wanted to file the applications from these men.

The Chairman: There are how many of them?

Mr. Perham: I have the total right here. There are 6,149 applications that I desire to file with you now for examination, to see if these men are the drunken, worthless people it has been said they are.

The Chairman: That is upon the theory that an inspection of those letters will show that the writers are men of intelligence?

Mr. Perham: And that they are bona fide applications for employment.

Mr. Gray: I would except, Mr. Chairman, to having that made a part of the St. Louis & San Francisco hearing. The indignation of Mr. Perham should not appear as a part of our hearing.

The Chairman: No.

Mr. Gray: We have advanced no contention of that kind, and we are endeavoring to handle this matter before your Honorable Commission upon gentlemanly lines.

Commissioner Clements: I understand Mr. Perham to say that these applications have largely been made upon his request. That is what he said, I think.

Mr. Perham: That these men out of employment were requested to put in a formal application to the employing official, so that we might have some record that they had applied.

Commissioner Clements: And by that you mean your organization?

Mr. Perham: The organization; yes, sir. Commissioner Clements: Do you consider, taking the present situation and what has been said in the newspapers and all around in respect to a proposed extension to the application of this law, that each and all of those are bona fide applications of men who would go to work if the job was offered them?

Mr. Perham: From the appearance of the documents I am led to that conclusion, and I think you will be if you will look at the documents.

Commissioner Clements: Of course, you can not always tell by looking at the documents.

Commissioner Cockrell: Are they type-written?

Mr. Perham: They are written in pen and pencil and typewriter and many different ways, amongst the six thousand.

Commissioner Clements: Mr. Gray stated this morning that in a number of cases he had employed men and given them a pass to go to the place of work, and they never reported there. Now, I do not know how many of those there might be, and I do not know how to tell by looking at these letters whether there would be anything of that sort or not.

Mr. Perham: It needs a little explanation on that point. Your Honor has probably noticed these little stations along the lines of certain railways, as you traveled by in the train. You have seen a little building out on the prairie some place where there are no neighbors, no houses, and all that sort of thing. These telegraphers sometimes accept a position, and when they go and look at the place they do not get off the train. They pass right on. They would not take the job. I do not know that that is the case on the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad, although I have no doubt it passes through some very sparsely settled districts; but that is the reason. The telegrapher intended to hire out, but when he saw the condition in which he was expected to work he left.

Mr. Gray: Mr. Chairman, the gentleman has made the very case which I hoped to make. There are numberless cases of this kind where, in the conduct of the company's business, we have these isolated telegraph points, and they are covered by this law. These men do go to them and get on the train again. It is not a question of wages, and we have got to fill those positions unless we are given some exemption and time to work this problem out.

The Chairman: But you do not limit your application to instances of that character?

Mr. Gray: No, sir; but so many of our applications as have been stated in the affidavits I have read do say, "We will work at such and such a place or on such and such a division, that they show that 50 per cent of the applications we had were from men already in the railroad service, which would just have meant robbing one railroad to equip another.

"If you will pardon me one moment, I want to prove this letter. That is the only thing they have against us. Mr. Teed is here, and he wrote this letter. I want to prove by him that that is the form of letter which he would write to an applicant when he had a specific and good reason for not employing him. I will just introduce Mr. Teed to answer that question."

STATEMENT OF H. D. TEED.

Mr. Gray: That is the form of letter you would use to answer an application where you knew the man was not a desirable employe?

Mr. Teed: Yes, sir.

The Chairman: Are you the official who wrote the letter?

Mr. Teed: Yes, sir.

The Chairman: Did you know the man who made the application?

Mr. Teed: I had a record of him.

The Chairman: Did you examine that record?

Mr. Teed: Yes, sir.

The Chairman: And wrote the reply you did write because of that examination?

Mr. Teed: Because of his record. In other words, Judge, that is a mild way of telling a man that I can't use him. I don't like to discourage him.

The Chairman: You say that in this particular instance this was a man you did not want?

Mr. Teed: Yes, sir.

Commissioner Clements: Were you employing other men when they did suit about that time?

Mr. Teed: Yes, sir.

Commissioner Clements: That letter is of a recent date. I think?

Mr. Teed: Yes, sir.

Commissioner Clements: Were you, in anticipation of this law, and knowing the need of men in order to comply with it, taking in all such that you regarded as desirable?

Mr. Teed: Yes, sir; just before I left the office, for three days, I had been trying to get one man from Monette.

Mr. Gray: That is our case, Mr. Chairman.

CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Mr. Perham: Mr. Teed, have you that list with you, that you took that from?

Mr. Teed: Have I what?

Mr. Perham: The list with you that stated why you should not employ that man?

Mr. Teed: I have no list.

Mr. Gray: I will just except to that, Mr. Chairman, that we still have the right to pass upon the—

The Chairman: There is no question about that. That is not questionable. The point is whether you had some knowledge of this particular man which warranted you in refusing him employment.

Mr. Gray: That is the testimony, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: That seems to be all of this case.

Mr. Perham: I would like to state that we have shown amply that there are sufficient men—

The Chairman: That relates to many cases, and not this particular case.

Mr. Perham: For the employes, we hope this petition will not be granted.

The Commission, at 12:50 o'clock p. m., took a recess until 2:00 o'clock p. m.

THE ROLL OF HONOR.

During the month of September the following named members of the Order secured one or more new members by individual effort:

F. W. Aiken, Harold G. Austin T. R. Attebery, M. F. Bishop, E. E. Brenner, Jos. P. Brown, M. C. Brubaker (2), J. P. Bloudeau.

H. H. Chambers (2), J. J. Collins (4), L. E. Crandall, J. A. Cross (4).

D. R. Dunning (3).

J. C. Ewing, C. P. Ellison (2), J. F. Elchert (2).

T. B. Freeny.

E. E. Grissom, J. A. Gunderson, R. B. Gibson, Max A. Griffin (2), Else Groom.

F. B. Hester, Jr., E. J. Heather, W. H. Henderson, W. C. Harmon, D. T. Hayne, C. E. Hosler (3), Z. R. Hook (2), W. R. Hicks (2), C. D. Holder, J. A. Hummell.

C. F. Ingersoll.

M. E. Jacobs (3).

J. F. Karl (2), E. H. Kauffman, J. F. Knox.

O. P. Leake (2).

J. W. Martenis (4), R. R. McInroy (2). A. Martin, J. L. McNeill (2), G. H. McCoy, W. H. Morrison, W. F. Miller (2).

B. O'Brien.

B. E. Pedrick.

O. H. Raether, G. C. Root, A. F. Retzlaff, J. H. Rodgers, Jr.

J. F. Singley, Thos. Sasser (2), Wn. Sandlin, C. Shoults (2), E. W. Smith, T. H. Stanton (3).

R. F. Tobin, Thos. Truitt (2), D. H. Turner (2), R. A. Unangst (2), A. R. Van Lew.

J. B. West (8), J. E. Warner, W. J. Webster, J. R. Youngblood.

In order to secure credit in the Roll of Honor for new members secured, members should promptly notify the Grand Secretary and Treasurer by postal card or letter of each application secured.





EVERY WORKINGMAN SHOULD VOTE AT THE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER.

Four hundred and ninety-nine new members were initiated into the Order during the month of September.

ONLY MEMBERS OF THE ORDER WITH DUES PAID TO DECEMBER 31st, WILL RECEIVE THIS AND FUTURE ISSUES OF THE JOURNAL FROM THE REGULAR MAILING LIST.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings



can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for \$4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size

desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.

The member (officers receiving salary or expenses, or both, and secretaries barred) who secures the most new members before December 31st, will receive \$200 in cash. For further particulars in regard to this matter, reference should be made to the article appearing in this department under the caption, "Prizes," in the January Telegrapher.

Individual effort has been greatly instrumental in increasing the membership of the Order to its present high standard of over 43,000, and a continuation of the same effort will bring about thorough and complete organization in the near future. In order that credit may be given to those to whom credit is due, a Roll of Honor will be published in each issue of this journal, showing the name of each member who secures one or more new members during the month preceding such issue. Each member secur-

ing the petition of a new member should promptly notify the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of that fact by postal card.

The attention of certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department is called to the second paragraph of Article V of the laws governing that department, which provides that certificate holders shall pay their dues in the Order within sixty days from the beginning of the semi-annual dues period. Holders of certificates in that department who have not already paid dues for the current term should do so at once.

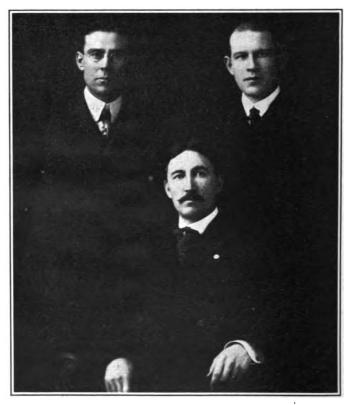
The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of August, 1908, shows that there were 27,782 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during that month; that there were 618 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, 1; imbeciles, 2; feebleminded, 7; epileptics, 1; insane, 12; loathesome, dangerous or contagious diseases, 191; likely to become public charges, 238; mentally or physically defective, 24; contract laborers, 53; accompanying aliens, 8; under 16 years of age, and unaccompanied by parents, 3; assisted aliens, 9; polygamists, 5; prostitutes and procurers, 32; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 21; other causes, 11.

The following is taken from the Cincinnati Enquirer of September 4th:

"Attachment suits were filed in Squire Bolsinger's Court yesterday afternoon by George E. Thiebaut, Earl Allen and J. Harrison Andrews (minor), through Callie Andrews, against J. H. Shulkey, President of the National Telegraphic Institute, at Third and Walnut streets, Cincinnati. Thiebaut sues for \$70, Allen for \$60 and Andrews for \$70.

"The three plaintiffs set forth in their affidavits that the defendant had received from them the amounts for which they severally sue after making certain promises which they declare to be fraudulent. They assert that he promised to give them a thorough course of instruction in telegraphy, railroad accounting, typewriting, etc., and at the end of four months when they would be competent in all these branches to secure positions for them from railroad

companies paying not less than \$50 per month. They assert, further, that he gave them the impression at all times that railroad companies were constantly making demands on him for stenographers and other office help, whereas the truth of the matter was that he was unable to secure employment for his pupils."



H. A. Schumann. G. T. Jackson. W. L. McDonald, Chairman.

O. R. T. LOCAL BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, DISTRICT No. 3, WESTERN DIVISION, CANADIAN PACIFIC RY.

PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. L. D. Clark, of Witt, Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. C. Lane, of Euclid, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ed. Zink, of Sterling, Neb., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. K. R. Seals, of Fletcher, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. F. Cully, of Chama, N. M., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. F. Tate, of Beecher City, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. A. Yocum, of Uehling, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. E. Carter, of Polkton, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. I. J. Thelin, of North Loup, Neb., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. M. Mahoney, of Leslie, Md., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. E. McKee, of Winnebago, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. A. Peacock, of Pinola, Miss., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ray Chamberlain, of Girard, Iowa, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Varcoe, of East Oakland, Cal., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. O. Hall, of Des Moines, Iowa, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. H. De Long, of West Chicago, Ill., a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of The Telegrapher:

Bro. R. H. Pinkerton, of Div. 130, to Miss Gordon.

Bro. J. B. Clark, of Div. 126, to Miss Lulu Morrison. Bro. S. R. Frier, of Div. 93, to Miss Lucille M. Babin.

Bro. B. H. Harkins, of Div. 59, to Miss Clara E. Stout.

Bro. P. H. Miller, of Div. 130, to Miss Mattie Warren.

Bro. C. E. Kalb, to Sister Margaret P. Phillips, of Div. 53.

Bro. E. E. McPheeters, of Div. 11, to Miss Nettie E. Hamlin.

At Butler, Pa., Bro. J. B. Throop, of Div. 129, to Miss Jessie Jenkins.

At Lewistown, Pa., Bro. T. J. Moyer, of Div. 3, to Miss Pearl Reigle.

At Seattle, Wash., Bro. Oscar E. Tooley, of Div. 70, to Miss Clara Roberts.

At El Paso, Texas, Bro. Herbert T. Etheridge, of Div. 53, to Miss Nellie Hall.

At Superior, Neb., Bro. L. M. Craig, of Div. 130, to Miss Josephine Amberson.

At Blue Canyon, Cal., Bro. Frank L. Harmon, of Div. 108, to Miss Edith Lillian Wells.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of The Telegrapher:

Everett V. Jenks, son of Bro. J. C. Jenks, of Div. 16.

Mrs. A. S. Clark, wife of Bro. A. S. Clark, of Div. 59.

At Corkery, Ont., John Francis Leahy, of the Grand Division.

At Homestead, Pa., mother of Bro. J. D. O'Connor, of Div. 52.

At New Castle, Pa., Gerald Bedell, son of Bro. O. C. Bedell, of Div. 33.

At Marshall, Texas, Gaynell, little daughter of Bro. and Mrs. Fred Niedermeier, of Div. 88.

At North Judson, Ind., Blanch, little daughter of Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Armond, of Div. 91.

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D. A. MAHONEY.

1369 Washington ave., New York City.

Present address of Charles Madison. Last heard of working for the C., B. & Q. at Arvada, Wyo. If you see this, "MC," write me at Crystal Springs, N. D.

A. S. STRAND.

Present address of Clyde L. Cox and Walter L. Hogan, both working for the Charlotte Division of the Southern Railway Company. "Boys," if you see this write your old friend.

WM. TAYLOR,

Care B. & O., Roneys Point, W. Va.

Present address of C. M. Chambers. Last heard of going to Omaha to work for the U. P. "C. M.," if you see this please write me at Jonesboro, Ark. Important.

T. D. DANIEL.

Present address of John E. Bagley. Went West about five years ago. Last heard of was in St. Louis during World's Fair, 1903.

Dennis F. Bagley.

Present address of Columbus E. Eckman, formerly of Waynesboro, Pa. Worked at Egbert, Wyo., about 1884, and was last heard of at Western, Neb.

HENRY M. PAYNE, Williamson, W. Va.

Present address of E. R. Filer. Last heard of was working on extra list C. of G. A., in Georgia. "F.," if you see this, write me.

L. B. DEEN, Loomis, Cal.

Present address of H. B. Bulloch. Last seen going to St. Augustine, Fla., from Jacksonville. "B.," if you see this, write me.

J. S. Summersill,

Jasper, Fla.

Present address of H. F. Darby. Last heard of at Waycross. Any one knowing his whereabouts will greatly oblige by writing me. J. S. Summersill,

Jasper, Fla.

Present address of A. G. Zettwoch. "Albert," if you see this, write me care Avon telegraph office, Erie Railway.

F. E. CRELLY.

Present address of L. G. Bear. Aged about 65 years; left his home in Virginia

about twenty-five years ago. Last heard of was in Kansas. Any information regarding him will be greatly appreciated.

R. E. BEAR, Buena Vista, Va.

Present address of Geo. E. Salvo. Last heard of at Syracuse, Ind. Have an important letter for him; returned from Syracuse, Ind. W. EDGAR FRASHER,

814 West Ninth st., Wilmington, Del.

Present address of Fred and Henry Harver. Last heard of on M. & O. Railway at Corinth, Miss., in 1907. "Boys," if you see this, write your old pal, care I. C. Railway, Red Bay, Ala. I am anxious to hear from you.

C. B. McNeilly.

Present address of D. A. Boyd. Last heard of in Denver, Colo. Also present address of J. R. McKinley. Last heard of working for U. P. at Thayer Junction, Wyo., December, 1906, and present address of H. G. Harris. Last seen in Dallas, Texas. "Boys," if you see this, write me at Glasgow, Mont., care Great Northern Railway. R. W. STONE.

Present address of S. J. Kelley; went to Denver in June to work as telegrapher. Medium size, brown hair, blue eyes; sometimes wore a mustache; left arm off at elbow. Any one knowing his whereabouts kindly communicate with me.

MRS. S. J. KELLEY, 1942 Adair st., Los Angeles, Cal.

Present address of Elton Atherton. Last heard of working for Illinois Central at Odin, Ill. If you see this, write your old friend.

O. B. SHANNON,

Creston, Ohio.

Present address of L. E. Adams. Last heard of with B. & O., at Newtons, Ohio. May, 1906. Also present address of C. P. Ellison. Last heard of working for N. & W., at Switchback, W. Va., about March. 1908. "Boys," if you see this write your old friend at Sterling, Ohio. C. F. Adams.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

T. R. Crandall, Laclede, Mo. Thos. A. McLarney, Woodford, N. Y.



F. O. Jackson, 100 Grand st., Jersey City, N. J.

Floyd Smith, Larrys Creek, Pa.

LOST OR STOLEN.

Card 18,791, Cert. 1,085, Div. 14, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 2,241, Cert. 1,367, Div. 7, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 14,306, Cert. 1.570, Div. 8, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 9,560, Cert. 1,115, Div. 93, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 5,693, Cert. 396, Div. 119, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 18,790, Cert. 1,052, Div. 14, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 17,136, Cert. 2,207, Div. 2, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 12,119, Cert. 265, Div. 44, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 6.791, Cert. 74, Div. 93, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 13,537, Cert. 1,759, Div. 2, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 19,983, Cert. 3,250, Div. 2, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 7,596, Cert. 2,474, Div. 76, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 10,596, Cert. 207, Div. 70, for term

ending December 31, 1908.

Card 10,638, Cert. 921, Div. 70, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 12,199, Cert. 1,868, Div. 7, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 18,819, Cert. 98, Div. 52, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 12,613, Cert. 600, Div. 52, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 4,159, Cert. 415, Div. 33, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 1,675, Cert. 95, Div. 38, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 22,462, Cert. 1,999, Div. 59, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 13,093, Cert. 2,056, Div. 53, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 11,038, Cert. 1,211, Div. 132, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 1,560, Cert. 1,472, Div. 54, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 2,194, Cert. 1, Div. 28, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 4,357, Cert. 1,779, Div. 33, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 19,955, Cert. 826, Div. 2, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 10,506, Cert. 1,064, Div. 54, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 14,373, Cert. 2,051, Div. 8, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 26,807, Cert. 378, Div. 89, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 20,077, Cert. 1,360, Div. 32, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 14,126, Cert. 672, Div. 8, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 5,687, Cert. 1,962, Div. 23 for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 28,370, Cert. 1,991, Div. 31, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 27,244, Cert. 2,011, Div. 59, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 3,650, Cert. 117, Div. 43, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 19,228, Cert. 2,773, Grand Division, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 21,695, Cert. 6,085, Grand Division, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 5,846, Cert. 3,867, Grand Division, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 19,283, Cert. 6,005, Grand Division, for term ending December 31, 1908.

NOTICE.

Lost or Stolen—At Superior, Colo., cardcase containing \$65.00 in currency. C., B. & Q. receipt for ticket, Omaha to Nearney, Neb., dated September 10, 1908, also O. R. T. card, issued to Certificate 2,036, Div. 130. If presented, take up and forward to M. C. Miller, Superior, Colo.

Lost or Stolen—Card-case containing O. R. T. cards, June, 1907 to December 31. 1908. One card pass between Longley and Rising Sun; also some receipts and O. R. T. secret work. If found please return to W. A. Hatch. Longley, Ohio.



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O. R. T. GROUP—SOUTHERN RY., EVINGTON, VA.



Many an effective sermon is wordless.

Look for the union label. Demand it.

Organized labor believes in giving women a square deal.

Plenty of legislation for capitalism; plenty of promises to labor. Nuff sed.

The interests not only of labor but the freedom of all our people now and for the future demand that every man shall do his duty, and do it now, now, now!

Contempt of court in the violation of a labor injunction is a crime which consists not in the violation of statutory law, but in the violation of judge-made law.

The decision of the courts has made it illegal for the unions to say "We Don't Patronize" unfair firms, but our main weapon, our privilege to buy where we please, they can never take from us; and now, as never before, the union label will assume the prominence which it has always deserved.

If you are not satisfied with the way things are run in your lodge and know better how to do them yourself, attend the meetings and help get them just like you think they ought to be. The clique who run things will no doubt be tickled to see you and will lose no time in giving you a job just to your liking.

At the annual meeting of the New Zealand Federation of employers a paper was read on the "Arbitration and Conciliation Act" by the president, Mr. Scott. He said

that the latest statistics showed the increase of wages had been 8½ per cent to 10 per cent, while the increased cost of living had gone up 25 to 30 per cent. The only good the act had done had been to protect good employers against unscrupulous competition.

The eight-hour day is, as indeed the tenhour day was, the fruit of the labors of the unions in this and other countries. Wherever the eight-hour day is recognized, it is because of the efforts of trade unionists. Any man who enjoys the benefits of an eight-hour day, while not a union man, is an ingrate, whose selfishness is matched only by that of the famed "dog in the manger."

The eight-hour demonstration in Brisbane, Australia, recently, was marked by the participation for the first time in the history of the day of organized women workers. The new recruits represented the Clothing Trade Female Employes Union.

If all the laws but those in the interest of labor were eliminated from the statutes of the various States of the Union, we could carry a complete copy of the "Revised Statutes" in our vest pocket.

When employers refuse to meet representatives of employes, or when they haughtily and summarily refuse workingmen's requests for improved conditions, what recourse but the strike is there open to the men? Much as we deplore and seek to avoid strikes, when such an alternative is presented we have no hesitancy in declaring that the workers would be less than men did they not strike and strike persistently to win.—Cincinnati Chronicle.

The Worcester Labor News makes the following significant remark: "The next president of the United States will be called upon to appoint four supreme judges. It's up to you to elect the right man for president; this is no joke."

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There are still too many men owned outright by the officials of the railroads. Many are losing their brightest opportunities by hanging on to the official skirts. The number who have broken away, and stand waiting for the others, are in the ascendancy, and will win the fight; but how much easier it would be with the combined aid of everyone!

Don't rail at what you call the clique or bunch. Attend your union meetings; be one of the majority if they are right. Should you differ from them, stick to your opinion until you convince a majority or the majority convince you. Under any circumstances it is your duty as a trade unionist to respect and live up to what the greater number may decide. When you can't or won't do that, you are not properly placed; in fact, you are out of place in a trade union.

The usual order of things in labor injunction cases was reversed in the Wayne Circuit Court, Detroit, Mich., when the Metal Polishers, Buffers and Platers' Union No. I secured a temporary injunction from Judge Hosmer restraining the police department from interfering with them on the street in their peaceful solicitation of employes of the Art Stove Company to join their union, setting up that it threatened the ruin of the union. Judge Hosmer warned the men that he was not authorizing any picketing that was contrary to law.

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The hostility of many employers to members of trade organizations rests solely on the ground that union workmen. demand what they consider just wages, while the average non-union employe takes what he can get. The one gets his rights through organization, the other suffers through the weakness of individual effort, and the weak-

ness of the latter is the unjust employer's opportunity.

M. Croyden Marks, a British capitalist, warns the American capitalists that unless they cease their efforts to destroy labor unions the American workingmen will do what the British toilers did—get mad. go into politics and secure through the ballot much more than they will be able to secure through organization alone.

Labor asks no immunity for any man who may be guilty of unlawful or criminal conduct. But we do insist that when a workman is charged with a crime he shall be tried by the same process of law as any other citizen. Any other method is repugnant to the constitution and the laws of the country. It is a shock to the conscience of our people, the spirit of our republic

our people, the spirit of our republic. Against any other view we protest; with anything less we shall not be content.—
Samuel Gompers.

The labor organization has been an important factor in the laboring man's progress. It has shortened hours, it has increased wages, it has improved sanitary conditions, it has secured the passage of laws for the prevention of child labor, it was largely instrumental in introducing the secret ballot, and it has in a hundred ways made its impress upon industry, government and society. That it has made mistakes is true, but what organization, composed of human beings, is free from mistakes?

Supreme Court judges can not be expected to understand the objects and aims, much less the mode of procedure, of labor unions, for the simple reason that they are not a part of them, have no experience along that line, and are not in touch with the wage-earning class. The opinions which they get to justify them in their own opinions are generally furnished by people who are opposed to organized labor. That is one of the reasons why organized labor so often gets a black eye upon simple cases of right and justice that comes before the higher courts of adjudication.



THE TICKET THAT CARRIED HER THROUGH.

By E. M. WELTON.

T was not many years ago that I was night operator at a junction point in the far Northwest. The winter was one of the coldest on record and one of the worst storms ever known occurred on the night of my story. As I came on duty and was making the usual preliminary preparations for my night's work, the day man remarked that No. 4, the California overland, was four hours late, due to the raging storm. The road was crossed by a branch of the C., B. & Q., that ran but few trains and whose last train, an accommodation due at o o'clock, had left one lone passenger, a feeble old lady, to wait at the station to take the east-bound local.

I built a roaring fire in the waiting room, fixed my own fire in the office, which was partitioned off between the waiting and freight rooms, took a last glance at my semaphore light and "settled down for the night."

No. 4 had long since left the last telegraph point twenty-two miles west of me, and was then overdue, and the dispatcher at the western division was asking repeatedly for her, showing an unusual nervousness. Still I could not see her headlight, which showed many, many miles away over the great rolling prairie, and time passed on.

How long I sat there I will never know. Suddenly I become conscious that the dispatcher was frantically calling me. With an unconcerned feeling I could not understand I thought I would answer him, but my hand which lay before me on the desk would not go forward. At no time did I think seriously of this, but finally, try as hard as I might, I could not move my arm

or hand toward the key. I then began to wonder why.

It was a bitter cold night. The little old depot, setting alone on the prairie, was left utterly at the mercy of the storm. And in my pondering and wondering and dumb sense I gradually became conscious of a new noise, which sometimes would seem to sweep with the wind, would rise and fall, now seem so far away, now nearer, now far, and again would be in my very room. And still the storm raged and the little old depot rocked and swayed with the wind which whistled and tore through every crack and And far away some old shutter swung, creaking upon its hinges as the midnight winds with a desolate moan swept by; but ever and anon, like a sobbing trouble which would not be stilled, and above the. roar of the storm now far, would ever come back a lonely moan. I wondered and listened ,and at times it seemed as if I could coin it into words, "I can't, I can't; O, I can't." What did it mean? And again I could hear, "There's John; there's Mary; but no, O no." Then again the high, roaring wind, fighting to drown everything else, would carry the sound to a moan, then to nothing. And again between the roars of the storm would come the phantom moan, "I can't, I can't; O, I can't." And I could. now and then catch the words "John, Will and Mary." Some way there came to my mind the well-known words, "And many a night I've watched when only God was nigh."

Again I became conscious that the dispatcher was calling me. "For God's sake where is No. 4; why don't you answer me, 'SA'?" "SA" was my call, and the clock told me now No. 4 was still another hour late. I had orders for 187 against her lying before me. When had I received that or-

der? I never knew, but it was timed 11:15 P. M. 187 was a half hour past due, and where were they? Had they gone by? Still he was calling me and I tried to answer, and I can not tell why, but I could not move. I tried so hard to move my hand toward the key, but I could not stir. I could not even put my hand up to the train order signal and I could now hear 187 coming-they went by with a mighty roar. O God, where would they meet No. 4? In a short space of time I lived years. It was now 12:20 and I figured at about 12:40 they would meet in Bradley's cut. I could hear the cry of the passsengers and the moans of the wounded, could see the still faces of the killed and wounded, and above all I could still hear, "O, I can't I can't, I can't," and now and then "John, Will and Mary," and the sound would break into a weird hoarseness.

Far away off down the many miles of track I could see a small spark-a headlight, tiny and small, so far off, but so bright. Everything was changed, warm, lovely, beautiful. The light came nearer, so bright, so soft, so warm. The roar of the train now became the most beautiful music I ever heard, like the voices of legions of angels; the great headlight made the whole world light, and the whole world was now a summer's day, indescribable in its balminess. The train stopped. It was solid gold; its steps were pearl and the wheels flashed like 'Twas then the conductor diamonds. stepped off. He had a beautiful face; such a kind smile. I looked and looked again. Surely I had seen that face before, some time, somewhere. I began to think of all the conductors I had ever met-but no, I could not place him now. He came and stood in the door of the waiting room, and looked again. On his head was a crown of thorns. With that same kind expression he went toward the old lady in the waiting room and said, "Your ticket, please." She handed him an old, torn, worn and tattered Bible. He looked at it and said, "Come, your ticket is good." He helped the old lady on; I heard him call, "All aboard," and with a mighty roar, with a noise as of the grinding of worlds, the great train was gone.

"O, it is so cold, I am so sleepy, but I feel so nice, I will go to sleep just a minute." Slowly I could feel my head dropping forward when a heavy hand was placed upon my shoulder, a red lantern was flashed in my face and big Conductor Tierney said, "Wake up here, wake up!" But I did not wake up. I partly opened my eyes, I became conscious for the time being, and heard him say, "My God, he's froze!" but I could not move. I was taken to the freight room and my clothes were cut off of me. I was packed in cotton and my frosted parts in snow. I remember hearing some one say, "Be careful, don't touch his ears; you'll break them off." I was taken to the hospital in Milwaukee, where I lay for many That night the dispatcher of the western division between 12:20 and 12:40 walked the floor and his hair turned white as snow. He is living today and is a raving maniac.

In the morning in the waiting room they found an old, worn out, sweet-faced lady—dead; a ticket to the poor house and a Bible in her hands. Today in this same cold Northwest, there is a grave, kept green by the company's section men on the company's right of way, probably the only grave belonging to a railroad company in existence, with a beautiful but modest stone erected thereon, which bears the inscription: "An old unknown lady, property of the L—& L. Ry. Co., who was kinder to her in death than the world was to her in life."

TIMELY WARNING.

Office of Superintendent,
April 1, 1908.

Agent, Snooksville, Ark.:

Dear Sir—Having just passed over the division there are a few things I would like to suggest for your station in behalf of the company.

In the first place I do not just agree with you on the color you keep your window glasses painted.

Your baggage trucks are scattered promiscuously over the platform showing a gross carelessness that can be easily overcome. Please see that these trucks are hung up on a nail at one end of the depot in future.

The chickens you have been raising in the freight room are getting in the habit of running out on the platform every time a passenger train pulls into your station. Please train these birds to be more careful.

Also train those parrots you have been raising in the signal lamp to say something other than "All aboard."

We have no objections to your keeping two pigs in the office, but would advise you to partition off one corner for them and keep the door to waiting room closed when passenger trains are due.

Your platform looks as if you had been pasturing your milk cow there, and I have several complaints from engineers, saying they have been switched in the face by one or more cattle on the platform. Now as fly season is coming on this will be getting worse instead of better, so please remedy if possible.

I am of the opinion that it would be better to stack the hay for these critters in one corner of the waiting room rather than in the middle of the floor.

While there is no kick whatever of your being in the hide business, would rather you hang those skunk hides behind or at one end of depot

Your old iron, bones and other junk should be placed at a safe distance from the track so that there will be no danger of their getting set on fire, as the company is in nowise financially able to meet unnecessary damages of this kind.

We had a great deal of trouble last year by your pumpkin vines growing across the track, tripping the section men while performing their duties. Please plant this crop on the side of your truck patch farthest from the track for the season at hand.

Your molasses mill has given us considerable trouble in the past, especially on cold mornings, by causing some of our best engines to get stuck on the hill. Please turn your refuse pipes the other way.

The carpet on your stockyard floor is getting worn; please replace same with old flour sacks.

You are wearing out too many mops and brooms. I notice your frequent orders for these on the storehouse department.

As I went by a few days ago I noticed you out, repairing the frog at road crossing of the Vinegar Valley and our line; please do not do this, as we have instructions out strictly prohibiting agents from doing this without first consulting the news agent.

I am having shipped to your station three gallons of paint, which you will please use painting the wires on each side of your depot for a distance of two miles.

You advised in your letter of July 4th last that the wheel was broken on your wheelbarrow; please advise which wheel this is so we can have repairs made at once. I do not like the idea of your using new ties to make handles for this vehicle.

Please have the whistle taken off your popcorn wagon, as it is apt to interfere with the signals of our trains, the sounds of whistles being very similar.

Under no condition are you to sell buttermilk to passengers on trains where we have dining car service.

In order to defray some of the expenses of running your station we have ordered a dynamo sent to your city, which the company will operate, furnishing light for your town. This will be on the principle of a grindstone and you are to furnish the power after dark.

I notice you up as early as 3 o'clock in the morning working around the office, etc.; please discontinue this as it is too expensive to furnish oil for same.

In future please have the bill for cigars, tobacco, etc., itemized before sending in, in order to save the expenses of an extra auditor in the accounting department.

The two lids you ordered for your cook stove summer before last are being made and will be sent to you soon as possible; in the meantime you may use those two kegs of powder to keep in the smoke.

The liquor you had in stock for the trainmaster and myself on my trip just previous to this one was very quarrelsome; this is inexcusable, considering the fact that we notified you of our coming in good time beforehand.

Please do not keep your telegraph instruments shined up so bright, as they attract too much attention and cause too many bystanders around telegraph office. Please have a new curbing put on the water well, one that consists entirely of asbestos, and have the well moved farther away from the track, as we do not wish this well destroyed by fire.

The accounting department has made several complaints on account of your reports coming to their office ahead of time and the treasurer has mentioned the fact to me several times that you always send him too much money; the treasury is getting overstocked on account of your station. I simply mention these few things in order that you may be fully warned before being removed.

Yours truly,

I. B. STINGHARD, Supt.

O'MARA'S REHABILITATION.

By J. T., DIV. 100.

be confined one month's pay, to be confined for the period of one month, and to be reduced to the ranks," were the different points in the sentence imposed upon First Duty Sergeant Tim O'Mara, and O'Mara's heart was sore within him. Eleven years in the service, seven of them as first duty sergeant of Company "A," was O'Mara's record, and not even a summary court martial appeared on his descriptive list until the day his regiment embarked at San Fran for the long trip to Manila.

While the troops were waiting on the quartermaster's dock for the order to go aboard, O'Mara, in company with others of his kind, was putting in the time imbibing large bowls of Frisco steam beer, and when the order finally came, he had to be assisted aboard.

Standing in line at the right of his company, his total inability to maintain the perpendicular insisted upon in army regulations, drew the attention of Captain Murray, and he was promptly ordered below.

Being a good soldier, O'Mara lost no time in obeying the order, and clambering into his bunk, he promptly fell asleep. The big transport backed out of her berth, turned carefully in the channel, and made for the Golden Gate. O'Mara, encumbered though he was with haversack, blanket roll and ammunition belt, slept peacefully through these manœuvres, and only came to when the bright morning sun struck his eyes. The boat was out of sight of land, and for the moment O'Mara could not place himself.

It dawned slowly over his senses that he was not in the barracks at the Presidio, and then the memory of his disgraceful actions, coupled with the awful dryness in his throat, brought him up to a sitting position on the edge of his bunk. He had no time for further ruminations, for just at he attained that position, the first sergeant appeared and announced officially: "Sergeant O'Mara will report immediately to the officer of the day," and added, unofficially, "Brace up, me boy, th' ol' man's got a prisint f'r ye."

OMara stopped only long enough to substitute a clean suit of khaki for the blue one he was wearing, and proceeded to report.

His interview with the autocrat of the day was short and to the point. "You are under arrest in quarters," announced the officer of the day. "Report at Captain Murray's quarters at 2 p. m. sharp for trial," he continued. O'Mara returned to his quarters and awaited results.

"Now, Tim, me bhoy," he soliloquized, "ye've gone an' done it. Ye've bin in this man's ar-rmy long enough t' know betther, an' ye go an git dhrunk loike a rookie. Well," he continued, "here's where Oi git busted an' all on account o' thot pig-wash, whin Oi c'uld o' had good rid licker just f'r the mintion o' ut. Annyway, Oi'd give me monts pay f'r a shmall horn o thot same shtuff roight now, an' me finals f'r a quart o' ut."

Corporal Murphy strolled around to his bunk, and watching his chance, slipped a flask into OMara's trembling grasp.

"Lave me wan nip" he cautioned, as O'Mara eyed the bottle with hungry eyes, "f'r ut's th' lasht drap on th' bloomin' ol'

"'Tis a thrue fri'nd y'are," whispered O'Mara, as he tilted the flask, "and Oi hope Oi'll be in your squad whin Oi return fr'm me seance wit' th' ol' man. He'll soak me sure."

"Cheer up," replied Murphy, "manny a non-com's bin rejuced, an' lived t' tell th' sthory. Ut's not fatal."

At 2 sharp, O'Mara took his way to Captain Murray's quarters, and the trial began. O'Mara's defense was too flimsy to hold water and his prediction as to being "soaked" came true. "A mont' an' a mont', is ut?" he asked, and the Judge Advocate replied that it was even so.

"An' rejuced to the ranks?" he queried, when that part of the sentence was announced. The J. A. nodded.

"Return to quarters, O'Mara," said Captain Murray, "I'll see that you have your liberty for today."

"Thanks, Captain," replied O'Mara, as he turned, and, with a sentry at his heels, made for his quarters.

He removed his blouse, and digging a knife from his pocket, began to cut the thread which held his sergeant's three stripes to his sleeves.

"Oi w'uldn't take thim off," said Corporal Murphy, "ye'll only be having to sew thim on agin afther awhoile."

"Rejuced Oi am," replied O'Mara, "an' by a coort martial made up av shave-tail loot'nants fr'm th' Gov'mint kindergarten at West Point, an' its rejuced Oi'll stay till another coort martial puts thim three stripes back on me arms."

The next morning found O'Mara peeling "spuds" in the galley, and this was his duty for thirty long, heart-breaking days. The boys gave him all the sympathy they dared, furnished him with smoking materials, and favored him in all ways possible, but the knowledge of his reduction rankled in O'Mara's heart, and their overtures were met coldly.

Meanwhile, the old transport was steadily plugging away, and early one morning land was sighted. "We'll anchor in Manila Bay some time tonight," announced the captain, and the hearts of the soldiers were made glad.

That was O'Mara's last day in confinement, and at guard mount next morning he was released. He reported for duty and was assigned to his friend Murphy's squad. The usual hustle and bustle of debarkation gone through with, the regiment marched to the quarters assigned them, which were in Tondo district. They were assigned to garrison duty, and the daily round of guard

mount, drill and fatigue was not what was to be expected, when just outside the city the insurgents were encamped behind earthworks, and taking pot-shots at every available mark.

O'Mara's conduct was exemplary. He hoped to regain the lost stripes and knew the captain's eyes were upon him. Except for an occasional bottle of beer, he resisted temptation, and his path was the path of military rectitude.

Only when drilling did he show his dissatisfaction with the prevailing order of things. He, who had for seven years marched at the company's right, and set the pace, was now compelled to take orders from Corporal Murphy. The snappy handling of his rifle was the pride of the captain, and the despair of the rest of his squad. Not a member of the company could approach him in the manual of arms, and his look of disgust when some unattentive doughboy executed "port arms" when he should have "right-shouldered arms," would have started a fight had they come from any one except O'Mara. However, out of ranks, his unfailing good humor averted any trouble of this kind, and having once worn the chevrons, the spirit of noblesse oblige among the non-coms shielded him from any undue bullyragging from that source.

Day followed day uneventfully—days filled with the regular routine of garrison duty, and the men were beginning to feel sore because they were not given a chance to "get back" at the little brown men who so persistently shot at everything in sight.

Patience had almost ceased to be a virtue, when orders came for the Forty-third to move against Caloocan, five miles north of Manila.

The commanding general's orders were delightfully simple—"to proceed to Caloocan and occupy that town." Before the occupation could take place, however, there were certain things to do, namely, to clear the way of some four thousand little brown men who persisted in hiding in the bamboo thickets and potting any American who was so indiscreet as to show himself within range of their Mauser rifles.

Simply by abandoning everything but rifles, canteens and haversacks, the Forty-

third was ready to move, and Captain Murray and Company "A" were given the post of honor in the advance.

In column of fours, they advanced along the railroad track, and approached the bridge one mile south of Caloocan. Breaking ranks, they started to cross. The head of the column had reached the center of the bridge when suddenly a thin line of fire spurted from the bamboo on the north side of the river, and several men fell, wounded. Captain Murray detailed Corporal Murphy's squad to take the wounded men to the rear, while he, with the balance of the company, pushed forward, finally finding shelter from the merciless storm of bullets which swept the bridge behind the railroad embankment on the northern side of the river.

Here they lay down, watching for a shot at the insurgents, who, hidden among the clumps of bamboo, kept up a galling fire.

"Men," said Captain Murray, "we will hold our position as long as we can. Fire low, and make every shot tell. It will take an hour to get reinforcements to us, and if our ammunition gives out we may expect no quarter. If the worst comes, remember you are Americans, and Americans never know when they are whipped." A cheer was his answer, and the men watched closely, firing occasionally. However, careful as they were, the ammunition began to run low, and the captain, alarmed, ordered a count.

When divided among the men, only four rounds apiece remained.

O'Mara meanwhile had noticed the steady diminution in the firing, which had dribbled to an infrequent shot. Gazing across the river he saw a man motioning to him, pointing first to his waist, then jerking the bolt of his rifle back and forth. "Cold feet," thought O'Mara, a smile breaking over his face. "A good scare will make a soldier of him."

Suddenly the smile froze, as O'Mara began to realize that not only one man, but the entire company had ceased firing. "They're out o' ammunition," he shouted to Corporal Murphy. "Give me your cartridge belts," he demanded, "and I'll take them across. "Ye're crazy," replied Murphy. "Why man, ye w'uldn't get half-way befure

ye'd luk like a sieve, wid all thim divils shootin' at ve," he continued.

"If all the divils in hades were shootin' at me, I'd take thim over just th' same," was O'Mara's retort. "And if ye'll plaze hurry these doughboys into givin' up their belts, I'll get started th' sooner," he continued. Buckling them all on his shoulders, O'Mara started on his hands and knees to cross the bridge. A ball struck his left arm, knocking it from under him. He fell forward, only to recover and make another start. Captain Murray saw him and ordered him back. "Get back, you idiot," he called, "we can hold them off with the bayonet till help comes."

O'Mara paid no attention to him. but kept on his way. Another ball struck his leg, and he dropped, with a groan. Only for a second, however, then up and onward again. Murray again tried to stop him.

"O'Mara, I'll court martial you sure as we both get out alive," he roared. O'Mara stopped, raised his right hand to the salute, then continued to drag himself along till he came to the end, where he dropped over the embankment, rolled over and over, and stopped almost at Captain Murray's feet.

"Sir," he said, "Oi have here sivin hundhred r-rounds av amminition f'r which ye asked, and, sir," he continued, "ye have my p'rmission to shtart yer coort martial proceedin's as quick as ye please."

A volley from across the river, followed by a rousing cheer, drowned the captain's remarks at that juncture, but his eyes held a suspicion of moisture as he knelt to bandage O'Mara's wounds.

In the following fight, the insurgents were driven from their entrenchments, and started on their way to final defeat.

A few days later the Forty-third were relieved, and returned to their barracks in Manila. As soon as his wounds would permit, O'Mara returned from the hospital, and was made defendant in a mock-trial held in Captain Murray's quarters.

The findings of the board on this trial were as follows:

"We, the court, find that Private Timothy O'Mara, Company 'A,' Forty-third Infantry, did, willfully and with malice aforethought, deliberately disobey his superior officer in the face of the enemy, and we, the court, recommend that said Private Timothy O'Mara, Company 'A,' Forty-third Infantry, be presented with a medal of honor for bravery on the field of battle, and we, the court, further recommend that Private O'Mara be immediately reinstated as first duty sergeant of Company 'A,' Forty-third Infantry. Signed, Hale, Com'd'g.

"BRIGGS, Judge Advocate."

Doubtless Captain Murray had a word to say as to the findings of this court, as his face wore a gratified smile, when, some three months later, he pinned the gold medal on Sergeant O'Mara's breast.

O'Mara had been "busted" by a court martial, and a "coort martial had put thim three stripes back on his ar-rms."

"THE SOLDIER SPECIAL."

CENE—Yard office, Southern Colorado.
Characters—Round-house Foreman,
Night Yard Master, three Switchmen
and Caller. Villian, Operator, First Nighter.

N. Y. M.—Well, Old Timer, you see that Rogue's Gallery up there on the wall? There's twenty-one pictures of operators that didn't make good in telling us a railroad yarn good enough to get by all of us. Now the penalty for not making good is a supper for all of us at Granny Mack's Restaurant, next door. However, if you do soak it into us we stand for your board at Granny's for three nights. The Caller is a dub photographer. Will you sit for a flashlight now, or will you go ahead and gossip us into a state of unconsciousness, so that we will forget all about that supper?

The Old Timer loosened up his shirt collar, cast his best eye toward a hammock of cobwebs in the corner a few seconds, and finally remarked: "I guess I'll stick you wise guys for the filling. Now you muts don't happen to notice how the back of my coat humps out behind, about the shoulder blades? No; well, I've got wings sprouted, and when I get through with this telegraph business I'm going to use 'em, too. How did it happen that I saved two carloads of dead and wounded soldiers from going into the ditch? Well, I guess it's because I

didn't apply for a Carnegie medal is the reason you don't all know about it.

"It happened in the latter part of December, '90. I was doing this act for a little Jim Crow road that runs from St. Joseph to Grand Island, in Nebraska, at a junction point where a branch came into the main line. They were both being operated by the Union Pacific then, however. My office there was a hand-car house ceiled around on the inside, setting across a ditch, keyed up tight with four wires running out of each side, to keep it from washing or blowing away. Nearest town or post office was two and one-half miles away, so you see I had that job all to myself.

"Well, about Christmas, 1890, our Uncle Samuel got into a misunderstanding with a whole reservation of Indians that were occupying the plaza around the Rosebud Indian Agency.

"Troops were called out from three or four States near at hand to put down this outbreak, and the Colored Seventh Cavalry from Fort Leavenworth, Kan., stood the brunt of this engagement, and of course suffered the greatest loss.

"They scrapped around for three or four days, across the line between Nebraska and South Dakota, and at last the soldiers cut loose on the Reds with machine guns, and made shoe strings out of the whole bunch; all the fighting bucks and a good many squaws and papooses that happened to be in the road were sent to the home of the Great Father.

Immediately after the last battle, the Union Pacific made up a special train, filled with dead and wounded soldiers, and started them homeward. Two cars of them came my way, striking the branch at Stromsburg, Neb., south to Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

"The train dispatcher at St. Joseph notified me along early in the evening that I would have to stay on hand to deliver orders and get this special out on the main line, at my junction, and see that everything was in good shape. There was no night men along this branch, to report them, and as they left Stromsburg about 8 o'clock p. m., the best guess we could make on them would put them in at my junction about 11K



p. m. The crew was a Union Pacific main line crew and no pilot, excepting the fireman, who was acting in that capacity, and he had only been over the branch once, and it was by long odds the foggiest night I had ever seen. This was only a good start on my trouble column though, as this junction switch was a square "Stub" affair and not the present-day safety split. These stubs are being used all over the country nowadays for derailers, on treacherous sidings, and they do the business every time. Trouble No. 4 was that I had one of these old-fashioned signal lamps, and the operator before me had wired the thing fast to the standard, to keep it from blowing away I suppose. I went up on top of the office, to try and loosen it up so I could flag 'em down with it, but my predecessor had done his work well as it would have taken a hydraulic jack to pry the old thing loose.

"Trouble No. 5—My office was located on the main line, that was about 100 feet from the branch track, and no torpedoes, lantern of any kind, or other means to flag that special, to keep them from running off into the ditch before they would see the switch.

"A little after 10 o'clock the dispatcher gave me their running orders, and a meet at a point three stations down the line with a through freight. I had a switch key, but no authority to use it without orders from the dispatcher, or other official of the company, so I asked 'Pete,' the dispatcher, if it wouldn't be a good scheme, on account of the heavy fog and no sure signal, for me to open the switch and take chances on their stopping, and at least make them safe. Well, 'Pete' was not one of the regulation brainless variety of dispatchers, but he was a stickler for rules, and according to rules, they, of course, had no right on the main line, until they had signed up those precious orders, that were giving me so much trouble. I may be a hard-hearted brute in some respects, but I wish to state right here that I suffered more anguish, remorse, or whatever is the proper name for it, in the next few minutes than I ever have since, and after turning a few flip-flops around that old shanty, I dug my way through the fog down to that switch, opened it, and

with an Irish imprecation on the head of 'Pete' and his rules, I locked it opened.

"I found the same path back through the fog to the office and very calmly told 'Pete' what I had done. You have all seen the good-night, or winding-up scene, in these old-fashioned magic lantern shows. Well. that's about the way things began to happen to me. I didn't get half of what 'Pete' said, but what I did get has lasted me up to the present time. I have often wondered since how this Solomon of the wire ever managed to keep out of Congress. His excuse must be his early training in moral blasphemy. Anyhow, before I lost all consciousness I heard the special whistle. I grabbed the ropes leading to the signal lamp, and began to flash red and white, until I saw the special go through that switch at least forty miles an hour. I stepped outside and listened; I imagined they would stop, but they did not, so I mustered up my courage and told 'Pete' about how they flew by. That worthy began to heat up the wires once more in raising Fairbury, the next station south, to make arrangements about stopping that special.

"Such precautions proved unecessary. for when they struck the Rock Island crossing a mile north of Fairbury, they began to sit up and notice things. They didn't find a crossing of this description on their time cards, so they began to flag, the conductor going ahead and the brakeman behind, and in this manner they finally arrived at Fairbury. Conductor Hagey walked into the office and inquired who owned the railroad they were using, and what was the name of that town? The urbane 'Pete' speedily informed him regarding this with a lot more valuable information, after which they were fitted out with their proper orders, and proceeded on their way.

"I guess this is about all. There was no one put on the carpet, served time or fired on account of this, but there was eleven dead soldiers in one of those cars, and twenty-two wounded in the other, besides the doctors, nurses and train crew, all of whom would have been parties in a bad mix-up if that switch hadn't have been thrown right for them, and after that great

corporation finally nerved themselves up to try and get along without my valued services, I made inquiry as to how the records were fixed up covering that case, and I was informed there was no record of it and now since I have grown old and grouchy in the service of other great railway corporations, I am sorry I didn't sue them for a few thousand on general principles, if for no other reason. Now then, boys, will you make me a dub photo or shall we dine?"

The N. Y. M. says we will dine, and it won't be necessary for Granny to enter your name on the book for, anyhow, four days.

JIM, THE OFFICE CAT.

By GEO. T. DICKERT.

ID you ever hear the story of the "cat that came back"? The following evidence of the instinct of the cat is given by P. L. McNiel, now telegraph operator for the Norfolk & Western Ry. at Starkey, Va., a veteran knight of the key. To doubt the veracity of this story is to raise the ire of Mc. and put him in a fighting mood. I will give it as related by him in his own words:

I was employed as night operator at Sharon, Iowa, on the C., R. I. & P. R. R., and among the assets of the office was a large gray cat known as Jim. Jim was a special favorite with the office force at that point, and myself, being specially fond of cats, made a great pet of him. In addition to the remains from my midnight lunch basket, I would often bring him a slice of raw meat; the consequence was that in a short time Jim and I were great chums. One night I was using the hatchet splitting some kindling, when Jim's tail came in too close proximity to the blade, with the result that about five inches of it was amputated. Jim seemed to understand me when I tried to convince him that it was purely an accident. I bound it up, treated it with oil, etc., and in a short while it had healed, leaving Jim bobtail. The accident did not affect Jim's friendship for me. In a few months after the accident, growing tired of that position, I decided to resign, was relieved in the usual manner and started out for another job. I went from Sharon to El Paso, Texas; from El Paso to Tucson, Arizona; from Tucson to Carlsbad, New Mexico; from Carlsbad to Amarilla, Texas; and from the latter point to Hereford, Texas, where I secured a position as third trick operator.

After I had been at Hereford about three weeks, one night while sitting at my table enjoying the midnight silence I heard a scratching at the office door. Paying no attention to it at first, it continued, until I finally went to the door and opened it and in walked a cat. I did not at first notice that it was Jim, but when I resumed my seat at the telegraph table, Jim deliberately jumped upon my lap, and lo and behold, there was bob-tailed Jim from Sharon, The itinerary that I took from Sharon to Hereford, and if Jim followed my route, he covered this distance, yet there is a more direct route, which according to the time tables was only about 800 miles.

The following morning when the agent came on duty I introduced him to Jim, and related his trip. He made sport of me and seemed to think that I was "kidding" him. Fortunately for me, Operator D. C. Skinnell, who had worked on the C., R. I. & P. with me, had visited me several times at Sharon and knew Jim. He and I were touring the country together and at the time the cat reached Hereford he was working near that point. He came to see me a few days later, and on walking in the office, instantly recognized Jim as our Sharon companion. Now what I want to know is, how did Jim follow me?

HOW A WRECK WAS PREVENTED.

N a recent trip through the West I was sitting in the smoking compartment enjoying an after-dinner cigar, when a young man entered and seated himself opposite of me. He appeared to be about thirty-five years old, his hair was streaked with gray and there were deep lines in his face, which, to a close observer, had been carved, not by the hand of time, but by some trouble or horrible experience through which he had passed.

After lighting a cigar he picked up a Globe-Democrat, which I had thrown aside,

and began to read. Sitting with half-closed eyes, I was speculating as to whether I would arrive home in time for Thanksgiving or not, when I was startled into consciousness of the present by the paper falling at my feet and a gasp from my companion. I was just in time to prevent him from falling from his seat by grasping him by the shoulders. His face was as white as snow and his quick and heavy breathing denoted a "stroke" of some kind.

Holding him up with one hand, I opened my grip with the other and taking my flask of whiskey I forced his teeth open, and as the liquor ran down his throat he gasped, strangled and sat up. He thanked me and then as he caught sight of the paper lying on the floor he shuddered and pointing to it, said: "Seeing the account of that wreck unnerved me; it brought to my mind so vividly an experience of my own."

I knew to what he alluded, as I had read the account of the wreck. It had occurred on a railroad in Colorado and was attributed to the overwork of a young telegrapher, who, after working sixteen hours, had fallen asleep and when awakened by the dispatcher calling, had accepted an order for a train that had passed his station during the time he was asleep. Twenty-five or thirty people had been killed and as many more injured.

Seeing the look of surprise on my face. my companion said: "The law passed by Congress at its last session, limiting the hours of labor of a railroad telegrapher to nine in twenty-four, is one of the best ever passed by any session of Congress. It will do more for the benefit of the public than all the rate or tariff laws ever passed, as it will tend to lessen such horrors as this, which has just occurred in Colorado. While it will probably cost the railroads a small amount more in wages, they will be more than compensated for the extra expense by the amount saved through wrecks and consequent damage suits prevented. Hundreds of lives are lost annually in this country, wives widowed and children made orphans through the mistaken economy of the railroads in compelling two men to do the work which should by all means be allotted to three. In addition to the safety of the traveling public, which is endan-

gered by the overwork and unnecessarily long hours of men who at all times have the lives and safety of the traveler in their hands, this law will materally improve the conditions and lengthen the lives of the telegraphers and by permitting them time to associate with their families and fellow men, improve them mentally as well as physically and make of them better men and better citizens. But the law does not go far enough. Under its conditions the telegrapher at 'one-man stations' may be allowed, or in other words, compelled, to work twelve hours. This is a mistake; as a usual thing the telegrapher at the 'one-man station' is also the agent, mail carrier, lamp tender, baggageman, freight hustler, porter and general factotum, and in addition to having the responsibility of handling messages and train orders, must attend to a multitude of other duties. I see that you think that I speak warmly on this subject and if you care to hear the story I will tell you why the account of that wreck affected me so strongly."

While he had been talking he had straightened up, his eyes had brightened and he spoke as one who was well informed on the subject.

Having expressed not only my willingness, but a strong desire to hear the story, we lit fresh cigars and he began.

"I was born and raised on a farm in Missouri. When I was sixteen years old I became tired of the hard work on the farm and one day, seeing an advertisement in the county paper of the 'Missouri Telegraph School,' in which was depicted the easy and lucrative work of the railroad telegrapher, I concluded that I would never be contented until I was a 'Knight of the Key.' My father at first tried to persuade me to remain on the farm, but when he saw that I was determined to be a telegrapher he consented to my attending the school as soon as the crop was gathered. I worked hard and faithfully and as soon as our corn was gathered, packed my grip and went to St. Louis. On my first interview with the 'professor' I was assured that in six months I would have a position paying not less than \$75.00 per month.

"Well, after six months' hard, faithful study I appeared before the superintendent of teelgraph of the road under whose patronage the school operated, and after trying me, he informed me that I had done remarkably well, but that I would have to go to a station and stay with the operator for a while, probably two or three months, before I could be intrusted with a position. This put a slight damper on my enthusiasm, but when I thought of the easy time I would have when I was assigned a position I concluded to go home and get the agent at my home town to allow me to practice at his station in return for assisting him with his work. I was given a pass home and on my arrival I broached the subject to the agent whom I had known all my life. After trying to persuade me to drop the business and stay with the farm without success, he told me that he belonged to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and that he could not allow anyone to learn at his station. I had been warned by my 'professor' to always steer clear of this organization. He had told me that they were a very selfish lot and that they knew they had a good thing and tried to keep every one they could influence from learning, so that they could make the poor railroads do as they wished.

"I was very much disappointed, but after I had tried to get into every station anywhere near my home and received practically the same answer from every operator that I approached on the subject, with the information that the business was already overcrowded, I wrote to the superintendent. He sent me a pass and told me to go to Glade, a station about fifty miles from my home, and that the operator there had agreed to finish me. For the next three months I cleaned switch lamps and did all the dirty work around the station. I discovered that Mr. Redfield, the agent at Glade, was what the O. R. T. men called a 'scab,' he having worked on the Santa Fe when the operators struck there. He was at all times very bitter against the Order, claiming they were unreasonable, etc. One day while he was abusing them and saying that they never helped the telegraphers, a brakeman asked him 'if the O. R. T. is N. G., why do you accept the \$10.00 per month raise they got for you in their last schedule?' He never answered. The brakeman afterwards told me that Redfield didn't have a friend on the road and that the reason he hated the O. R. T. was because they would not let him join and that, in fact, none of the other operators on the road would have anything to do with him. He also explained to me the benefits of the O. R. T. and told me what I afterwards found to be the truth, that nearly all of the operators in the country who were any good were members. I want to say right here that as soon as I was eligible I also become a member, and although money could not induce me to follow the business again, I always expect to hold a card and assist in bettering the conditions of the boys whenever I can.

"Well, after staying at Glade three months, I was given a night position at the magnificent salary of \$50.00 per month. When I wrote the superintendent and told him that the prospectus of his school said that I would get \$75.00 at least, he answered that 'if I stayed at the business he would promote me; that the night job I had was only given me so that I could gain experience and be fitted for a more important position.' I was changed about considerably in the next year, and it cost me all I made to pay my expenses, and when I was made agent at Glade (Mr. Redfield having been discharged for drunkenness and general incompetency) at a salary of \$70.00 I thought that I was at last going to enjoy the fruits of my hard work. In this I was mistaken. When Redfield first took the station there was a clerk and a paid helper, but in order to curry favor with the officials Redfield had told them that he would run the station without the clerk and helper; so they were taken away and with the help of three or four students he had run it in a way, but such a way that it took me a month working nearly day and night to get the records and station in decent shape. I found three students there when I took charge who apparently thought they were going to show me how to run things, but in my year's service I had learned something and had joined the O. R. T., so when I had signed the transfer papers I asked the auditor if Mr. Redfield was checked out? He

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said: 'Yes, you are now agent.' Turning to the students I said: 'You are checked out, too; git!' They, backed by Redfield, tried to argue the case, saying they had been put there by the superintendent, but I had a copy of the schedule and showed them where 'an operator would not be required to teach telegraphy.' In a very short time I asked for help; the reply was 'that my predecessor had run the station without any paid help and that if I needed help, I had permission to take one or more students.'

"For three months I worked nearly day and night, trying to keep the work of the station up. In order to get the station reports in on time I was compelled to work far into the night for the first few days of each month. As there was no night operator at Glade, I was also called out of bed three or four nights of each week to get orders for some belated freight train. Of course, the road being scheduled, I was paid extra for these calls, but no money can compensate one for the loss of sleep; money earned by working overtime is blood money and sooner or later it must be paid for in loss of health.

"My regular hours were from 7 a. m., to 7 p. m., but if trains were late I was often kept by the dispatcher until 10 or 11 o'clock and occasionally even later.

"On the fourth of January, 1905, I told the dispatcher 'GN' at 7 o'clock. He replied, 'No; be back at 8 o'clock. No. 5 is late and may want to use you.' I had worked for the past four nights, making monthly reports and was, to use a familiar expression, 'about all in,' but I knew that it was no use to kick, so after I had eaten supper I returned to the station. When I asked the dispatcher 'how's five?' he said: 'About 10:30.' I went to work on some unfinished reports and at 10 had all my work done, and lighting my 'Missouri meresham,' settled down in my chair to wait patiently until No. 5 arrived.

"Being worn out from overwork and long hours, I must have dropped to sleep at once. I was suddenly awakened by hearing my call, 'GD, GD, GD, 9,' which meant that the dispatcher wanted me for orders, 'GD' being the call for Glade and '9' meaning 'I have orders for you.'

"I answered 'I. I. GD.' 'No. 5?' he asked. Glancing at the clock I saw it was 10:23, and answered 'Not yet.' 'Where you been?' he asked. I realized at once that he had been calling me for some time, so 'fessed up' that I had been asleep. He then asked: 'R U sure No. 5 not by?' I told him I could not have slept more than fifteen minutes and did not think they could have passed.

"From Glade to Holden, the next telegraph station open at night, was twenty miles, with two stations between, Tipton and LaMonte, which were only open in the day-time. He called Holden and when he got him, it was plain by the way he 'dotted' that he was hesitating. Finally he said: 'To GD & HO, 31 copy 3.'

" 'Order No. 87, to C & E No. 5 GD, to C & E No. 8 HO.

"'No. 5 Eng 341 and No. 8 Eng. 316 will meet at Tipton instead of LaMonte.

" 'E. A. C.'

"After I had repeated the order I heard him 'Complete' it for No. 8 at Holden; then I heard Holden report No. 8 out. Tipton was the station nearest to Glade, being eight miles and La Monte fourteen miles. Nos. 5 and 8 had previously had orders to meet at La Monte, but on account of No. 5 making such poor time the dispatcher was trying to avoid a delay to No. 8 by changing the 'meet.' After hearing No. 8 reported out of Holden I went outside to see if I could hear No. 5 coming. I saw the trackwalker's lantern a short distance away and called to him, asking him if he had heard No. 5. He laughed and said: 'You must have been in the hay; they passed here about ten or fifteen minutes ago.'

"At first I could not believe him, but when he assured me that they had gone, and I realized that two trains loaded with human freight were rushing towards each other as fast as steam could force them, I nearly collapsed. Finally I staggered inside and falling in my chair answered the dispatcher who was calling me. 'No. 5?' he sputtered. In a jerky Morse I told him what the trackwalker said. He held his key open a moment as though he were paralyzed, then called 'HO, HO.' At the sec-

ond call 'HO' answered. 'No. 8,' he flashed. 'Gone at 10:20,' he replied.

"The dispatcher ordered out the wrecker and had the operator at Holden send for the section men and get all the doctors in town ready to go on a hand car. While these preparations were being made I sat in my chair trying to collect or control my mind. In imagination I could see the two trains crash together, could hear the roar of escaping steam and the cries and groans of the injured. I could see the flames flash as the woodwork of the coaches caught fire from the overturned stoves, and could distinctly hear the shrieks of mortal fear and anguish from the men, women and children pinioned in the wreck as the flames approached them and they realized that no human agency could aid them.

"I sat there for what seemed to me an age, but in reality about fifteen minutes, when I heard the call 'DS, DS PN.' 'PN' was the call for Tipton, and I at once concluded that the operator had been called by some of the crew of the wrecked train to report the wreck. I opened a drawer of my table and taking out my revolver placed it at my forehead, fully intending to blow my brains out as soon as I heard how many were killed. I felt that I had better be dead than live and face the world and endure my own tortured conscience. The dispatcher answered weakly and trembly, as though he dreaded to hear what the operator at 'PN' would tell him. In firm, clear Morse 'PN' said: 'No. 5 here; blew out cylinder head; be delayed thirty minutes, disconnecting-' He never got any further. Recovering his numbed faculties and realizing that the danger was not yet over, as No. 8 being the superior train would expect to find No. 5 in siding, the dispatcher 'broke' with 'Tell him to get out a flag and open switch for No. 8.' That is all I heard. I fainted, and when I returned to consciousness I was soaking wet and the track walker was standing over me with the empty water bucket in his hand.

"I tried to sit up and fainted a second time, and this time it was two weeks before I regained my senses. I was in bed and just recovering from a severe attack of brain fever. The first question I asked was 'Did 5 and 8 meet?' When 1 was assured that they had not met on a single track, I went to sleep.

"It was two months before I was able to go out. During my convalescence the superintendent came to see me and informed me that 'on account of my previous good record and taking into consideration the fact that I had been overworked, that I could return to work as soon as I was able; also said that they would give me a clerk, helper and night operator."

"I declined with thanks, and told him that the railroad had nearly made a murderer of me once and that they would never have a second opportunity. I am now twenty-two years old and that experience whitened my hair and furrowed my face so that I appear to be a man of forty. I went back on the farm and so long as I live I will stay there.

"Now, sir, do you wonder that I say that the telegraphers' nine-hour law is the most important ever enacted by any Congress? Do you not think that I am right when I say that the people of this country should insist that at its next session Congress should enlarge and broaden the scope of this law and make it include every telegrapher who handles train orders, whether there be one man or twenty men at a station. Do you wonder after hearing my story that the reading of this wreck in Colorado, where a young operator was kept on duty over sixteen hours and 'lost' a train, should affect me deeply?"

I heartily agreed with him and shuddered as I thought how narrowly a horrible wreck had been prevented by accident.

I had never given the matter of the telegrapher's work any thought, had always supposed that they had a "snap," and with the majority of the public had always considered the engineer the man with the most responsibility, but when I understood that he only runs on the orders delivered him by the telegrapher, that therefore the telegrapher is in reality the man who is responsible for the safety of the traveling public, I realized the criminal carelessness of permitting them to be on duty more than eight hours out of twenty-four, and as the railroads do not show any disposition to alter

their hours of service to conform to the safety of their patrons, it is not only the privilege, but the duty of the people to insist that laws be enacted to compel them to do so.

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A NARROW ESCAPE.

By F. S. GOUDGE.

THENEVER I think of it I feel quite sure that the greatest "scare" that I had ever experienced during my twenty years of railroading, fifteen of which was train dispatching on various roads, was when I was working the third trick on the Union Division of the C., H. & O., my hours being from 23 k to 7 k. How well I can recall the circumstances connected with this incident, and as long as I live shall never forget those few trying minutes, but just then they seemed ages to my operator and myself. The Union Division of the C., H. & O. ran from Welsford to Coburg, a distance of 142 miles-very fertile parts of the provinces of San Salvador and Venardo—was a single track road at that time, and the O. R. & L. had running rights on this road from Kemptville Junction to Welsford, a distance of forty-eight miles.

I came on duty at Union 23 o'clock Friday, May 4th, 18-. At 23:40 Centreberg called and inquired if 31 (the fast freight that runs from Hartsville to Coburg, and right through the Union Division) was running ahead of time, as he heard something coming west. I informed him that I had not given No. 31 orders ahead of time; that she had left Welsford "on time," viz., 23:15. As soon as I told him this he said: "I see the headlight and very near the station." I immediately instructed him to put his signals "at danger" and stop the train, or whatever it was, see what it meant and if No. 31, to ask the conductor what authority he had to run ahead of his schedule. On first thought I supposed it might possibly be No. 31 running thirteen minutes ahead of time, but concluded this to be improbable, as she could not make Centreberg in twenty-seven minutes, a distance of sixteen miles, and some heavy grades to contend with. I thought that perhaps something

had happened, and the conductor was bringing his engine "light" for assistance, as No. 31 was not due at Centreberg till 23:55.

At 23:42 Centreberg reported: "A light engine just passed at twenty miles an hour, had all my signals set, but paid no attention to them, and I think the driver must be crazy. The engine looks like No. 4. 'Dolly Gray,' one of the Eastern Iron Rolling Mills Co.'s shunting engines." As soon as he told me this, Welsford reported that "one of the shunting engines belonging to the Rolling Mills, known as 'Dolly Gray,' was missing from their yard, and it was thought it was on our main line." The mystery being explained, and it being up to me to try and avert any accident, I resolved what to do.

It is an easy matter for anyone to suppose that a "wild engine" is not at all an easy proposition for a dispatcher to handle. She is perhaps without a crew, or if not they are lunatics and therefore would not pay any attention to the signals that might be set against them. Realizing the position at once I called up Kemptville Junction and asked if No. 36 (the Dayton Limited), one of the fastest and most important passenger and mail trains of the Q., R. & L., was in yet. Of course, I knew that I could not catch this train if on time, as she was due to leave Kemptville Junction at 23:40, the time then being 23:44. He replied, "36 is ten minutes late, and coming through the yard now." I immediately gave him a holding order for No. 36, and then gave Centreberg a holding order for No. 31, with instructions to have her "side-tracked" at once, in case "Dolly Gray" should take it into her head to run back to Welsford in the face of No. 31.

I felt very much better when I had secured the "Dayton Limited" from colliding with this "wild engine." I then instructed Thompson (the only night office between Centreberg and Kemptville Junction) to put his signals out against "Dolly," and see if by that means she could be induced to come to a stop, and offer an explanation. I decided right then it would be of no use to side-track her into the through siding, as in all probabilities she would run right through on to the main line again, and pro-

ceed with her frolic. And as the "blind" end of Thompson's short siding was east, I saw that unless we stopped her by signals that we had no control over her. The distance from Centreberg to Thompson being eleven miles, a level stretch with few bad curves, I figured she would reach Thompson at 24:10, if continuing the speed when passing Centreberg. Wiring Yardmaster Morgan at Kemptville Junction to clear out siding No. 10 and shunt in five or six old boxes that were kept in the shop siding, and place them about six car lengths from the main line, and have the switches turned so that "Dolly Gray" could slide right in, off the main line, and to keep everything out of the way so she would not be blocked until she hit those old boxes. It did not take Morgan long to act on these instructions, as he realized the position of affairs like myself and lost no time in acting, for at 24:05 he sent the following message:

"C. A. Manning, Supt. Union:

"Have 6 old boxes, shop cars, in No. 10 siding, 7 car lengths from the main line, ready to receive 'Dolly' when she arrives, which I hope will be soon, as we are very busy here tonight.

W. Morgan."

I don't know if Morgan, if he had been in my position, would have been in a humorous mood, but I was compelled to smile on receipt of his message, although at that time I think my hair was standing on end. I kept calling Thompson steadily, but got no response from him, and presume he was out on the platform to see if he could hear "Dolly" coming. At 24:08 he responded, "Engine by 24:08. Did not slow up a bit and had all my signals 'at danger.'"

Well, the only thing we could do then was to wait patiently as possible under the circumstances, and see what would happen when she arrived at Kemptville Junction. My heart, which was in my mouth just previous to receiving Morgan's message, was sinking back in its normal place again, and I felt much easier I can assure you. If "Dolly" did not drop dead or get derailed, and kept up her twenty miles an hour, would reach Kemptville Junction about 24:40, or near that, which meant a wait of about half an hour.

At 24:37 Kemptville Junction reported: "Engine just inside freight yard tower." (This tower was located about an eighth of a mile from the depot, at the extreme east end of the yard.) She came rattling through the vard at a good clip, past all the signals that were set against her, exploding a number of torpedoes that the shunters had placed on the rails. She did not stop nor even slow up until piling up those old boxes, making kindling out of most of them. The impact could be heard for quite a distance. On account of so much escaping steam it was impossible for those standing near to ascertain who was driving "Dolly" or the extent of the damage done for some time. In about ten minutes they approached and found that she was all off the track. and very much disfigured, the tender being at an angle of forty-five degrees. They searched for the crew and soon found poor old Billy Carroll pinned down amongst the wreckage. After great difficulty they got him out, but it was easy to be seen that he had not long to live. Although two doctors were on hand he soon passed away without speaking a word. He was badly scalded and otherwise injured and the poor fellow must have suffered terribly while in the wreck. An investigation was held at the Rolling Mills the next day, and it seemed that Billy had been acting strangely just previous to this, and the night he started "Dolly" out for a spin on our main line. (He had been at one time employed by the C., H. & O.) They were working late and he ordered his fireman, Joe Wells, to the engine shed to get something for him and immediately he ran "Dolly" out on the main line before the fireman returned. Wells was back in about ten minutes, but no trace of "Dolly" could be seen. It was supposed that Billy had become suddenly insane and thought that he was back on his old run again. Billy was a great favorite with everybody and his tragic ending cast a gloom over the Rolling Mills, where he was a valued employe and considered a trustworthy man. I did not feel just right the day after this experience and got the chief to relieve me for a few days until I was myself again, for an incident of this kind is, I think, rather hard on the "nerves of a dispatcher."

APPRECIATES A GOOD THING.

PODUNK, KANRASKA, Feby 31st.

"Bein' the wethur is fine and it hain't rained now nigh onto three days, thaot I would set down and pesticate on this here O. R. T. bizness that I bin hearin' so much about. Now, what do them there letters stand fur-don't they mean Order Railway Tramps? Be they them there fellers that I see hangin' round the stock yards tother day up there at the Four Corners? Say, do you know that one of there pesky critters stood thar by the depo' when a frate train came along going about sixty miles an hour, and do you know that there son of a gun made a jump and landed right square under the seventy-ninth box car ahead of the caboose and rid out of town?"

"What's that you're sayin', Si? That's not the kind of fellows that O. R. T. means. No? Oh, you say they be them there fellows what work at the depot. Well, now, that's different agin. Well, what be they meanin' by all this talk, anyhow? Oh, you say they be wantin' more money and less hours for a day's work, huh? Well, by gum, seems to me they are wantin' the wurld. Don't they get \$40.00 a month now, and not have to go out of the house to get it, and don't they have all day and a part of the night to do a day's work in and Sundays tew?

"I can hire the best man in these parts for \$17.50 a month, and have him feed calves, slop the hogs and the like, and get hisself all over mud. The idee of them thar ralerode fellers wantin' more money and the like. What's this wurld comin' to, anyhow?

"What's that you be sayin', Si?

"Oh, you say that inside work is hard on a man's nerves, and that he might let a cuple trains come together and kill a lot of people, and you say they got tew wear purty good clothes and look nice, and always be perlite to people? Well, now, I never thot much about it, but it always 'peared to me they got a gud killin' job; don't seem to me that it takes much eddukation to just sit down thar and hammer and pull them little black knobs on a stick all day. Shucks, if they hed to hold the office of justice of the pece out in my district, they'd need to know

something all right. Oh, you say they got to know something besides them little knobs and they sometimes have more to do then they get done in one day. Well, thar may be something in that, all right; fact of the matter is I never did talk to them than fellers very much. I started to talk to that feller that was here a cuple years ago and find out what all this talk means. He said the O. R. T. didn't amount to shucks, and we were wastin' our time talkin' about it. They be tellin' me since that he got a raise of \$5.00 a month tho, about that time thru the efforts of the O. R. T., and never even said thank you. If I had a skunk like that wurkin' fur me I'd boot him off of the place. By gum, I would, and I would throw his clothes after him.

"What's that you be sayin', Si? Oh, you say that on the Burlington in Nebrasky the O. R. T. has raised the wages from about \$40.00 a month up to about \$65.00 a month, and that they don't wurk no such long hours any more. Well, by gum, if they can do things like that I'll jine 'em and have them raise the price on them.'ere shotes of mine about \$2.00 a hundred. What does it cost to jine, ennyhow? Oh, you say it costs \$9.50? What's that, and I can't jine because I can't telegraft. Well, by jingo, I'd like ter know, if a man can invest \$9.50 and get \$20.00 or more back each month of the year, it's got one of them shell games at a cirkus bete a mile, cus thar the other feller gets the mony and you git a lot of gud experience, and you say a hull lot of them thar fellers drawin' that \$20.00 a month and yit won't dig up their dues in the O. R. T. Well, by gum. Naow, wouldn't that sink yer bobbers? Now every time l buy a new shote or yearlin' calf that doggone assessor finds it out, and by gum, l have to pay taxes on it. Yessur, and besides I hev to wait till that calf or shote 15 another year or two older before I can git iny money out of them. Now, them thar fellers on the O. R. T. git the money on their shotes every month, ain't that right, Si? Sure. Now enny feller that got \$20.00 a month thru my efforts and didn't whack up once in a while, I'd get a club and put a hed on him sum nite when he wasn't lookin' fur it. By Hek, a feller took my

gurl away from me one time when I was a kid, and I laid for the son of a gun one night with a hickory. Gee, you had ought ter seen that pair of eyes and the head he had on himself the next morning. Ha, and the worst of it was for him the girl wouldn't hev nothin' more to do with him.

"Now, I should think them thar fellers what don't pay nuthin' to the O. R. T. would be in the same fix if they got inter truble any time, the compeny would lay fur them and put a head on them fer sure becuz they wouldn't hev anybody to help them out. Now, isn't that right, Si? Sure.

"Oh, you say some of them thar fellers don't want to jine becuz they be afrade that they might hev to strike some time. Well, I don't know much about that striking bizness, but it seems to me that there ain't much danger from a strike on the ralerode nowdays. I was readin' in the paper that they hev a Interstate Commerce Commission where Teddy Rosevelt lives, that they takes hand in all them thar disputes on a ralerode, and that they nearly always settle them allrite. Now last spring they wus hevin' truble down East on some of them railroads about cuttin' down the wages and that there Commerce Commission patched it up allright, and the men didn't git cut down on no wages, either. Now, my brother Hank wus workin' on the C. & S. last summer and went out on a strike and that commission settled her allright; you know Hank is a conductor. Now he tells me the trainmen voted to increase their strike fund \$300,000 a couple of years ago, and they have some awful brite men in thar order tew. I know one feller that gits \$200 a month talkin' that strike 'dope' and the like for the trainmen. He was visitin' here last summer here with Hank, and by gum, I want ter tell you he was an awful smart feller. Yessur. Hank also tells me the C. & S. was the fust strike the trainmen hev had in a long time and they won out on it. He says the engineers (Hank calls them 'hog heads') never do hev no more strikes, cause they are awful well organized and her lots of money to strike with. He says they hev had some awful strikes too, and the one on the Burlington in '88 was a corker.

"Well, I see that Scroggins boy drivin' in with a hay rack and I gess I'll ketch a ride out hum with him. I didn't think much about that O. R. T. bisness before this, but after this little talk we bin havin' I just erbout reckon that the feller that don't pay his dues and let's the other feller do all the pushin' and fightin' is either a mighty pore mean cuss, or that he hain't stopped to figger that he ain't givin' the other feller no square deal. Well, I see that hay rack roundin the corner and I must be goin'. So long."

RAILROAD STORIES AS THEY ARE "WROTE."

(By People Whose Knowledge of Railroading is Limited to the Pullman Car and Diner.)

By H. W. GLENSOR.

L COURTNEY was night operator at Pulajanes in the Arizona Desert. As Al sat reading The Railroad Man's Magazine the evening our story opens, his finely-featured face was clouded. This was but natural, for Al was sure he was built for better things, but needed the money. He was also in love with pretty Millicent Aguinaldo, daughter of the section boss and in trouble with the superintendent. A brigand armed with eight bowie knives and three six-shooters entered. "Throw up your hands," he hissed, leveling his six-shooters and bowie knives at Al. "Diablo," cried Al, being all the Spanish he knew. Seizing the brigand by the neck he bent him backward until his head touched the waste paper basket. "Surrender," he thundered, "or, I'll read you the entire contents of this magazine." "I surrender," weakly murmured the brigand, "I once worked three months on the railroad and know I couldn't stand it."

The superintendent's special drew up, and Millie leaped into his arms. She had caught the last car as they dashed past the section house. "My hero!" she cried. "Woozy!" replied Al without emotion. "You are promoted. Assume charge of the section gang at once. I am pleased to grasp the hand of an honest man," said the Super-

intendent, his own hand on his heart. It was his maiden speech.

"I knew it must come sooner or later," murmured Al wearily. "But father, what of him?" asked Millicent. "Back to the frijole patch," thundered the superintendent. The brigand is now working every day as general manager of the Pullman Company. Al married Millie.

Three times as a high official's private car has dashed across the hot, arid sands of Arizona has a wild-eyed section boss attempted to assassinate its occupant.

HIS KIND HEART.

RE you fond of fishing?" she asked. "No," he replied. "I wouldn't care to waste ten minutes for the purpose of catching the biggest trout or bass that ever was hooked. Furthermore. I consider it cruel to pull fish out of the water, causing them to die, for the mere satisfaction of being able to do it."

"Do you hunt?"

"Never. Killing things for the mere purpose of putting them out of existence is one of the most barbarous practices in which a man may indulge. At least, that is my view of the matter."

"I suppose you are fond of golf?"

"I never played the game. It has always seemed to me that a golfer who will compel a small boy to trudge around after him by the hour, carrying a heavy load of clubs, must be utterly heartless."

"How do you like baseball?"

"I don't care for it, and I must confess that I can not understand how people with average intelligence can become enthusiastic over the performances of men who are hired to bat and run bases and catch flies, at the risk of life and limb."

"Do you like horseback riding?"

"Not in the least. It is a mystery to me how strong men can find it pleasant to gallop around on horses that would be much more comfortable in the pasture."

"What form of recreation do you indulge in?"

"I don't indulge in any kind of recreation. You see, I have a large factory, in which most of the operatives are small boys, and little girls, and I find it necessary to be always where I can watch them and keep them from shirking."—S. E. KISER, in Chicago Record-Herald.





Vote for Murphy.

We are sending men to Congress,
And to all of those who vote,
In making your decision
I here would like to note:
Upon that list of gentlemen,
A name which is renown'd
To every member of our craft,
Throughout the great world 'round.

His autograph should shine with gold.

He, whom we owe so much,
Regardless of our creed or sex;
Be Irish or of Dutch.

We call him Brother Murphy,
A noble, worthy chap.

His likes could not be reproduced

If we should search our map.

So get your friends gathered 'round In one fraternal bunch,
And don't forget our friend who helped To fill our pail with lunch.
Let's send him back to Congress;
The seat deserved so well.
Mark your ballot: "Brother Murphy."
Let the other go to—"grass."

To the Unknown Many.

I raise no glass to the man whose fame
Has spread from coast to coast—
Whose talents have served to place his name
With those men honor most.

My toast is not for the lady fair, Whose grace and charming ways Have set men marveling everywhere, And won her kingly praise.

I raise no glass to the hero, who
Has won deserved applause—
Who has done as the brave alone may do
In a daring, righteous cause.

I drink no health to the one whose voice Mankind shall ne'er forget— Whose genius has made the world rejoice, And left it in her debt.

I raise my glass to the silent horde

Spread o'er the world's expanse—

To the UNKNOWN MANY, who might have

smared.

But sever had a chance.

Sand.

I observed a locomotive in the railroad yards one day.

It was waiting in the round-house, where the locomotives stay;

It was panting for the journey, it was coaled and fully manned,

And it had a box the fireman was filling full of sand.

It appears that locomotives can not always get a grip

On their slender iron pavement, 'cause the wheels are apt to slip;

When they reach a slippery spot, their tactics they command.

And to get a grip upon the rail, they sprinkle it with sand.

It's about this way with travel along life's slippery track,

If your load is rather heavy and you're always sliding back;

So, if a common locomotive you completely understand,

You'll provide yourself in starting with a good supply of sand.

If your track is steep and hilly and you have a heavy grade,

If those who've gone before have the rails quite slippery made,

If you ever reach the summit of the upper tableland.

You'll find you have to do it with a liberal use of sand.

If you strike some frigid weather and discover to your cost

That you're liable to slip on a heavy coat of frost, Then some prompt, decided action will be called into demand,

And you'll slip 'way to the bottom if you haven't any sand.

You can get to any station that is on life's schedule seen,

If there's fire beneath the boiler of ambition's strong machine,

You'll reach a place called Flushtown at a speed that's simply grand,

If for all the slippery places you've a good supply of sand.

-Express Gasette.

The Song of the Roving Sons.

Just across the sunset's barriers, just across the Farthest Sea,

Lies the Land of Lost Illusions, lies the Isle of Used to Be;

Lies the harbor that we sailed from when the world was all attune

To the key of life's full flower, in the symphony of June.

How they begged that we should tarry ere we launched our daring bark,

Setting sail from southern sunlight to the realm of winter dark;

How they pleaded we should never brave the breakers and the foam,

But should bide beside the hearthstone and should live a life at home.

"No," we answered, "we must hurry, for the Roving Sons are we;

We must make the great adventure; we must sail the Seventh Sea;

We have done with sloth and safety and the Little People's ways:

Better bitterness than languor; better life than length of days!"

And we sailed—and still are sailing underneath a starless sky,

Over wastes of waves unchartered, where we know not how nor why;

Certain only we can never more recross the

To the Land of Lost Illusions, to the Isle of Used to Be.

-R. W. KAUFFMAN, in Saturday Evening Post.

Leave Them Outside.

Don't bring them into the lodge room,
Anger and spite and pride;
Drop at the gate of the temple
The strife of the world outside.
Forget all your cares and trials,
Forget every selfish sorrow,
And remember the cause you met for,
And haste ye the glad tomorrow.

Drop at the gate of the temple
Envy and spite and gloom;
Don't bring personal quarrels
And discord into the room.
Forget the slights of a sister,
Forget the wrongs of a brother,
And remember the new commandment.
That ye love one another.

Bring your heart into the lodge room,
But leave yourself outside—
That is, your personal feelings,
Ambition, vanity, pride.
Center each thought and power
On the cause for which you assemble;
Fetter the demon, Discord,
And make ye the monster tremble.

Ay, to fetter and chain him,
And cast him under your feet,
That is the end we aim at,
The object for which we meet.
Then don't bring into the lodge room
Envy or strife or pride,
Or aught that will mar our union,
But leave them all outside.

-ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

As We Should Be.

To knock the wrong and boost the right. To do it well with all our might, And to try to vanquish in the fight, Be our endeavor.

Why let the proud and vain pretense Rule in the place of common sense, Which we may change for now or hence Perhaps forever?

To let things run and pay no heed, To be indifferent to our need, Would stamp us of inferior breed To sires before.

Let's raise our voice in loud acclaim 'Gainst anything we ought to blame, And get our friends to do the same, Now and evermore.

Give honest worth its share of praise, Assist the boom in many ways, Do all that which within us lays For those deserving.

If we live thus, the coming year, Proclaimed truth we hold so dear, The hammer wielding without fear, All good preserving;

High honors will our work befall, Our emblems held in no one's thrall. Our companionship be sought by all, For deeds well done.

-Exchange.





Breaking It Gently.

Marion, who had been taught to report her misdeeds promptly, came to her mother one day, sobbing penitently.

"Mother, I-I-broke a brick in the fireplace."

"Well, that is not very hard to remedy. But how on earth did you do it, child?"

"I pounded it with father's watch."—
Youth's Companion.

An absent husband telegraphed to his wife: "I send you a kiss?"

He seceived the reply: "Spruce young man called and delivered the kiss in good order."

Too Much Margin.

"I am thirty-five years old," announced a woman of fifty-six at a tea last week. "And I am twenty-six," said a woman of forty-five. Then turning to a girl of seventeen, who stood nearby, she asked: "How old are you, Ethel?" "Oh," replied Ethel, "according to present reckoning. I'm not born yet."—The Voice.

There is a clerk in the employ of a Philadelphia business man who, while a fair worker, is yet an individual of pronounced eccentricity.

One day a wire basket fell off the top of the clerk's desk and scratched his cheek. Not having any court plaster, he slapped on three two-cent postage stamps and continued his work.

A few minutes later he had occasion to take some papers to his employer's private office. When he entered, the "old man" observed the postage stamps on his cheek, fixed him with an astonished stare. "Look here, Jenkins!" he exclaimed, "you are carrying too much postage for second-class matter!"—Harper's Weekly.

Quick Action.

At a murder case recently one of the witnesses was a negro porter in the hotel that was the scene of the killing.

The negro was asked how many shots he heard. "Two shots, suh," he replied. "How far apart were they?"

"'Bout like dissway,' explained the negro, clapping his hands twice, with an interval of about a second between them. "Where were you when the first shot was fired?" "Shinin' a gemman's shoes in duh basement of duh hotel." "Where were you when the second shot was fired?" "Ah was apassin' duh Big Fo' depot."—Ex. Gazette.

If a small boy died from eating a green apple, what would his telephone number be? 8-1-2 Green.

A Poetic Pass.

When the late William F. White was traffic manager he received a letter from a man in Kansas, returning an expired annual pass. For some reason another pass had not been sent him. The following verse accompanied the returned pasteboard:

"Alas! it is said no more I'll deadhead My way o'er the glistening rail Unless Mr. White will consider it right To send me a pass by the mail."

Mr. White took the expired pass, and wrote several lines across the face, affixing his signature, a complicated series of scratches familiar to every Santa Fe conductor at that time. This is what he wrote:

"The conductor will pass this bundle of gas From March to the middle of Lent; Like any deadhead without a red Let him ride to his heart's content."

The pass was accepted unquestioningly by all conductors.—Exchange.

Every-Day Philanthropy.

A sad and seedy individual found his way into a Baltimore office building, gained admission to the offices of one of the city's best-known legal firms, and, at last, somehow penetrated to the sanctum of the senior partner.

"Well," asked the lawyer, "what do you want?"

The visitor was nothing if not frank.

"A dollar bill," he said; "although," he added, "if you don't happen to have the bill, silver will do."

The man's unusual manner caught the lawyer's curiosity.

"There you are," he said, handing out the money. "And now I should like to have you tell me how you come to fall so low in the world."

The visitor sighed.

"All my youth," he explained, "I had counted on inheriting something from my uncle, but, when he died, he left all he had to an orphan asylum."

"A philanthropist," commented the lawyer. "What did his estate consist of?"

"Ten children," said the visitor—and vanished.—Saturday Evening Post.

Wanted to Be Put Off.

An Erie conductor tells this story of a joke on himself that happened during the early part of June. Just after train 35 left Greycourt he started through the cars to collect tickets. He notified the passengers what he wanted with his usually cherry, "All tickets, please," and had no trouble until well down the car, when he came across a rough-looking specimen. Then this conversation ensued:

"Ticket, please."

"Ain't got no ticket."

"Then you will have to pay your fare."

"Ain't got no mone;."

"Well, you will have to give me a ticket or the cash."

"Ah, gwan and don't bother me."

"Come now, no nonsense. You'll have to cough up, or I shall be obliged to stop the train and put you off."

"Go ahead, fresh; I don't care a cuss."

Just as Conductor Gordon was about to give the signal to stop, his eyes glanced at

the seat and then he saw to his surprise that the passenger was chained to its arm. The conductor smiled and later found in the baggage car the officer who had charge of the prisoner, and from him secured the necessary pasteboard.—Erie Employes' Magazine.

An Awful Lonesome Man.

In the shanty, which in early California's days did duty as office for the banking, postal and express business of Wells, Fargo & Co., in Marysville, Cal., there sat one Saturday evening a misanthropic and dejected looking individual, whose long hair and beard, cowhide boots and rough dress bespoke the miner. For over an hour he sat there, the picture of despair, with not a word or a look for any one present. Miners came, left their "dust," took their coin in return, and returned greeting with all present save the one morose man whose apathy, nothing, it seemed, could disturb. Finally there entered a young man with a beaming face, who, after completing his business at the counter, turned to the agent in charge and remarked that on the previous Saturday he had some dealings with the bank, and thought that some mistake had been made in his account.

"Guess not," said the agent; "our cash was all right, and I guess we keep our books pretty straight."

But upon the request of the miner that the account should be examined, the account was looked at, and it was found that through a clerical error the miner had been paid \$50 too much.

"That's just what I make it," said the latter, "and here's your money." With this he threw down the gold and received the thanks of the agent.

While the conversation was in progress the misanthropic miner had preserved his look of utter indifference; but when he saw the money actually returned his face brightened up, he rose slowly, walked toward the honest miner with low and solemn steps and said:

"Young man, don't you feel awful lone-some?"—Ex. Gasette.



Our Correspondents

OUR COMPLEX IDEALS.

FEW months ago The Review des Deux Mondes gave us some fine thoughts in connection with certain aspects of our national development. The writer was a prominent thinker of the French nobility. We copy, from The Literary Digest, February 15th, as follows:

"The population of the United States would be 700,000,000 at the rate of that of France, and 1,200,000,000 at the rate of that of Massachusetts, and larger than that of the whole earth at the rate of Belgium. The descendants of the 10,000,000 of Anglo-Saxons, in 1830, will soon have practically disappeared, in part by the large immigration from Italy and Central Europe, races which procreate fast, while the Anglo-Saxon American procreation is rapidly growing less. Before long the race of the old colonists will not exist, any more than the aboriginal red men destroyed by Anglo-Saxon Americans."

The mere disappearance of certain races through natural, peaceful processes, is a question of sentiment to which we do not need to pay any attention, but in so far as about any important lesson it may teach, the essentials of each race development consist in the good each race may accomplish and transmit to other races. In that sense no race has much of anything to brag about. The least said on the subject the better for all of us. No race has ever yet seen fit to learn the first step by which it is our duty to commence having something of a righteous civilization. All nations and races remain yet bound hand and foot to the chariot of the kingdom of darkness and confusion

For instance, it has never been proved that any so-called superior race has the right to control the natural resources of any other race, however inferior it may happen to be. Still less has any superior race the right to show its superiority by any attempt to rule other races, most especially when no race has yet ruled itself in obedience to divine law. And the course of human history is not much of anything else, thus far, than a series of processes in industrial oppressions of race over race, class against class, men against men.

Take, now, the great element with which we are still blessed in this nation of ours. the blessing of having over ten times more natural resources, per capita of population. than most of the assumed good nations of the earth. That gives us over ten times greater advantages to initiate the truth in national life, and ten in the life of every one of us, so as to give good example to all other nations. Can we assert and prove that we do anything of the kind; can we honestly claim that our social adjustments take cognizance of what we owe to each other and to God in the orbit of divine moral and ethical laws? All our dreadful and perpetual conflicts and fundamental disagreements, all our fifty miserable problems, all our groans and tragedies, all our deformities and legalized atrocities, prove that we have not yet grasped the A B C of a sound, sensible, national life. Neither the present generation nor any previous one on this side of the Atlantic has yet ever attempted to grant to every human individual the natural, inalienable, supreme right of free access to the natural resources within our natural frontiers. Without that right fully established in national growth, without that right we all remain the slaves of King Land Monopoly. That is the worst king or rule that men can ever have, have ever had on the face of the planet.

It happens that we can not find a single despotism, however disgraceful, in history, that has not rested on the monopoly of

natural resources, enforced by human laws. Not until that is established in forms more or less direct, not until then are men able to initiate and prolong any other important wrong in any social group. It is because education refuses yet to teach that self-evident fact that we keep at work, wasting our lives in suppressing this or that incidental wrong, by which process we simply invite the intensification of some other incidental wrong, or the evolution of a new one. It is thus that the fundamental wrong keeps growing all the time, because we don't even wish to notice its existence, because we take for granted that, having always been among the men of all periods, it should not be destroyed, but silently kept alive, to take care of itself. And so it silently grows, as any bad habit of each of us, that we may happen to ignore, may decline to exterminate. Humanity has never yet seen fit to recognize that there is no middle ground between growth and destruction, in connection with wrong, per se, in itself, in all its possible ramifications through the combined life of us all. To split wrong into fragments, suppress some of them and leave the others alive! There you have the perpetual folly of all generations.

Yes, every generation transmits some good to all the others, simply because no generation could bring into life the next one, if each generation should not contain good enough for its own existence. Evil in itself can not prolong life, but through the help of some good—because evil is but the principle of destruction, while the good is the principle of eternal existence.

There is nothing in this universe of ours which does not rest on certain fixed, scientific processes or details. We recognize that in many of the aspects of our material existence. We have never yet recognized that in the moral, ethical, spiritual development of our collective life; that life remains abandoned to all the fancies of the supposed best fellows at the head of each national group. Only confusion and disorder can then come to all of us, in the long run, under such barbarous and selfish conception of human development.

Every partial social reconstruction is but playing with evil, trifling with God's truth

and sound common sense, as long as we don't wish to even know the first logical step to be taken, for a bottom social remodeling of national life, so that to destroy the bottom wrong that has thus far poisoned the existence of all nations. We will keep assuming that we have always been progressing, improving along righteous processes. That has never been proved. We are still hiding from each other the recognition of the fundamental and permanent wrong that we know, or should know, feeds all other wrongs. We even know, or can easily learn, the simple remedy with which we can easily destroy the fundamental wrong, and thus, at least, take the first step out of the kingdom of human abominations. We prefer not to even talk about that remedy ,to ignore it, and chatter and chatter about any of the fifty evils which would perish right off without the bottom one in question.

Too much knowledge in incidentals; insufficient knowledge in fundamentals. That is what prolongs the chaos of a complex civilization. All truth runs away from the complex. We are still running away from the simple, that is, from altruistic social adjustments. Hence, all our class disturbances, and the deformities they produce. We need simple ideals. Jose Gros.

DRONES.

Every telegrapher that carries an up-todate card knows what a drone is. My thoughts this morning have many times turned to this one word, "Drone." It puts me in mind of a beehive. The O. R. T. is the beehive and those who do not carry an up-to-date card are the drones. We make the honey and the drones lay around and want to eat it; there are several thousands of them and they appear to be lacking in honor and manhood. Some of them exist on every railroad. I have had some experience with several of these drones. who have been promising me for the last four or five months that they "would come in next pay-day." Many pay-days have come and gone since these promises were made, but they have not been fulfilled. It seems a shame that any telegrapher working on a railroad, and who is enjoying the

benefits of the nine-hour law by working shorter hours than he ever worked before, with no decrease in salary, should withhold his support from the organization that has done so much for him. The cost to join the O. R. T. is less than that of any other organization, yet these drones claim "it costs too much." Wonder what they would do if they belonged to the conductors or engineers, with their high monthly assessments. The one trouble with the O. R. T. is that it has been too easy with these drones. It is time the membership woke up and made these drones feel their position.

CERT. 243.

ADVICE OF AN OLD-TIMER.

Having entered the service as a railroad telegrapher in the latter 80s, and working in that capacity until 1907, I am, perhaps, entitled to be called an old-timer.

During the many years in which I followed the business, I was a member of the grand old O. R. T., and saw it grow from a small organization of probably less than a thousand to be a strong organization of many thousands.

When I first joined the Order it was not a good idea to make it known to the officials, unless you wanted to get a time check quicker than usual, but before I left the service I found it to be a good recommendation in most cases, and that the organization, as a whole, was greatly respected. I have found out more about how the officials feel towards the organization since leaving the service and talking about such matters to them than I did before, and I am glad to say that in reality there is no hard feeling, as a rule, but greater respect for a man who is trying to do something for himself than for a "scab," for whom the official really has less use than the members of the Order. Of course, they are told to use the "scab," and will do so in order to hold their own jobs, but as a matter of fact they do not want to.

In all the advances made the Order has made headway by fighting in the open for what it thought was right, and has never advanced by indorsing the enemy, and, in my opinion, never will improve along any line, except as above. It seems to me that all labor organizations this year have a splendid opportunity of advancing their cause, and it strikes me that the grand old O. R. T. should not overlook the opportunity. The two great political parties were both asked to do something for the laboring people; the representatives of organized labor went to Chicago and pleaded with the Republican party to place in their platform what is known as an anti-injunction plank, which is well known to the members of this organization, and it is also well known by the members of the Order how they were turned down.

The same representatives went to Denver and presented their wishes to the makers of the Democratic platform, and were treated with great respect, and their wish granted. This shows very clearly the attitude of the two great parties toward organized labor. Here is the opportunity for all time to cause both parties hereafter to look after the wants of labor before going before the public, and to carry out what they promise afterwards. If organized labor, as a whole, will fall in line and follow the lead of President Gompers in this election the laboring man will hereafter be looked up to as never before. J. W. MAYES.

HUMAN NATURE IN TRADES UNION PUBLICITY.

It is assumed that the labor union must advertise. On all sides the workingman is being appealed to by individuals and agencies and organizations which insist that they can offer him more and better things than the labor union can give them. It is up to the labor union to prove to him that it can "deliver the goods."

There is no law which compels a man to join a labor union. The tendencies are rather in the opposite direction. Therefore, the labor union has nothing but its merits upon which to depend in seeking to secure a larger membership. It is placed in the position of a solicitor—an advertiser—who must so attractively and so convincingly present his proposition that it will appeal to those who have a perfect right to buy or not to buy.

Even though a labor union may have a large membership; even though it may include every man engaged in a particular craft, nevertheless it is necessary for that union to advertise. First, because it should constantly seek to make its own membership satisfied with the organization which they have entered, making them feel that they made a good move when they joined, and, second, because the public should be informed as to the real nature of trades unions in general, and the one in question in particular.

The labor union should be so advertised that the world may know that its adherents are not ashamed of its work. To engage whole-heartedly in a movement which shall reveal the fact that its membership actually believes in the labor union, will do much toward making the outsider take more stock in it.

The labor union should advertise because the method is successful in legitimate business enterprise. To narrate the story of modern business advertising would seem like a fairy tale. The trades union may be simliarly advertised, and with even greater success, because it already has at command, in its membership, millions of advertising agents, who, if properly trained, might become centers of influence in behalf of organized labor.

If it were possible to get all the facts it would be a comparatively easy matter to tell why a particular advertising campaign had either produced the desired effect, or why it had miserably failed, because successful advertising is a science.

An advertisement should be so placed that it may be quickly and easily read. If there is an element of familiarity about it it is so much the better. The mind travels most easily from the known to the unknown. Words and phrases should at once convey exact meanings. If the understanding is not immediately appealed to, the attention will be lost. Try to tell as much as possible of your story in the first word, or in the opening sentence.

Most advertisers make the mistake of trying to tell too much at one time, thus setting up a number of counter-attractions, which are almost as fatal as though the attractions were being offered by their rival. Every additional item which is advertised in connection with the main subject takes away just so much interest from the principal object which it is desired to bring to the attention of the public.

It is well, therefore, in advertising the trades union to select from the mass of arguments which will present themselves, one outstanding fact, which should be driven home by constant repetition. Eliminate every other item. Focus the attention upon this one point, and do it in the briefest manner possible.

For instance, one of the following statements might be played up with telling effect:

"The trades union saves the lives of little children."

"Organized labor believes in giving women a square deal."

"The trades union increases the workingman's wages."

"Organized labor shortens the laborer's work-day."

One should watch public events in order to make the most of particular occasions. When the public in general, and the public press in particular, are discussing the question of child labor, then is the time for the trades union to advertise the fact that it is doing its part to save the lives of the children. When the question of women's rights is under discussion the trades union may present its argument concerning this subject.

There are occasions when these and many other items should be talked about, all at one time, but, ordinarily, it is best to go after a particular class of people, after their needs have been studied, and then to emphasize the item which will appeal to them most of all, at that time.

The human mind is stirred by a change. It becomes tired of monotone, and soon becomes drowsy under its influence. No one method of advertising will long continue to attract attention, no matter how good it may be. Even the flashing of the electric sign soon loses its effect upon the man who becomes familiar with it. There must be constant freshness of appeal.

The advertisement which appeals to the greatest number of senses is the most successful. One must constantly remember

that people of every shade of temperament and disposition are being appealed to. Therefore, every attractive element which can be employed should be enlisted. The general style of the production, the character of the type, the color of the ink, the quality of the paper, may produce a combination which is truly artistic, or it may result in a job which will drive a man still further away. Some people may not be able to tell why they dislike the appearance of the advertisement, but they will plainly indicate their displeasure. It may be a very small matter, but it will be enough to nullify effect of the effort. Every trades unionist knows that no matter how good a printed job may be, if it does not bear the union label, it seems to repel.

Important, then, is the appearance of the job that is put out, aside from the quality of the reading matter which it contains. It always pays to employ a good printer. A cheap job is dear at any price. It rarely pays to get estimates on a job of printing. Find a printer whom you can trust. Tell him what you want. He will do the job in good style, and you will get the results—so far as he is concerned.

REV. CHARLES STELZLE.

SPIRITS ARE OPERATORS.

In the *Delineator* for October is an account of a scientific test of Spiritualism. Sir William Crookes, who is a very famous scientist, among other experiments, gives the following test:

"One more incident might be quoted, however, as an example, as Sir William Crookes says, of those 'special instances which seem to point to the agency of an exterior intelligence.'

"During a seance with Mr. Home, a small lath, which I have before mentioned, moved across the table to me, in the light, and delivered a message to me by tapping my hand; I repeating the alphabet, and the lath tapped me at the right letters. The other end of the lath was resting on the table, some distance from Mr. Home's hands.

"The taps were so sharp and clear, and the lath was evidently so well under control of the invisible power which was governing its movements, that I said, 'Can the

intelligence governing the motion of this lath change the character of the movements and give me a telegraphic message through the Morse alphabet by taps on my hand?' (I have every reason to believe that the Morse code was quite unknown to any other person present, and it was only imperfectly known to me.) Immediately I said this. the character of the taps changed, and the message was continued in the way I had requested. The letters were given too rapidly for me to do more than catch a word here and there, and consequently I lost the message; but I heard sufficient to convince me that there was a good Morse operator on the other end of the line, wherever that might be."

While there can be no question as to the ability of Mr. Crookes as a scientist, he is evidently a "ham" operator, and from the fact that he did not even break when he failed to get the message rather indicates that he acquired his limited knowledge of telegraphy in a telegraph school.

But there is another side to this question. The sender was evidently a good man, and as such, no doubt held an up-to-date card in the O. R. T. If so, he would not have sent to such a fresh product of a ham factory, so, after all, Mr. Crookes may have learned in the regular way, but have been young at the business. Better send him application blanks.

This suggests another thought, and that is that if the sender had an O. R. T. card, and the cards never having been made of asbestos, there must be at least one O. R. T. man in good standing with St. Peter.

B. Lowen, Cert. 304.

WHAT CONSTITUTES PATRIOTISM?

I would like to say a few words on the relation of patriotism to unionism, from an American standpoint. I don't believe any man can be a patriotic American and not be a union man.

Loyalty to the Stars and Stripes means loyalty to unionism. American unionism has its origin in the Declaration of Independence, and dates back to June 7, 1776, when Richard Henry Lee moved in Congress that these united colonies are and ought to be free and independent States.

Our Constitution is the most powerful work of unionism the world has ever known, and it has made us the most prosperous and influential nation of the world. Ought we not to be proud of these honors? But, brothers, the wage-earners of America are not today upholding the dignity of our Constitution; today there is no law for the man who has the money. The capitalist has the money in one hand and the law in the other, and is saying to the toilers of America, "We will handle the law to suit ourselves; we will give you about one-tenth of your productions, and if it is not enough to feed and clothe you and your families vou can starve."

There is something radically wrong here, and the only way to right it via "the polls." Instead of voting for corporation lawyers and capitalist attorneys, from whom it is folly to expect anything except capitalistic measures, let us choose men from our own ranks and elect them to Congress and Legislatures, then we can expect some of the fruits of justice for which the toilers of this land have long hungered.

We praise our forefathers for their patriotism and their noble work for the union. Now, are we going to set idly by and see the greed of capitalists corrupt the nation for which we have won the highest esteem of all nations of the earth by allowing them to enslave two-thirds of the population of these United States? If our fathers had sold us into slavery in our youth, as soon as we were old enough to realize our situation, would we recognize the validity of such an act? I venture to say we would not.

Yet that is just what we are doing for the future generation, unless we awake to the true conditions as they exist at the beginning of the twentieth century. Every American has the right to vote, it's a duty we owe to our country, to our fellow workmen, and to those dependent upon us to vote conscientiously for the cause that would do the most good to the greatest number of people.

Surely, this would mean to cast our votes in the interest of the laboring classes, and in so doing we shall reach the goal of American patriotism.

E. W., CERT. 1002, DIV. 33.

TO THE NON-UNION MEN.

Did you ever hear of lunatics organizing? A certain railroad magnate was being shown through a lunatic asylum last week. and by his remarks he knew the power of labor unions and had felt the strength of organization. The guard was very attentive and pointed out some of the inmates and told him of their various delusions. One imagined himself a millionaire, another thought he was President of the United States, another thought he was a wheel. and continually turned handsprings, and so on. Each was the victim of some delusion. Then the guard showed him the padded cells, where the violently insane were kept, and the department where the harmless inmates slept, and the dining room where they ate, and the kitchen where the food was prepared, and, finally, the guard brought him to the gate. After thanking the guard, he remarked, "I notice that there are very few guards here, and the inmates seem to be under no restraint are you not afraid they might get together and organize some time and overpower your guards and escape?" The guard answered, "No; we are not afraid of that, because lunatics never organize." Did that ever occur to you when you were cussing the union? Now. what we need to do is to get over the delusion that we are millionaires or presidents. and quit turning handsprings and organize and overpower the guards that are keeping us from our liberties. Let us act as sane men, and decide that we are going to demand the full produce of our toil." Working men unite. CERT. 436, DIV. 130.

A HOME FOR AGED AND DISABLED OPERATORS.

I think, while we are organizing bond companies and union telegraph companies, and mutual benefit departments, and all these things for our families after we are dead, we should think of what is going to become of an operator when he gets old and is not able to work.

I am not knocking on the bond company or mutual benefit department, for I think they are both a good thing and are necessary for the welfare of the brotherhood. but I think while we are getting them up that we can, at the same time, provide a home for the old and disabled operators at some nice, healthy place, with such a small cost to all the members that they would hardly miss it.

I wish to propose a plan to raise this money to build a home for the old and disabled operators, and my plan is this: Let every operator donate twenty-five cents per month out of his salary to the Operators' Home Fund. I believe we have about forty thousand members in the Order, and that would be \$10,000 per month. In twelve months we would have \$120,000, and when we get the home built it would help to support itself, and with the \$120,000 per year it would be kept in first-class condi-

tion, and the old members of the O. R. T. could spend the remainder of their lives in peace and happiness.

I was in the Printers' Home at Colorado Springs, Colo., this summer, and it certainly is a nice place. They built it in this way and still maintain it in the same way. You can just think that when you are paying this twenty-five cents per month that you are building a home for yourself when you get old.

I would like to hear from the brothers on this subject. If any one can suggest a better plan for this I am willing, on my part, to accept it, but I think we should do something in this line.

T. M. Nelms, Cert. 1542, Div. 126. Local Chairman, Ark. Div., C., R. I. & P.





St. Louis Div., No. 2.

Bros. La Fever and Burch, who were elected to represent Division No. 2 at the Missouri State Federation of Labor Convention, held at Hannibal, September 21st to 24th, inclusive, have returned, and report that much good work was done in the interest of organized wage workers throughout the State at this convention.

Bro. W. H. Bull, former chief clerk to the grand secretary and treasurer, has returned from a sojourn of several months in Old Mexico, where he went for the benefit of his health, looking much improved.

Notwithstanding the cry of hard times, occasionally heard, there are very few telegraphers in these parts who are unemployed. Not long since a certain railroad entering St. Louis was short twenty-five telegraphers. On account of a shortage of telegraphers, and to accommodate an old-time member of Division No. 2, your correspondent "filled in" a couple of nights on an eight-hour job which pays \$72.00 per month. We have a very vivid and distinct recollection of working this same job for \$54.25 per, and twelve long, weary hours, at that, only a few years ago, and the worst of it was, it was considered one of the best jobs on the division at that time. Such cases as this certainly makes the writing on the wall very plain.

Bro. John C. McNairy, erstwhile telegrapher and clerk for the Big Four, C., P. & St. L. and M., K. & T. Railways, and latterly clerking at head quarters, is spending a vacation in and around St. Louis, eating pretzels and going to the "game," when his duties as secretary of Division No. 137 will permit.

The third day of November will be here shortly whether we are ready for it or not. Are you a voter? If not, why not? Don't vote any ticket because "pa" voted that way for forty years. Don't let some one think for you. Do your own thinking. Get the different platforms. Study them, and vote for what you believe to be your best interests, the best interests of your fellowworkers and of your country.

DIV. Con.

Harrisburg Div., No. 3.

Middle Division-

Our first regular meeting for September, was held September 3d at Harrisburg. While there were quite a number of members present from a distance, and some from Lancaster Division No. 9, the members living near Harrisburg, on the Middle Division, did not turn out as they should have done. The August meeting was very well at-

tended, but the brothers must have overlooked this meeting, coming as it did, so early in the month. A large number of important subjects were taken up and discussed, and some matters that have been held over for some time put through. Brothers, do not neglect to come out to the meetings. It is very important that you attend these meetings and take part in them, and in this way you will become acquainted with the brothers you are working with, and at the same time learn what is being accomplished. Do not leave the work to be done by a few, but lend your assistance. While we know you do not lack enthusiasm, and that you want to see the good work move on, you should come out to the meeting and take a hand in the work at these meetings. Always remember the first Thursday in each month, and make it a point to so arrange your affairs that you can get to meeting.

You who have been on the grand old Middle Division for the past ten or fifteen years know what the conditions were at that time, and how they have improved through the loyalty of the members. You all know the work was slow, but by keeping at it, we gained point after point until at this time, considering the hours we work and the salary increase, our salaries have doubled. This condition was brought about by united effort on the part of almost all the men employed, and not by the efforts of one man, as some would have you believe. While our condition has been greatly improved, you will admit there is plenty of room for improvement, considering the nature of our work and the responsibility connected with the work of an operator. Think of the thousands of lives you are daily responsible for, and the disastrous result of a mistake on your part. Surely our services are worth more than we are receiving. We must, therefore, work together, support our organization, increase our membership, and keep at it until we have every desirable man in our Order, then, and then only, will it be an easy matter to get the salary and conditions that we are entitled to. Work for your organization whenever opportunity presents. Talk about it; read about it; devise ways and means to get those in who are yet without the fold; by keeping at it we will surely succeed.

I do not mean that you should neglect your duties to look after your Order. Not at all. When you are on duty, give your company your entire attention. Give them the best service possible. Neglect nothing that would be a benefit to your company. You have sixteen hours in each day for yourself. This is the time you should look

after your interests; giving the company your entire service while on duty.

We are glad to notice that business is on the increase, and hope that it will continue to increase until it comes up to where it was before the business depression.

Bro. M. L. Minnick, Lewistown, Pa., enjoyed a three weeks' vacation, during which he and his family took a trip to the Pacific coast.

The Banks brothers have returned to duty, after spending a few weeks in the West.

Bro. Barth, of Longfellow, has returned to duty after spending a vacation at Atlantic City.

The men are experiencing considerable difficulty in getting off, as the number wishing their vacations at this time of the year is large, and our supply of extra men is not very large.

One of our popular dispatchers, "Barney" Shook, is on an extended trip through the West. Extra Dispatcher Chas J. Ising is filling Mr. Shooks' place during his absence.

A new office at Ryde went into service. Call "RY" and first, second and third tricks have been advertised, also third trick at "NC" is open for his

Brothers, do not forget the road meeting which is held every third Thursday of each month. These meetings are held for those brothers who can not get to the Harrisburg meeting, and your S. and T. will send you a notice every month, stating the place the meeting will be held, and those who live near this point should take advantage of this.

DIV. Cor.

Lancaster Div., No. 9.

This division met in regular session at the regularly appointed time, with all officers present, with the exception of the secretary, who was unable to obtain relief. Bro. Ament, the genial operator and ticket clerk at Malvern, "VZ," filled this office in a most creditable manner. Much business was put through which we must withhold from these columns. We can say, however, that the Board of Trustees were authorized to keep in trust the sum of \$100 which is now invested with one of the large trust companies of the city.

Several brothers who came from a distance made requests for application blanks. From all quarters we hear nothing but success for No. 9, which is an indication that the faithful ones are engaging in personal work.

We are glad to make mention that "SA" block station, one of the important block towers on the Mount Joy branch, was reopened on October 1st, which is an indication that we are once more returning to normal conditions at least, and that the three boys who were so much inconvenienced some months ago could again return and take up their former positions.

Now that the new trolley line is finished between Lancaster and Elizabethtown we hear reports from many of the boys along the line that they will be present at meetings hereafter. Brothers, if you wish to attend interesting meetings, now is a good time to start, or you will miss a treat.

Bro. H. E. Toomey, one of the oldest men in "UD," superintendent's office, Harrisburg, was suddenly stricken with a severe attack, while on duty several weeks ago, and at one time was in a serious condition, but we are glad to report that he is out of danger.

Bro. C. W. Thomas and Bro. Geo. Lindsay, middle and last tricks, respectively, at "SM," Shocks Mills, have changed tricks for an indefinite time, commencing October 1st.

Bro. Harry Dibeler, last trick at "BG," Collins, has taken leave of absence, and has gone on a trip to the far West.

We regret that it is our unpleasant duty to call attention to some of the boys who are guilty of the offense of allowing loafing in and around their office, and in some cases are even teaching the profession. This is bad practice, and as we are not able now to say if any of our members are guilty of this offense we will say no more, as we think a word to the wise is sufficient.

"KERNEL."

Sunbury, Pa., Div., No. 12.

The long expected joint meeting of Divisions 12. 24 and 100, at Sunbury, is a thing of the past. Monday, September 21st, at 8 p. m., members of the Order commenced to assemble in the lodge room, and by 9 o'clock over one hundred members were in session. Vice-president Bro. Pierson presided, and after the general routine of business was finished the meeting gave way to speech-making, and if some of our officials could have heard those speeches they would have a different opinion of the O. R. T. today. Bro. Pierson counseled moderation, conservatism; spoke against strikes and the lazy operator whom he styled as only a cog in the wheel. He advised work; hard work, and learn wherever you can anything pertaining to railway work. He said one of the curses belonging to the railway telegrapher is the desire to stay in one locality all his life. Make a good, safe workman, and if the company does not appreciate your services, throw them aside and go on some other road which will. How many are afflicted with this desire who belong to Division 12? Bro. Pierson was followed by Bro. Byrn, of Boston, who spoke on buying goods marked with the union label. His address was masterful, and replete with many good points of advice.

In regard to the union label matter, I wish to ask the brothers of this Order to consider this question for Tuesday, November 3d. See if your vote has the union label. Some one on that ticket has worked against union labor. Hit him on election day. Vote only for people friendly to the workingman; the rich can take care of themselves. About 11 p. m. refreshments were served and speech-making kept up until 2 a. m. I wish our membership knew of the sacrifices two of our brothers went through to attend that meeting.

Bros. Sponsier, Weeks, and many others gave fine talks on matters pertaining to the good of our organization. I am glad to see business is picking up over the division, and beg the boys to give good service.

Bro. C. M. Gephart is going to resign and join the army.

Each meeting sees more applications coming, and success is ours.

The next meeting will be at 10 a. m.. October 19th. Everybody come.

Bro. W. C. Pegg, third trick at Wolverton, spent a week's vacation visiting Niagara Falls, Toronto, Canada, and Pittsburg; relieved by Mr. H. L. De Witt.

Bro. N. C. Malick is working third trick at Rupert tower while Bro. C. M. Cornelison is taking in the Allentown fair.

Bro. J. R. Geiger is spending his vacation in the West; relieved by Mr. Schell, a new man at the business.

Bro. J. G. Nelson, first trick at Bluff, was off duty on account of his wife being sick. At this writing she is improving, which we are glad to hear.

Bro. K. A. Ashworth, first trick at Wilkesbarre, "WN," took a trip to Buffalo to take in the sights and spend some of his hard-earned money; relieved by Bro. J. W. Engle.

Bros. Warner and Hawbecker were the main rooters at the base ball game at Nescopeck, September 19th.

On account of breaking the relief schedule, and a few other mixes, some of the branch boys were kept from attending our last meeting. I would like to see some of the first trick men on the branch wake up and call around to the meetings. I am sure you would be treated right.

Only two tricks at Rock at present time. Bro. E. R. Reinbold working first and Bro. C. W. Eby, second trick.

Mr. C. S. Heilman, second trick at Morris Junction, received his walking papers, and all the brothers on this side hade him a joyful good-bye.

Bro. J. C. Brightbill bid on this vacancy, and being the lucky one, is now doing the stunt.

Mr. B. J. Kuntz had a week off to go fishing. Mr. Kuntz has his application papers filled out to join us about four months already, but we have not received them yet. Possibly he lost them somewhere. Some brother please give him a new blank and have him fill it out and mail at once.

The freight on the Lewistown Division has been on the increase for the last week, but still far from standard.

Mr. Joe Otto, second trick at Selinsgrove, is off one week, by request, for leaving his office with out permission from the train dispatcher. After this suspension is over, I "13" he is going to Bedford to take charge of the telegraph school at that point.

Mr. Chas. Mumma; agent at Painterville, is spending two weeks' vacation in the eastern cities; relieved by Extra Agent Mr. J. T. Sigler.

Mr. S. S. Sigler relieved Bro. J. C. Thoman at "MY" tower. Bro. Thoman is spending a few days under the parental roof at Gettysburg, Pa. If in need of any post-card photos you will do

well by giving this brother a chance. Only a nickel.

Bro. H. C. Dreese and wife, of "MY" tower, spent a few days in St. Louis during his leave of absence. Mr. S. S. Sigler filled the vacancy. Bro. Dreese reports a dusty time.

Lewistown and Burnham Postal business is on the increase on account of the railroad company putting in a loop and connecting us on through wire No. 81, at Lewistown Junction. Fine brothers and sisters to work with.

Bro. C. W. Kase has a crackerjack of a base ball team, composed of brothers. Anybody wishing to receive a whitewash give him a call at "XA," where all calls are promptly answered.

DIV. COR.

Baltimore Div., No. 17.

Bro. Wm. A. Hampsher has gone to Denver. Colo., for his health.

Bro. F. O. Warner, who has been confined to his home with rather a painful accident, has again resumed his duties, and is busily looking after the things that make work easy for the boys on the string.

Bro. T. C. Hunter has been confined to his home for some weeks with typhoid fever.

Division No. 17 has, during the past few years, gained quite: a reputation in the O. R. T. circles, but this time we have a new honor, viz: That we can boast of a certain brother who taught a man telegraphy, who recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday. This gentleman resides at the hometown of Bro. Geise, and while no one would take "AD" to be an hundred years old, it is said that "AD" played marbles with this old veteran.

Bro. Geise, Hutchinson; T. E. Wiers and T. L. Dugan were recently promoted to the ranks of train dispatchers, and Division No. 17 is unanimous in wishing each and all of the brothers of the craft abundant success.

Dr. J. B. SeBastian, the toastmaster of Division No. 17, has returned home, after a vacation of several months at the home of his mother.

Arrangements are being completed for the York meeting, and there will be a good time for all who can attend.

MAYFIELD.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Father of all to remove from us by death, our highly esteemed and worthy brother, Mr. Joseph M. Rollins.

WHEREAS, We recognize and appreciate his great service and loyalty to our cause; therefore be it

Resolved, That we thus express our high appreciation of his unwavering allegiance to truth and honor, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition the qualities that endeared him to all; and be it

Resolved, That we extend to the companion and daughter of our deceased brother our heartfelt sympathy in this their day of sorrow, and point them to the true source of all comfort in times of affliction, our Divine Creator, as their refuge and strength; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the family of our deceased brother, and a copy sent to the journal for publication.

> W. M. SKINNER, W. B. BRENIZE, D. L. KOLLER,

> > Committee.

Williamsport Div., No. 24.

The last meeting, held September 11th, at Williamsport, was not as well attended as it should have been, and there is no excuse for a great number of the boys not turning out. Be up and doing. It's been left to a few long enough. Now, let every one get their shoulder to the wheel and give a shove.

The daylight meeting held at Sunbury was a success, however, taking into consideration the expense that we are put to with this meeting it is not properly appreciated.

There is a great deal of personality creeping in on us. Simply because you have a personal grudge against a man that would make a good member is no reason why you should sink the hooks into him; and you, non, simply because some fellow that belongs to the Order, and don't look good to you, you stay out in the cold and let us keep up the expenses of running the Order, and you share the benefits. What do you think of yourself? Look at it from all sides. See who is in the right.

This is sure a season of bump. Bro. Bill Forney bumped out of "KI," after having put in eighteen years on the road. However, the management is sure doing the square thing in allowing the older man to take his choice.

Messrs, Mitten, Ritz and Longo have been saying next month for some time. Put a little long green along with that assertion, fellows, and you never will regret it.

The second and third trick men will note that the next daylight meeting will be held at Sunbury at 10 a. m., Friday, October 30th, and we must have more of them there.

Are you aware that we have six young and charming ladies in our jurisdiction, and only can claim one (Sister Williams) at Dauphin? Where is our gallantry? We can promise them that they will be well taken care of within the fold.

Bros. Strunk, Holmes and Miller working on the L. & T. during the Granger picnic. Hope they do a little missionary work up there. Room for eight or ten applications.

Bro. McCloskey has bid in second trick at "Q"

Bro. Joe Klingenberger takes first trick at "BY" for a time.

Bro. Bill Brown spent a week in New York City and Coney Island recently.

Bro. Bunnell, of third trick at "MO," spent two weeks in and around Wilkesbarre.

Bro. Ed. Fetterhoff and family spent two weeks under a tent at the Herndon camp meeting.

Bro. Bill Leister was seen, around Milton right after pay-day.

It is possible we will lose Bro. Howard Steiger's familiar "HD" on the wires. Howdy is fast enough for the big league.

If all the boys would take as much interest in the ball team as Bro. Cope, our worthy captain, there would be no lost games. He is a hustler all the time.

Understand that Bro. Neagly, "VI," Sunbury, is improving, and will soon be back at his old job.

Now, fellows, just one word in parting. Hustle a little. Don't think because you have good officers at the head of Division 24 that they can do the whole thing. We don't want to impose on Tommy and John, and if you will each and every one do your part they will make us one of the strongest and best divisions in the Order.

I am going to tackle this division correspondent job for a while, so send in your notes, and if you don't see your name in the journal, it is your own fault. Send them to me, and they sure will get there.

CONNIE MACK.

New Haven Div., No. 29.

If there is one use more than any other, to which the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER have been put, it is in an endeavor to teach the members the importance of attending the monthly meetings. Generally speaking, it seems to be a subject that occupies the attention of the local and system divisions universally. Division No. 29 has, through its several correspondents, preached, pleaded and prayed for the light of this logical truth to shine into the understanding of the numerous members. Analyzing their reasons, whether styled lethargy, indifference, forgetfulness or luke-warmedness, the prevailing cause seems to be that other interests are regarded as paramount. Whether these interests are of profit, pleasure or of variable quantities, they manifestly surplant the Order's interests, and when this is said, it is synonymous with stating that the individual's interests are sidetracked as well. I do not question the thoroughness of the devotion of the entire membership to the union principles on twenty-nine days of the month, but on the thirtieth day-the meeting day-these principles succumb to adverse forces, resulting in depleting the ranks that once so eagerly and enthusiastically crowded the hall. There should be but one paramount interest, and that the Order's, and the one best manifestation of its stability is in the attendance at meetings. We should and must be as constant in devotion and in the expression of it, as the magnet to the pole. The September meeting was not up to the established standard. To those brothers who have earned by their steadfastness and regularity of attendance the appellation of the "Old Guard," we commit the keeping of the date of meetings-for they never forget-and encourage them to persevere in their missionary work of increasing the fold, and their reward will be great, indeed. The October meeting will have a special feature, and to that meeting we look for all, who,



by fortune or operation of law, are released from duty. Come one, come all, and help.

Bro. Ambrose Brooks, of "AD" office, Hartford, has returned from two weeks' vacation, spent at Boston and New York.

Bro. Johnson, of "AD" office, second trick, also took a few days off; relieved by Mr. Kane.

Bro. Bill Generous, of "WH" tower, Hartford Terminal, enjoying a two weeks' vacation spent at New Bedford, Mass., and at home in Providence, R. I.; relieved by a Mr. Kennedy.

Bro. Wallace, agent at North Haven, away for a few days; relieved by Operator Munson.

Mr. Munson, whom we may call brother again, after our next meeting, has bid in third trick at "F," Meriden freight house.

Bro. Desrosiers, first trick at "B," Springfield, granted a short vacation, being relieved by Mr. W. J. Harrington. Mr. Harrington at present working second trick at Springfield for Bro. Quentin, who is away for a few days.

The operators in this district seem rather lucky in being able to get relief to go away for vacations, according to reports from other divisions.

DIV. COR.

Providence Div., No. 35.

September meeting of Division 35 was all that could be wished for in point of interest displayed by those present, and had the Democratic candidate for president not been in the city that night, no doubt many more brothers would have been in attendance. They no doubt looked at it that it is not every day that such a noted personage as W. J. B. would be on exhibition, and they could not resist the opportunity, but, by so doing, they missed listening to one of the best addresses from General Chairman Bro. Manion that ever was delivered to us in the history of our division. We also had Bro. Jacobs, local chairman of the Midland Division, who gave us an interesting account of the conditions in his territory. And last, but not least, our old reliable, Bro. Joslin, who caused many eyes to sparkle and hearts to throb with pleasure over the good news which he delivered to us, and not a brother present but felt more than repaid for any sacrifice which his attendance forced him to make.

Those brothers who are deluding themselves with the idea that because demerit marks are not being handed out for inattention to duty now, should read the first paragraph in the letter of division correspondent of Chicago Division of the C. & E. I. Railway, on page 1373, of August Telegraphers.

One of the good results of the return of prosperity is that the helpers in the large towers in the terminal are to be restored.

Nothing but expressions of pleasure are heard upon all sides over the announcement of Bro. Timmin's reinstatement to his old position.

The report that Bro. Wm. Wood, who was taken sick while on his vacation down in Maine, was so far recovered as to be moved to the home of his

sister in Franklin, Mass., is pleasing to his many friends

The brothers can rest assured that every cent of money contributed through the paper going over the road for a sick brother will be applied to this noble cause, and the cry of "I lost the paper," will not be raised.

Bro. Callahan and wife are spending their vacation visiting his father in New York State. Mr. Allen, a new arrival from Philadelphia, Pa., relieving him.

Drv. Coa.

New Rochelle Div., No. 37.

On Sunday, August 30th, our seventh annual clam-bake was celebrated at picturesque Beach Hill, Rye Beach, N. Y. The day was all that could be expected. One of summer's ideal days. By the time luncheon was spread every one had arrived. The main feature of the outing was a match-game of ball between Divisions 20 and 37, which was well played, and also enjoyed by a large attendance. The bake and dinner was served at 3:30 p. m. in the spacious dining room of Mein Host Edwards. All present had plenty of the good things which were there in abundance. Bro. Booker's band, of Long Island, discoursed many beautiful selections, "Harrigan" making the hit of the day. The singing of Bro. John Hunekle, of the Trainmen, another special feature on the program, was well received. Our guests were Trainmaster C. H. Matzett, Chief Dispatcher H. E. Baily and Chief Clerk A. M. Slater, of the New York Division; J. D. Consedine, chief dispatcher of the Shore Line, and Chief Clerk Clark, in the master of transportation department; Assemblyman Frederick Northrup, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; General Chairman E. J. Manion, of New Haven, and W. H. Perrin, trainmaster for Daly & Holbrook Construction Company. The Entertainment Committee were T. J. Gallagher, chairman; J. A. Hannan, secretary; G. W. Wisham, A. W. De Witt, Harry Berger, Daniel Kenny, M. F. Carroll, H. Wagner, F. Mc-Ginnis and F. J. Maher, C. T.

Result of the game of base ball was as follows: Division 37, 15 runs; Division 29, 8 runs. Batteries, Collier and Holahan, Stannard and Doden-Umpire, Dispatcher Raser. Scorer, Dispatcher Dwyer.

Words of praise were heard from all who attended the bake, and the committee wishes to thank the membership for the assistance and enthusiasm

Bro. J. L. Allen, of Rye tower 64, spent a happy vacation with the Jersey farmers at Matteawan.

Bro. J. W. Donovan returned to duty after a prolonged visit to the home of his relatives in Pennsylvania.

Bro. Brundage, the expert leverman on the New York Division, has been relieving Bro. John P. Moroney at 63, who, we are sorry to say, has been on the sick list. "Brun" goes to South Norwalk to instruct some of our Shore Line towermen how to manipulate the iron.

Our worthy chief, Bro. Maher, had a very severe attack of indigestion last month. He was confined to his home for nearly two weeks. Glad to see him on deck again.

Mr. Geo. Kelley and Al F. Sheehan are now located on the New York Division.

Mr. H. E. Baily, our genial chief train dispatcher, spent a well-earned vacation last month at the old home of his parents, at Philadelphia. During Mr. Baily's absence his position was ably filled by Dispatcher W. A. Raser.

Plans and specifications for a new electric tower at New Rochelle Junction have been completed. This plant will be built of solid concrete, and will operate the new six-track section with the present four-track main line.

Bro. Bement, of Rowayton, second trick, on month's vacation in the wilds of Pennsylvania. Bro. Wm. Mohrbach filling in.

Mr. Olowsky, third trick at tower 56, Glenbrook, and Mr. Thatcher, second trick at tower 59, Stamford, left suddenly for parts unknown.

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Springfield Div., No. 38.

Meeting called to order at 8 p. m., Vice-chief Freehan in the chair, as our chief, Bro. Betters, was called to Thompsonville by the severe illness of his sister.

The brothers from the east end showed up well. Keep up the good work. Bring as many more when you come again. It is hoped that at our next meeting Second Vice-president Pierson will be present, and it is hoped a large attendance will be present.

C. and P. Division-

Bro. McCarty, of "SK," has returned from his vacation spent in Maine.

Sister Fribbs has been at the Mt. Washington House, Fayban, N. H., for her vacation.

Bro. Topham has returned to his daily duties at "NO" tower from his honeymoon. He was relieved by a Mr. Spearman, from Boston whose freshness was his one redeeming feature. We may be farmers up this way, but we are gentlemen, we hope.

Claremont Junction, third trick, and Putney, third trick, up for bid.

Business is commencing to pick up, and it looks as if we would have a very busy winter.

Wish to thank the brothers at South Vernon and Putney who kindly sent in items last month, and still keep up the good work. Remember my address, 95 Everett street, Springfield, Mass.

Bro. Kaiser has been holding down "BC" in place of Bro. Van Valkinburh who is taking the agent's place.

Bro. Jack Patterson is doing quite a job at Chatham. Jack is about the only Western Union man we have who joined the O. R. T.

Our chief dispatcher, Mr. Sample, has sent back a piece of pottery to the Western Union and labeled it: "Use no hooks; handle with care this side up." We would like to inform these men at East Greengush that it is a very hard thing to work for the Western Union in the day, and then come around at night and try to hold down a railroad job. Mr. Lyons did it for a while, and we all have heard of the results.

That tunnel job has two men who have had cards and have dropped. Now, boys, you want to remember that rule, "No card, no favors."

Bro. Martin has bid in Niverville, and, for a wonder, he was lucky, and got what he was after.

Don't you think it is about time each one of you got busy and try to get some of these nons in line? There is plenty of material for you to work on.

It is about time we started something. A schedule on this pike would not hurt. Mac.

Boston Div., No. 41.

Regular meeting called to order at 8:15 p. m., Saturday, September 12th. Fairly good attendance. Meetings are getting rather lively lately. Bro. Bode gave quite an interesting talk on the powers of the ballot, and how the working man should use it. Although some of the brothers took issue with Bro. Bode, I think, on the whole, he was right. His chief contention was that workingmen should vote for candidates irrespective of party that will give a square deal to the laboring class when bills that will better the conditions of the workingman come up. When you come to think it over it does seem strange that the workingman will go to the polls and cast his ballot for a candidate who has no sympathy in common with him; in fact, quite often the man he votes for looks down on him as an inferior being. What can you expect from such men? All they want is your vote, then you can go back to the woods, as far as they are concerned.

Owing to the cumbersome methods employed in relieving sick members, it was voted at last meeting to appoint a Relief Committee. The chief telegrapher has appointed the following, whom all members should notify if they know of any member being sick. The committee for the Southern Division is as follows: Bro. W. R. Meikle, Waltham, Mass.; Bro. F. M. Morgan, Lexington, Mass.; Bro. F. C. McGrath, Winchester, Mass. I will publish the names on the other divisions next month, as I have been unable to get them for this issue.

The special exercises to be held at the regular November meeting will probably be the most elaborate ever held in the eastern part of the country. No one can afford to miss it.

Bro. Davis, of Stonham, is now on a two weeks' honeymoon.

About fifty of the members took in the Sunday excursion in connection with the trainmen to Rocky Point, R. I., Sunday, August 30th, and each and every one reports a fine time, and glad they went. The committee decided on this place being the most desirable and events proved their decision a wise one. The party left South Station at 9 o'clock a. m., and, after a quick ride to Providence, took the boat for a delightful sail of

an hour down Narragansett Bay to Rocky Point, where there was amusement enough for all. Some of the party returned to Crescent Park in the afternoon, where there is something doing every minute; no danger of being lonesome at Crescent Park. The party returned in the evening, arriving at Boston in time for all of the out-of-town brothers and sisters to catch their trains-no one got left. It is rather hard at present to get out a very large crowd, as the first and second trick men can not get away, and some did not come. thinking they would not get back in season to get a train home. This excursion was largely an experiment to see how many we could get on an occasion of this kind. The results show that in another year we can depend on a train of our own. It served to bring in some of the out-of-town members, and it was pleasing to meet the young ladies from Marlboro Union Market and Bleachery, who certainly displayed more enthusiasm than some of the brothers who live close to Boston. The ladies are always loyal. Bless 'em!

The suggestion made in the late issue of THE TELEGRAPHER that each member try to bring in one non in the near future is a very good one, and if it can be acted upon by our members, it will bring us up to a much higher percentage in organization. We now have a grand percentage on the entire system to work with, but the very small per cent that are still outside the fold are rather hard to manage, and some of them are holding the best positions on the division. What are you going to do when a man makes a statement like this: "You have no right to vote to reduce my salary when I don't belong to your Order." This statement was made by a non a short time ago when the question was up with our Order regarding a reduction of wages. However, he found no fault when our committee secured for him, as well as others in the office, an increase of 40 cents a day in two years. He was willing they should legislate for the increase, and go so far as they could, but to vote to decrease, why, "that's different." On another division an operator, and a fairly good one, but a thorough crank on the wire, at least so reputed, was approached some time ago of coming in, made the time-worn remark: "Do not see what the O. R. T. has ever done for me." It so happened that later on, in a reorganization of the schedule, this particular station where this man was employed, received a substantial increase. Nothing was said to him, but meeting one of the brothers shortly afterwards, he said: "You folks got this increase on purpose to get me to join; now I won't join anyway." Such a man as this is of no use to the Order. The O. R. T. uses no coercion, and will not make any promises to increase salaries in order to secure membership. If the good of the Order and the benefits that are derived from it do not appeal to a man to come into it when its principles have been thoroughly explained to him, it will not do to induce him to join by making promises of any kind. On another division we find a member dropping out for the simple reason that when the nine-hour law went

into effect his hours were changed. No fault of the O. R. T., but he could not see but what it was. On a small division like the Terminal, which is composed of a few general offices, the rest being freight yard, freight offices and engine houses, only about twenty-five offices all told, the nons who hold some of the best jobs, won't join, and can make up all kinds of excuses. The majority of the jobs are three-trick, eight hours each. In one freight yard office two of the tricks are held by nons, both of whom may be called "has beens." One is afraid there may be a strike, and the other won't join under any circumstances. Two other freight-yard offices each have one non. One local freight office-good job-held by a non of the first water. Another local freight office, a nice young lady, promises to join, but not ready, and don't know when she will be. In one of the general offices two out of four are nons. One of them runs a ham factory, the other "can not afford it," but these two have participated with two good members at the same table in an increase of \$125 a year since the O. R. T. schedule went into effect, but they can not see why they should join. They get the increase just the same as if they belonged, and the \$75 or \$80 a year from the ham factory means a good thing. No need to pay any dues when they can have all these benefits without it. Still, as they do not belong, they put up the scheme that no organization has a right to vote to reduce their pay. "Increase it all you like, but you have no authority to vote to reduce it." The other divisions of the Boston end have a much larger number of offices, but the proportion of nons is about the same; some of whom, no doubt, can be brought into the fold, but the organization has to contend at all times with the "has beens;" "can't afford it;" "don't believe in such things;" "can't give up ham factory;" every possible excuse under the sun to save the dues which they have received a dozen times over in increased pay and bettered conditions. This does not go to show that Division 41 of the O. R. T. is the only organization that has to contend with this class. Every organization has them, and the only way, if they can not be induced to join by moral sussion, is to just remember, and live up to it, "No card, no favors."

We were glad to meet Sisters Curry, of Marboro; Hudson, of Union Market, and Miss Edmunds, of Bleachery Station, at the outing, and we hope to see them at the meetings in the future

The members of the division will miss Bro. Bradstreet, who has given up the telegraph business for the present. Bro. Bradstreet was an accomplished musician, and the piano recitals with which he entertained the division meetings were very much appreciated by those who were fortunate enough to hear them. He has severed his connection with the B. & M. R. R., and accepted a position with the Chickering Piano Works.

Division 41 still has some musical talent left, and when the smiling brother from Lexington brings in his banjo, as he has promised to do, and Bro. Cunningham his violin, with Bro. Quilty as

an accompanist on the piano, the division will have plenty of entertainment at the meetings during the coming winter, and I look for an increased attendance on this account. This is about the warmest "bunch" in the division, and when they get together there is something doing every minute. They are all right up on bowling, and do some fancy work at the Y. M. C. A. alleys every week.

What is the reason Division 41 can not have an up-to-date bowling team this winter? Some of the members are regular attendants at the Y. M. C. A. alleys, and there seems to be no reason why we could not have a good team; regular men and substitutes, and we could, no doubt, give Division 89 a good run for their money.

Some of the members who attended the excursion at Rocky Point, Sunday, August 30th, were so struck on the place and the various forms of entertainment, both at Rocky Point and Crescent Park, that they propose to have another trip before the close of the season. It would be strictly a stag party; no ladies being allowed. This is all very well in theory, but I imagine some of the brothers will experience a change of heart when they come to get permission of their better half.

It is rumored that a few members who have been dropped for non-payment of dues are going to join the O. R. S. A. They are welcome to them. They have been of no use to us.

North Sommerville was up for bid, occasioned by the death of Mr. Hoyle, and has been bid in by Mr. Caron, of Lowell. Lowell, second trick, is up for a bid.

DIV. COR.

New York Div., No. 44.

The Riverhead County Review says that Bro. Harry Oliver has been married six months.

And still another within our ranks has been keeping the matter quiet for over six months. Bro. G. S. Turner has just acknowledged the corn.

Bro. Liscombe is back from the wilds of Colorado, and working at Eastport. Bro. Liscombe says little old Long Island is good enough for anyone.

Mr. Diamond, formerly ticket agent and operator, has left the service, and Bro. Jarvis has accepted the position for the present.

The report of the Public Service Commission of this State is very flattering, indeed, both to the officials of the L. I. R. R. and the employes, working, as they have been, under the most adverse conditions, yet the record of trains run on time is the best of any steam railroad within the jurisdiction of that body.

The percentage of trains on time for the L. I. R. R. is 96 per cent. N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. is 93 per cent. D. & L. W. is 86 per cent. P. R. R. is 87 per cent. E. R. R. is 70 per cent.

When one realizes that the L. I. R. R. run a greater number of trains into their terminals, and their running time is a great deal faster than any of the other roads this record is one that the management may well be proud of.

All employes, particularly operators, members of Division No. 44, who work in train-order offices

or signal towers, should put forth their best endeavors to maintain this standard. We want to maintain a fair schedule and fair working conditions, and if we do this we must remain at the top as Class "A" of working men. We are at the top; now let us stay there.

A gentleman by the name of Fleming Wall tarried in our midst for a brief twenty hours—just long enough to get checked into Peconic. The route agent left Peconic on one train, and Mr. Wall put the egg in his shoe, and beat it on the next. Bro. Ira Baker, who had resigned, and had a nice position waiting for him on the N. H. R. R., was very accommodating. He stayed on the job for two weeks. Finally Bro. C. C. Carey accepted the position as agent and operator at Peconic, and now everything is moving very smooth on the east end of the Island.

Assistant Trainmaster Broughton, and a whole tailor shop, made a trip over the entire system looking over the wearing apparel of the station agents. He did a land-office business. All agree that Mr. B. is a crackerjack clothing salesman. Talk about being dragged into the Cheap John joints on the East Side of New York. Mr. B. has our Hebrew friends skinned seven ways for Sunday. He sold clothing to a whole lot of men who did not want to buy, and, mind you, not a stitch of it bears the union label, and also bear in mind that you can get a far better article for less money with the union label. However, several of the agents refused to be measured or have their garments examined. Some of the fortunate ones were Sister Hawkins, agent at Wading River; Sister Randall, of Shoreham, the agent at Wantagh. And as Sister Webb, of Patchoque, is an assistant agent, she was not required to buy a new uniform. We, of the tower department, suggest to our brother agents that they be prepared for the clothing train next time when it comes around, and appear on the platform dressed in the sheath skirt.

Bro. W. A. Plumley, of Cedarhurst, has resigned, and Bro. W. S. Leahy, relief agent, is filling the vacancy temporarily.

Miss Lula M. Whortman, for many years agent at Seaford, has resigned.

Miss L. Ketcham has been appointed to the agency at Seaford.

Bro. A. L. Bougher, of Amagansett, had the misfortune to break his kneecap while in bathing recently. At the present time he is getting along as well as could be expected. He is confined to a bed in St. John's Hospital, and, owing to the serious nature of the break, it will be many weeks before he will be able to leave that institution.

This makes the third L. I. R. R. agent who has broken his kneecap within the year. Bro. Van Nostrand is not entirely over his accident, and, although Bro. W. E. Lewis, of Brentwood, is back to work, his injury has not entirely mended. Bro. Petroske is relieving Bro. Bougher.

Bro. J. F. Wylie was the successful bidder for the agency at Huntington, and has entered his new field of labor. Bro. J. H. Robinson, relieagent, goes to Garden City in place of Bro. Wylie, and Bro. Van Nostrand, who has been at Huntington for some weeks, goes on the road, but he knows not where.

One of the signs of hard times is the closing of the West Hempstead station. This station has been doing business more or less for the past twenty years, but business has fallen off to such an extent the company did not care to keep it open longer. Mrs. Rhodes, the agent, leaves the service.

Bro. Jack Martin is back on the job at East New York.

Bro. T. J. Walker is reported very sick, and is confined to the Far Rockaway Hospital.

Mr. C. Lasher is holding down Seaside during the absence of Bro. Walker.

If information received by the writer is correct, the following summer offices have closed for the season: Edgemere, Shinnecock Hills, Manhattan Beach, Rocky Point, Aqueduct, Ramblersville. Broad Channel, Steeple Chase, and the night tricks at Hammels, Seaside and Rockaway Park.

Bro. E. M. Rogers, of East Williston, has been away for ten days on a vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Addison E. Tibbals, formerly of Rocky Point, now acting in the capacity of relief agent, but only serving in the very busy places, like East Williston.

Have you had a vacation? If not, why not?

Our last regular meeting was well attended. Considerable business of importance was transacted, and much good work along fraternal lines accomplished. Members will please try and get to the next meeting, if possible. Make it your business to attend to your business and hear in mind that you have no business that requires closer attention than the business of selling your labor to the best advantage.

Bro. F. C. Crossman spent a few days at Bridgeport, Conn.; relieved by P. J. Cahill.

Bro. Thos. Walker, agent at Seaside Rockaway Beach, has been confined to St. Joseph's Hospital, Far Rockaway, with pleural pneumonia. We are glad to hear of his rapid recovery. He will soon leave for an extended visit to relatives in West Virginia.

Bros. E. W. Nicholson, E. E. Lewis and C. A. Lewis, who have been spending their vacation with their parents and friends in Maryland, have returned and resumed duty.

Bros. E. C. Martin, of Glendale Junction, and C. T. Curran, of Jamaica block, have been regular bathers at Rockaway Beach this season. Their color is better, and they seem very much invigorated.

Bro. E. J. Murphy, of Flatbush avenue, took in the Joseph Cassidy outing, and spent two weeks with his parents at Islip; relieved by Bro. E. Morrill.

Bro. Thos. Dryden and wife, of Glendale Junction, are visiting friends in the South.

Bro. D. R. Conkling, of L. I. Crossover, attended the clambake over in Jersey.

Bro. A. G. Basch, of L. I. Crossover, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Wooley.

Bro. Camman relieving Bro. Hudson at Woodhaven Junction, who is enjoying his vacation in the South.

Bro. H. H. Oliver, who has been absent on account of sickness, has returned to work.

Bro. A. T. Pierce, of Blissville, off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Camman.

Mr. P. J. Cahill, an old Continental operator, is working third trick at Mt. Oliver avenue. He has shown the right spirit by asking or the papers.

Bro. T. J. Cunnelly, who has been summering at Seaside Junction, has been transferred to Glendale, first trick.

Bro. F. J. Tarrey, from third trick at Hammels Wye, to second trick operator in tower "A."

Bro. Thos. Bennett, from third trick at Jamaica block, to second trick at Pennsylvania avenue.

Bro. Wooley, Whitestone, second trick, to Queens, second trick.

Bro. J. F. O'Rourke, Queens, second trick, to Pennsylvania avenue, third trick.

Bro. M. S. Scotton, Hammels Junction, second trick, to Hammels Wye, third trick.

Bro. Leon Wright, who left the service some time ago, has returned, and is now located at Whitestone Junction, second trick.

Bro. Baumgarten from first trick at Skillman avenue, to second trick at Liberty avenue.

Bro. Skay from second trick at Liberty avenue to first trick at Mt. Oliver avenue.

Bro. D. J. Cullman from first trick at Mt. Oliver avenue to third trick at same place.

Desirable nons are getting to be a scarce article. The benefit derived is rapidly convincing them of the error of their way. It is surely better to be associated with your fellow-craftsmen in an honorable living cause, than to be a despised wolf living off of his blood.

Bro. Meaney, of Dutchkills, walked about 800 miles soliciting a subscription to help furnish the new Y. M. C. A. building in Long Island City. which is nearing completion. He deserves to be congratulated on his ability as a solicitor. He did well. The boys were generous, and made a good showing in the total amount subscribed.

Bro. G. J. Turner and wife are visiting friends and relatives in North Carolina. Dry. Con.

Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

First meeting in September, held September 12th. Opened at 8:45 p. m., with Chief Telegra pher J. J. Standley in the chair. Roll call found a majority of the officers present. Five petitions for membership were read and acted upon, including four from the Conemaugh, and one from the Pittsburg Division, P. R. R. Bills amounting to \$20.00, and sick claims also amounting to \$20.00, were ordered paid. Sister Clifford and Bros. M. H. Black and W. G. Holloway were reported on the sick list. We all hope for their speedy recovery. Meeting closed at 10:45 p. m., with a small attendance. Second meeting of September held September 26th. Opened at 8:45 p. m. by Chief

Telegrapher J. J. Standley. Roll call found all officers present. Five petitions for membership were acted upon, including two from the Conemaugh Division, two from the Allegheny Division and one from the Pittsburg Division, P. R. R. Bills amounting to \$17.00 were read and ordered paid. Sick claims amounting to \$174.00 also ordered paid. Bro. J. J. Burns was again reported on the sick list. Meeting closed at 11 K p. m. Number members present, fourteen.

We were all glad to have Bro. D. M. Young with us once again, he having just recovered from an attack of typhoid fever. We are also glad to note that Bros. G. A. Clear and W. G. Holloway have recovered from their accidents.

Why don't all of you "stay-at-homes" come to meeting occasionally and find out what is doing?

Bro. C. B. Garrison, second trick at "ZA." spent a two weeks' vacation with his mother in the East; relieved by Mr. Bartlebaugh, from "S2." He, in turn, being relieved by Bro. Satterfield.

H. K. King, second trick at "ND," wears a wreath and sounder in addition to a pleasant smile.

C. O. Satterfield also carries an up-to-date.

King and Satterfield are the kind of recruits that add strength to the Order.

Bros. Haynes and Montag, first and second tricks at "AD," are off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Darling and Mr. Kurrilla. Can not say if Mr. Kurrilla carries a card or not.

Bro. C. L. Ashbaugh, third trick at "UM," on vacation; relieved by Mr. Dungan. "13" Mr. Dungan has been an up-to-date, but does not have a card now.

"13" that E. C. Bretzern, second trick at "AP," is running a factory.

Mr. McIntyre, at "GI," still out in the cold. Can not some one wake him up?

"Sa" presents a fine opening for some charity work. Three nons there, and all eligible.

Bro. W. J. Mellon has bid in "ON," first trick. Bro. E. W. Robinson spent a few days with relatives in Winchester, Va.

Bro. Porter has been assigned third trick at "ND" on bid.

W. H. Brewer now carries an up-to-date.

KLING.

Wilmington Dlv., No. 58.

Claiming that a reduction in expenses was necessary on account of a decrease in the net earnings, the company have closed six towers on the main line, and dispensed with the 12 to 8 men at Georgetown. The towers which were closed were Broad Creek, Cannon, Harrington block, Viola, Mt. Pleasant and Bear. This change threw nineteen men out of places. Have not learned where they all went; things are in such an unsettled state.

Bro. Townsend, of "BE," bumped the day man at "CB." Bro. Pippin, of "M," bumped the day man at "DJ." "13" the latter change is only temporary. Messrs. Cubbage and Slaughter, of "VO," bumped the day men at "WS" and "DV,"

respectively. Quite a number of them are on the extra list. The day men who have been bumped have bumped the third trick men, who, in turn, bumped the first trick men, throwing the latter out on the extra list.

Bro. Hudson, formerly of "BD," has been working a few days in "X," since his establishment has been closed.

We are of the opinion that the largest ham factory on the division has gone out of business, temporarily, if not permanently. This great change brought about by the sudden decision of the "Professor" that railroading was a too strenuous life for him. There are several more which could be dispensed with without working any hardship among us.

Mr. Atwell, main line copier, acted as dispatcher a few days in September during the absence of Bro. Shortall.

On September 15th all agents of the Delaware Division met in Wilmington at the request of Mr. Whitney, our superintendent. After their arrival, Mr. Whittaker, assistant division freight agent, gave them an excellent talk on how to keep their freight rates in a proper condition. He advised them that an inspector would make semi-annual trips of inspection over the Delaware road to inspect our manner of keeping rates posted. His talk was very much appreciated. Following Mr. Whittaker, Mr. Whitney made an address to the agents which was appreciated. He gave them a statement of business for the past year for this division, and spoke words of praise to the agents for the manner in which they have handled business this year. His talk was very instructive, and it is to be hoped that all present will be guided by his remarks, especially that part of them relative to leaving the office without permission from the superintendent's office. You can almost always obtain permission to be absent when you wish. We hope that in the future all will do so. Mr. Whitney desires to do the right thing by all employes, and wishes to have our co-operation. All agents present at the meeting say that meetings of this kind are an invaluable aid, as they enable the greater part of the agents to be present and discuss questions of almost a vital importance to them. They are looking forward to the next one with the greatest interest.

There were quite a number of O. R. T. men at the agents' meeting in Wilmington, on September 15th who were conspicuous by the absence of their button. The majority of the agents are O. R. T. men, yet only a few wore their button. Brothers, hope that you will all have them on next time. Don't leave them on that "old coat" when you change clothes, but change the button also, if you have not two. An O. R. T. button denotes an up-to-date, broad-thinking, quick-observing and first-class man.

We wish to ask each individual member to make an effort to get in a new member. The nons are getting scarce, but there are still a few left who we could help a great deal, and who could help us a great deal. "73" to all.

DIV. COR.

Boston Div., No. 89.

Regular evening meeting of Division 89, held September 5th; all officers being present. Two petitions for membership received and voted upon. One candidate initiated.

The brothers have not got into the habit of setting aside the first Saturday of each month to attend our meetings. There should be at least fifty brothers present at each meeting. I can not see why this lack of interest.

There was not much business to be brought before the meeting, and what there was, was readily disposed of, and adjournment taken at 9:45.

The daylight meeting for September fell on the 19th, and outrivaled the night meeting in point of attendance, which shows how the second and third trick men appreciate this move. They wish to have a say in matters of importance, which was fully demonstrated at this meeting.

Several motions came up for discussion. One of these would have put the division to unnecessary expense, but the boys voted against it. To show that the night owls are wide awake in the daytime, which is contrary to that specie of bird, some lively discussion was heard on the coming election of delegates to the Grand Division meeting next year. While it looks rather blue at present for the owls to have a say in their choice for delegates, it is hoped the division will arrange some plan whereby all those who can not attend the night meeting, but wish to voice their choice, will have a chance to do so. It does not seem fair for the night meeting to have all the say in electing delegates, when the daylighters take such an interest in all other matters; at any rate, think up some good plan, and give us a show in the matter.

Two applications were favorably voted upon. One candidate was initiated, but owing to the absence of our degree team, we did our best by giving him the first degree. We are now ready for the next one.

A committee was appointed to see what could be done toward having some prominent speaker at our next daylight meeting. Be sure to come, as there will be something doing.

The meeting closed at 1:20 p. m., making the longest daylight meeting on record, if not the "nighters."

Midland Division-

Operator Kane covering "AD" office, Hartford, while Bro. Johnson is relieving in "SK" office.

Spare Operator Gansfield covered Club House a few days, and is now working third trick at Steeles, while Bro. Melburne is taking a vacation.

Bro. Tracy, an old-timer on the New Haven, covered third trick at Willimantic a few days on account of Bro. Curry off sick.

Second and third trick men at Putnam tower had to double two days on account of Bro. Baker off sick, and no spare men to relieve him.

Bro. Weeks, on third trick at Hampton, off for one week traveling throught the West, being relieved by his brother, O. A. Weeks, who formerly worked at Putnam tower, but now in the grocery business.

Bro. Gerring, third trick at Franklin tower, just back, after being off five weeks. He started on two weeks' vacation, but was taken sick the fourth day he was off and was laid up for five weeks.

Bro. Gilbert, third trick at Norwood Junction, has been off on two weeks' vacation, visiting relatives and friends in Maine.

Norwich and Worcester Branch-

Sister M. F. Barrett, of Danielson, just returned from thirty days' vacation. Mr. J. B. Plant, formerly working for the New Haven at Southbridge, relieving her.

Bro. M. E. Jacobs, of Franklin, local chairman for this district, was over this branch recently calling on members and nons. We understand he gathered in two nons while down here; the ones to fall in line being H. F. Miller, second trick at Plainfield, and George Files, third trick at Webster.

It is now Bro. Darrow as first trick operator at Central Village.

Jacons.

CARD OF THANKS.

In behalf of myself and family I wish to thank the boys of Boston Division 89 for the beautiful spray of flowers and their kind words of cheer and sympathy in our recent bereavement of our beloved daughter. Sincerely,

GEO. H. BIRD, South Braintree, Mass. September 10, 1908.

Elmira Div., No. 100.

Only fourteen members saw fit to turn out at our last meeting, though we had a strong drawing card in the person of Bro. Tom Pierson, our second vice-president. To do the boys justice, however, we may say that Bro. Pierson's visit was unexpected; his telegram coming so late that but a few of the boys could be notified. Those who were fortunate enough to be there were given a real treat, as Bro. Pierson gave us a long and interesting talk. Bro. Pierson has promised to make us another visit in the near future, and notification will be given each and every man, so that all the first trick men, at least, can attend.

Sister Kisor now working first trick at Ennerdale, 6:15 a. m. to 3:15 p. m. Bro. Snyder works second trick, 3:15 p. m. to 12:15 a. m. The office is closed from 12:15 a. m. to 6:15 a. m.

Bro. Fuller, third trick at "D" tower, Canandaigua, declined to take thirty days and went to the N. Y. C.

Bro. Harris, second trick at "D," off a few days; relieved by Bro. Havens.

Bro. M. L. Ross, second trick at "K" tower, off September 19th to 26th; relieved by Bro. H. D. Hadley. Bro. Hadley returns to school at Cornell University October 1st. Bro. Johnson, first trick at "K," off September 22d; relieved by Bro. Bromley.



Seneca Castle opened as a day office during the produce season. It is in charge of Mr. Wilson.

First trick at Cowley and Fassett, and third trick at Roaring Branch are open for bids.

Mr. E. L. Bristol, agent at Bellona, awarded the agency at Hali, vice Mr. C. A. Beattie, deceased. Bro. T. L. Brewer, who has been working as relief agent, goes to Bellona regular.

A certain amount of vim introduced into our daylight meetings would probably prove to be a good thing, as our secretary, Bro. Elliott, usually has to lose a day in order to attend these meetings, it hardly pays him to do so, when so small a number turn out.

Brothers on the second and third tricks can easily make these meetings good ones, if they will only show up in the lodge room. Surely one day in each month would be no great tax upon their time, and if the brothers who attend the night meetings are willing to lose their sleep and fight the train schedule as they have to do, it seems as though the other brothers could do as much. Let's get together on this subject of going to meetings, and make Division 100 the star division in point of attendance.

Brothers, remember that at the regular night meeting, October 16th, the tri-monthly "feeding of animals" will take place, and we sincerely hope there will be a big turnout.

As entertainers, Sunbury Division No. 12, left nothing to be desired at their smoker, held on Monday, September 21st. Bro. Tom Pierson was present and favored the gathering with a fine talk. A representative of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union was also present. He gave us ninety-nine different reasons why we should purchase unionmade shoes; and every one of those reasons was a good one. However, this is trespassing upon the territory of Division 12's correspondent, so will leave it to him to give the fine points. The members of Division 100 who attended the smoker wish to extend their thanks for the good time given them, and hope to entertain a delegation from the hustling Sunbury Division whenever it will be convenient for them to come to Elmira. The Canandaigua Division boys had a 175 mile ride to and from the meeting, but it was worth the trouble, and then some. Here's hoping we will get together frequently in the future.

I think it would be a good plan for a committee to start on a hunt for some of the negligent operators, and be sure and include yourself, and all come down next month.

It requires no great wisdom to know how things should be done—afterward.

Opportunity knocks but once. Other knockers please copy.

On May 3, 1904, when the Elmira and Canandaigua Division operators were members of Division 24, they were 123 strong, and their meeting on that date was called to order with about forty-five members present. Our meetings now, and especially the daylight meetings since Division 100 has been organized about one year, and include both Elmira and Canandaigua Divisions, with a

membership of about 110, over 90 per cent of the telegraphers employed on these divisions, nearly as many as Division 24 had on its eighteenth birthday, and they are called to order with an average of ten or eleven. Now, brothers, are you going to look back and see what good things we have got since four years ago and allow more to be present at the meetings then than there is now and stop at what you have? Or are you going to come to the meetings and keep in touch with what is going on, and keep what we have, and try for something more? The date of the night meetings will be found in the back of all previous issues of the journal, and the daylight meetings are called to order at 10 o'clock a. m., the first Friday of each month.

I wish to say to those who are in the dark, "Step in the light." We have several on your trail, so get ready, as we have some shrewd ones among them. Be prepared for the warm bunch, as they are after all suspicious characters.

Bro. P. L. Hovey, of Glenora, off August 11th; relieved by Bro. Havens.

It is often wise to set a good example for your neighbor by giving yourself a square deal.

Bro. Seamans, second trick at "G," Himrods Junction, off August 16th; relieved by Mr. James, of Montour Falls.

Bro. Osgood, second trick at Rock Stream, off a few days in August; relieved by Mr. Darling. Bro. Osgood spent his time at Keuka Lake and Sodus Point, on Lake Ontario, fishing.

Mr. Wilson working second trick at Penn Yan, and Bro. Goodman has resumed his regular third trick at that point.

Bro. Quick, at Milo, first trick, off a few days; relieved by Bro. J. M. Bromley.

Bro. H. D. Hammond, who was at Horse Heads, third trick, has resigned to accept a position with the Standard Oil Company at Indiana, Pa.

Mr. Darling, at Horse Heads, third trick, extra, until G. A. Bambury struck it off on bid.

Bro. Martin, first trick at Rock Stream, is absent for a few days.

Bro. Havens, at Stanley, second trick, a few days in place of Bro. Davie.

Ennerdale opened September 7th, with Sister Kisor in the chair as first trick, and Bro. Snyder, a telephone operator, on second trick. This office is opened until further notice, and is worked on the nine-hour plan.

Bro. Charles Blake, Newark, first trick, off a few days; relieved by Mr. Wilson, "the man with a promise."

Bro. Tim Brewer, relief agent at Hall, vice Mr. C. A. Beattie, deceased.

Bro. Watkins, first trick at "G," Himrods Junction, off one day; relieved by Sister Bower.

Bro. Martin transferred from Horse Head, second trick, to Rock Stream, first trick. Bro. Wood transferred from Rock Stream, first trick, to Horse Head, second trick.

Like nearly all branches of organized labor, we have a few among us who are subject to cold feet, but who, nevertheless, can consume large portions

of O. R. T. privileges when the opportunity presents itself. Perhaps it would be well to again be remindful of the fact that the few privileges which we now enjoy did not exist previous to the establishment of the O. R. T., and so, also, will the privileges be removed should the members become stagnant, or fail to properly perform the duty that they owe themselves and the O. R. T. Now let us see what some of these duties are: First, we should put into force the axiom, "No card, no favors." Why should we grant favors to the plausable, smiling non, who has either been a member or expects to become one soon, and who at the same time has his hand in our pockets, and perhaps a student to fill our position? Second, Let us be missionaries, and gather in all outside of the O. R. T. fold who are eligible. Third, Let us attend strictly to duty, giving the company a square deal and a good day's work, and give the O. R. T. the same kind of a deal, with a hearty every-day support and the pay-day will soon correspond with both.

Belonging to the O. R. T. is like taking a warm bath. One feels so good in it.

Bro. A. P. Furman, at "RG" tower, spending his vacation in New York; relieved by Red Bryant.

Bro. Peterman landed Canton, third trick, on bid.

Bro. Barrow transferred from Cowley, first trick, to "RG," second trick, on bid.

Bro. Vickory, of Cogan Valley, taking ten days' vacation at Rochester, N. Y., and other places; relieved by Bro. Fox.

Bro. O. E. Miller, first trick at Trout River, will take his annual vacation in the Alleghenys hunting deer and bear.

By the time this is in print we can shake hands with Bro. Shumway. He has filed application for membership. This again making Trout River office on solid basis.

Get busy, brothers, and capture all of the nons. Tell them the good things they are missing. Get busy, you nons, and make application, and wear the button; get the glad smile and hand from all the brothers.

Bro. Fish, third trick at "M" tower, north end Ralston yard, now taking his vacation at Tioga; relieved by Mr. McGee.

Bro. B. P. Evans transferred from third trick, Roaring Branch, to Fassett, second trick.

Bro. Brewer, second trick at Roaring Branch, off a few days; relieved by Sister Miller.

Bro. J. C. Evans transferred from third trick at Canton to first trick at Gillet; relieved by Bro. Peterman, who has been assigned to third trick at Canton.

Bro. Dunning worked several weeks at Gillet, first trick; relieved by Sister Miller.

Bro. Bamburry transferred from first trick at Fassett to third trick at Horse Head, on bid.

Our regular meeting, held Friday, September 18th, at Elmira, with only three members from Elmira Division present. This looks queer to me that so many brothers working first trick, with annual passes in their pockets, fail to show up. Dear

brothers, you do not know what you are missing by not attending meetings. You have annual passes now, and the old excuse, I forgot to write for a pass, won't do. Let us plan one day of each month to attend meeting.

Drv. Cor.

Renovo Div., No. 110.

The meeting for September, which was to be held September 16th, at Odd Fellows' Hall, was postponed on account of the illness of Chief Telegrapher O'Leary and S. and T. Bro. Getchell.

Operator Rosenkrans, of Scahonda, is taking a few days' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Goodwin, from Ridgway.

Sister Brink is taking a few days' vacation, being relieved by Relief Operator Lupro, at Sterling Run.

S. and T. Bro. Getchell has been quite ill with chronic dyspepsia, but is now able to work again.

Bro. M. L. Vought is absent from "JN," Emporium, visiting the various places of interest in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Bro. R. I. Price is relieving him.

Bro. Armstrong, of Corry, enjoyed a ten days' vacation the latter part of August, visiting Pittsburg and other cities; relieved by Bro. Tiffany.

I suppose everybody has received their new signs, and are becoming familiar with them. It is understood that the next general order will be that all single telegraphers will be instructed to marry at once, but nothing is said about furnishing dwelling houses for the happy couples. Probably that will come as a Christmas surprise. It is noticed that a favored few have been allowed to retain their old signs, but, as the old saying goes, "kissing goes by favor."

A good write-up can be looked for next month, as Bros. Tiffany and James have promised to come down handsomely.

Ere this write-up appears in print, we expect at least five new members in the fold, from good material.

Would like to suggest that we have a nice ball either at Emporium or Corry, in the near future. Our treasury will stand a little replenishing, and a few extra dollars would be a nice thing in case one of our brothers or sisters should suddenly be placed in a position where the help of the membership would be needed, we would be able to assist without using the regular funds. Let us hear from you all on this subject. I "13" we have some fine dancers in this division.

DIV. COR.

Fredericksburg Div., No. 125.

Regular monthly meeting Friday, September 11th, called to order by Bro. Bowles, our worthy chief, Bro. Pennypacker, unable to attend, being in New York on his vacation. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Four applications filed with the secretary were balloted upon and elected as members. Say, fellows, that's the way to do it. Keep it up. When the material runs out we will find something else for you to do.



Bro. S. B. Binford, formerly first trick at "RO," now at Petersburg yard, third trick, on A. C. L. "13" he has that position regular. While we regret the loss of Bro. Binford from among us, we are very glad, indeed, that he has landed something to his liking so readily, and feel satisfied that he has a far more desirable position than he had at "RO." The northbound block wire at that place is the worst ever, especially on the first trick. We are very glad to note that one of the parties so sanguine in Bro. Binford's downfall has been handed a lemon by being relieved. "13" he is doing the extra stunt now. Honesty is by far the best policy, and that gentleman will some day wake up to a sad realization of his error.

Mr. Soffell working first trick at "RO;" same bulletined.

Bro. Pennypacker has returned from his vacation. He and Bro. Swift, dispatcher "K" office, did New York, Philadelphia and Atlantic City on their vacation. That combination is hard to beat. In my opinion, they could do almost anything or anybody (Monte Carlo, Carrie Nation and Hetty Green, excepted).

Bro. Rock, who relieved Bro. Pennypacker at "YD," now back on third trick at "RO."

Bro. Duncan working second trick at "DK."

Some of my dear friends may feel slighted by the non-appearance in this write-up of something that may have transpired, but remember I am no mind-reader, and if you would drop your correspondent a few lines, would be only too glad to have it in the line-up.

Cert. 56.

Olean Div., No. 135.

Bro. Rosenbom, at Red House, second trick, is off sick with typhoid fever; relieved by Mr. Devern.

Bro. L. L. Brown, first trick at Salamanca, off one day; relieved by O. W. Evens.

Bro. H. Harkless being bumped, third trick at Quaker Bridge by Bro. G. Elliott took a thirty-day vacation on the farm. Bro. Gilbert is holding second trick at "CX."

We have not been receiving any notices of offices open for bid for some time. Think there has been vacancies which should show up for bid, but it seems as though the bid question has been dropped.

Bro. F. M. Thompson, our relief agent, has resigned. Bro. W. C. Richards being assigned to his duties. Sorry to see him go, as he was one of our best workers.

Bro. Larson, first trick at "HN," recently took a ten-day vacation to attend the Toronto Fair. Bro. Warner relieving him.

Bro. Billington, second trick at "UK," is off two weeks on vacation, visiting his former home in Ohio. Bro. Hatton is relieving him, and Mr. Dempsey is working third trick.

Mr. Upton, first trick man at Trunkeyville, has sent in the necessary papers, and will be Bro. Upton before this appears in print. Bro. Fisher, first trick at Thompson, took a day off; relieved by Bro. Bold.

Bro. Gignon is on third trick at Eagle Rock. Bro. Stevens taking second trick, when Mr. Fitzgerald left for parts unknown. Bro. P. L. McCrea still doing the stunt as agent.

Bro. Greer, second trick at Rockmere, is working hard to make that office solid, and from a remark I heard the other day, I think he will succeed. Bro. Greer always has the interest of the Order at heart.

Bro. S. Kirkpatrick, extra operator, relieved the agent, Mr. Dihl, at Rockmere one day reently to give that gentleman a chance to attend the agents' meeting, held in Oil City.

Bro. Routhfuss has been posting up at "DS," and expects to take third trick there about the first of October.

I understand an effort is being made to secure lodge rooms in Oil City, and I believe it would be a very good idea, as, owing to the territory which our division covers, and the poor passenger service, very few of the members south of Warren or off the Creek, can attend the meetings unless they lose a day to do so, and I believe it will be heartily approved of by all members, as it will give all brothers in and around Oil City a chance to attend and then, too, they will not have any excuse for not being there.

I believe we have a division correspondent, but I am unable to learn his name and address. If he will make himself known, he will receive a few notes from the present scribe, as I would be glad to hand them to him each month.

A division as large, and as nearly solid as No. 135. I think should have a write-up every month.

Wish to thank Cert. 106 and Cert. 152 for the valuable aid rendered "ye scribe" in present write-up.

CERT. 199.

North Adams Div., No. 139.

Remember the meeting, November 14th, and be present.

Most of the agents are back from their vacations, and at work with increased energy.

The new tower at Johnsonville was put in working order, and opened for business September 15th, with the following line-up:

Mr. Wheeler, first trick. Bro. Niles second trick. Third trick given to the regular day switchman.

Mr. G. F. Murphy, extra at Hoosick Junction. Mr. O. K. Brown, extra at Schaghticoke. Mr. Spiar, extra at North Hoosick; all laid off on account of the return of regular men.

Bro. Van Wort is working third trick at Hoosick Junction.

Bro. Albert Nesbitt holding down third trick at II. J. Crossover.

Bro. Wickham is working as agent at North Bennington while Bro. Phillips is taking his vacation.

Bro. H. Aken has taken his old position, third trick at "JV," Johnsonville, after a six months' leave of absence.



Bro. Hoag, of Petersburgh, was with us at our meeting, September 12th.

On account of some misunderstanding, our friend, Mr. Joseph Potter, son of Bro. Potter, our efficient chairman, was left at the fair grounds at North Adams, which kept Bro. Potter from our September meeting, having no one to look after trains.

Mr. Callahan third trick at Hoosick Falls was on the sick list, and the office closed.

Bro. Moston, agent at Buskirks, has returned from his vacation, which lasted several months. He was at the September meeting.

Bro. Barber, of Melrose, is on the sick list. I understand it is malaria. He has taken his family to the White Mountains. We hope to hear of his speedy recovery. Bro. Powers and Bro. Banker were appointed to visit him in behalf of our Order.

A very interesting meeting was held September 12th, with a nice attendance. Many encouraging remarks in relation to our Order and its welfare were made by the members. It was decided to make Division 139 second to none, and in the future we look for great improvements. We are well organized, with a nice fund in our treasury, a good schedule and interesting members. There is no reason why we can not hold the banner with a little more head work on the part of some of the boys who take part in our meetings.

Bro. Burt has bid in North Bennington as operator and clerk. He is at present acting as agent in Bro. Beard's place at North Pownal.

Bro. Pitcher, of Charlemont, acted as agent while Mr. Niles was sick.

Bro. Duncan, of Buckland, is busy with the apple men. A large crop is being harvested. Over 12,000 barrels were shipped from there last fall.

Bro. Phillips, agent at North Bennington, is in the West on business. He expects to be away for several weeks.

We still have the nons with us. It is sickening the way they try to excuse their actions. At any rate, we have them crawling with our pointed facts. I am told one of the gentlemen (?) recently bid on the position at North Bennington, and gave it out that he had a drag with our train dispatcher, and the job was his. All he got was cold feet. What right he had to make a bid was a mystery. If he would pay in a dollar or two toward our committee and the schedule he might get a show, as it is now, he is booked for the only position he is eligible to hold.

When passing Lansingburgh give Bro. Schnerr the glad hand, as he was made a full-fledged member at our last meeting.

I am a little short of items this month. Will try and make up in the next write-up.

Boys, don't stand outside and criticise. Come to our meetings and blow all the hot air you want to. If you don't like the write-ups sent in over Cert. 117, come in and tell us how to improve. Don't put your arm around some floater of a non and run down the members of the Order. We are here to stay, so you may as well take your medicine, if it is coming to you.

CERT. 117.

Wabash Ry.

Peru Division-

As a result of the recent bulletin the following assignments were made: State Line, second trick, Bro. J. F. Hetrick; third trick, Bro. W. C. Beard. Danville, second trick, J. Q. Tyler. West Point, third trick, Bro. W. E. Spencer. Buck Creek, third trick, Bro. G. C. Miller. Delphi, third trick, Bro. F. A. Weckerly. Clymers, third trick, E. P. Swigart. West Peru, first trick, Bro. W. A. Safely; second trick, Bro. A. H. Barcklow; third, Bro. J. K. Lipsett. Junction, third trick, Bro. L. A. Gaunt. Andrews yards, second trick, Bro. L. B. Cochran. Huntington, second trick, Bro. J. L. Steele. Roanoke, second trick, Bro. I. O. Bowers. "CD" tower, second trick, Bro. T. A. Kinsey. New Haven, second trick, Bro. G. W. Tilock. Spencerville, third trick, Bro. L. O. Wade. Butler, second trick, Bro. L. T. Agnew. Maumee, third trick, Bro. R. Hoover. Union Depot, Toledo, third trick, Bro. P. J. Bick. Napoleon tower, second trick, A. F. Lannen.

Bro. Shutt, our worthy chairman, is taking a two weeks' vacation, enjoying a trip through the West.

The new interlocking plant at Clymers controls the Interurban crossing, as well as the Wabash and Vandalia, making additional work for the operators at "CY." A new interlocking plant has been installed at the Interurban crossing east of Lagro also, but the Interurban company furnishes the levermen.

We are glad to see Bro. C. E. Metsker back on the Peru Division, after being in the West for several months.

Operator McCalley, of Wauseon, is in Peru Hospital with a bad case of typhoid fever. Mr. Underwood on second trick during his absence.

Bro. F. W. Jones, of State Line, sports a new auto. Needless to say he makes some dust fly in that vicinity these days.

We were rather surprised to learn of the dismissal from the service of Messrs. Wallick, Scott and Parkman, all of New Waverly. There are several reports afloat as to the cause, but as these men were all nons there will, of course, be no investigation. Bros. Edson, Robinson and Cloud at New Waverly until assignments are made.

Thos. Follen, an old-timer on the Wabash, and formerly district passenger agent, has resigned the passenger and freight agency at Lafayette to engage in the coal business. Mr. Knickerbocker goes to Lafayette from Peru, Mr. Robinson from Wabash to Peru, and J. L. Brown, formerly a clerk at Wabash, is promoted to that agency.

Sister V. M. Baker, of "CD" tower, is enjoying a vacation. Bro. Bailey is working first trick in her absence. He will later relieve Bro. Bullen at Okolona for a few weeks, while Bro. F. goes sightseeing.

Bro, Dunwoody spent his vacation this year camping along the Wabash River. Strange to say, no "fish" stories have reached us from the camp to date. Understand Bro, Dunwoody has been assigned the agency at Buck Creek.

Extra men seem to be in great demand at present. Bros. Stowe & Bick, of "BR," Toledo, were working twelve hours for a few days on account of sickness of Bro. Stebbins. Bro. Lipsett was finally sent to the rescue.

Dispatcher Martin did the chief's stunt during Mr. Cullen's vacation.

There are several new men on the division without the necessary credentials. Let's treat them right and line them up as soon as they can set their way clear to put up the necessary mazume.

Dry. Cos.

Detroit-Chicago Division-

Not many nons left on this division. There are several young members of the profession yet outside the fold, but these will be with us as soon as they are eligible. Of course, we have several of those, always broke or the-O.-R.-T.-never-didanything-for-me kind scattered among us, but all divisions are affected more or less by this loathsome parasite. How they can have the nerve to accept an increase in wages, better working conditions and shorter hours, all due to the efforts of the O. R. T., and take it all without blushing for shame, is a mystery no one can quite solve. Instead of coming up like men and helping along the good work, they act like a certain filthy fourfooted animal that is always grunting and squealing for more. We should always remember these pests, and when they ask for favors politely (?) tell them they have nothing coming.

Bro. M. O. Heistand, agent at Belleville, and wife, are visiting friends and relatives at Piqua, O. Mr. Shannon acting as relief agent.

Operator Gertie Mack is working as relief agent at Benton during Agent Clappe's vacation.

Bro. Ray Holsinger, of Ashley, and Bro. Jess Holsinger, of Montpelier, with their families, spent a two weeks' vacation in Wisconsin. Sister V. R. Cook is doing the relief stunt at Ashley, and Bro. Floyd Smith the same at Montpelier.

Agent F. H. Butler, of Ashley, and Bro. E. I. Crossley, of Grandville, Ill., who was formerly a Wabash man, are spending a few weeks at Lake May, Mich. Bro. Ray Holsinger acting as relief agent at Ashley.

Bro. Ralph Deckrosh has resigned from the service of the Banner Route and entered the service of the C. & N. W. Sorry to see you go, "Deck," but our best wishes go with you.

Agent Keel, of Helmer, is spending his vacation in Iowa and Lake May, Mich.; relieved by Mr. R. A. Mills.

Bro. Strausberger, second trick at Edon, relieved by Operator G. H. Shannon for a few days the latter part of August.

Mrs. A. F. Klages, wife of Bro. Klages, of Romulus, has been on the sick list, but is reported better at this writing.

Sister J. L. Wiley, agent at Cone, enjoying a few weeks' vacation; relieved by Sister F. Jones, who was later relieved by Operator Turner.

Bro. A. N. Chambers, agent at Whittaker, reported sick, September 21st; relieved by Sister F. Jones.

Bro. Phillips, third trick at Sand Creek, who was bumped by Sister V. A. Cook, of Ashley, has taken revenge by bumping Bro. F. Barry, third trick at Belleville. Bro. Barry has bid in third trick at Crocker on bulletin.

Bro. and Mrs. L. A. Yoder, of Milan, took a pleasure trip to Montpelier, September 23d.

Bro. Geo. Clark, second trick at Britton, is back at work again after a two months' vacation. Bro. Roy Vanness, who relieved Bro. Clark, is back on the second trick again, and Bro. F. J. Osborn, who was working the third trick, has gone to Crocker, third trick.

Manager Davis, of "NG," Montpelier, is taking a vacation; relieved by Operator Don Wilkins.

Bros. Yoder and Lower each sent in a nice lot of items. Many thanks, brothers.

CERT. 1274.

Decatur Division-

Bro. Ax, an old-time Wabash man, who left the service about two years ago and entered the Signal Service in Cuba, has returned to the States, and is now acting as relief man at Alesandro, Cal., on the Southern Pacific.

Bro. Yount, of Taylorville tower, made a flying visit to his old-time love, Lotus, for a part of September.

Bro. Sana, extra man at Sulu, later of Granite City, now acting as agent at Nomer in place of Bro. Brakahane, who is off for thirty days or more visiting among friends.

Operator Somer, of Gibson, off during September; relieved by Operator McKinley.

Cash, first trick at "H" office, Decatur, off later part of September on account of sickness. Tomlinson, acting first trick, in turn relieved by Bro. Childers.

Bro. Litchenberger, of Forrest, off thirty days during September, on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Koehler.

Bro. Koehler also relieving Operator Henry at Manhattan, who is off on vacation.

Extra Operator McKinley relieving Bro. Mick, of Worden, who was off for two weeks, early part of September. Later, McKinley to Sidney, relieving Bro. Lewis, who accepts the agency at Strawn.

Bro. Brudberry, of Tolono, on vacation latter part of September; relieved by Bro. Brodny, of Ills. Cent. Div. 93.

Bro. Elvidge, of Woodford street, Decatur, doing a stunt in "XD" a few days in place of McCormac, who is acting as dispatcher.

Operator Wells, second trick at "H," Decatur. is doing time in "XD" for a few days, in place of Tomlinson, who, in turn, is relieving Mrs. Funk, who is off duty.

Jolly, nights at Woodford street, Decatur, relieving Eldridge.

Bro. Ikes, second trick man at Banks, accepted agency at Sibley.

Agent Folrath, of Cerro Gordo, off a few days in September, being relieved by Wingate, second trick man, who, in turn, relieved by a Modelli, a stranger in the fold.

Bro. Nelson, agent at Campus, off a few weeks in September, Extra Man Skinner relieving him.

H. A. Hagerman, extra agent at Stewardson, who went down during the March rush on account of dicontinuing the telegraph office at that point, is now baggage check man at Dearborn street station, Chicago.

D. S. Skinner, who worked nights at Oakley a few years ago, is now acting agent at Essex in place of regular man, who is off a few days on vacation.

Operator Barber, of Reddick, off on a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Operator Renhart, of the T. P. W. Ry.

We are very much indebted to Bro. Stephens for the bulk of above news. Wish that others would wake up and come across with a few items that would assist in filling space. Send me the items, even though they concern yourself. Seems as though I have been lost. This feeling, brought about by being partially divorced from the telegraph service by being heaped up with other work. We don't mind that, even though they keep us going. We can always find time to get together any notes sent us for the journal.

Dispatcher Rodgers and wife, of "DZ" office, Decatur, visiting at Bement the latter part of month.

We hear that one more office that was closed during the rush streak of economy, March last, is about to be opened up again.

I am glad to report to the membership that the hours of service of the three telegraphers at Forrest have recently been rearranged, and they are now working nine hours each, where they formerly worked eleven hours. It required some five or six months to bring about this arrangement, but by persistent effort the feat was accomplished.

Bro. Lichtenberger, first trick at Forrest, has been laying off for some time. Understand he will resume work soon.

Mr. J. F. Provencher has been working first trick during Bro. Lichtenberger's absence, and Bro. G. F. Koehler, formerly night telegrapher, drifted back to his old stamping ground, and has been doing the second trick stunt.

Understand Bro. E. T. Johnson, agent at Sibley, has resigned to accept a more lucrative position in Sibley, and one which will not necessitate his working on the Sabbath. This Sunday rest is a great inducement, and I hope to see the day when we can get at least every other Sunday off.

Bro. L. S. Stephens, late of "GM" office, St. Louis, has been assigned to second trick at Bement, Bro. Longworth reverting to third trick.

Stewardson, Ill., is soon to be opened as a telegraph station, being closed since Marth 4th last. Stewardson, being a competitive point and also quite an egg and poultry point, the company lost heavily on account of closing the office. Understand Shumway is in turn to be closed.

Rumor has it that we are soon to have a new time-card, with some important changes, one of which is No. 21 will run daily, instead of daily except Sunday, and will run through to St. Louis, instead of stopping at Decatur, as at present.

If train service improves perhaps we can arrange for some division meetings. Heretofore it has been almost impossible to plan a meeting on account of the brothers being unable to attend a meeting and get back to their respective places of employment.

Judging from newspaper clippings sent to the writer, the various roads throughout the country are still trying to test the constitutionality of the nine-hour law. This does not bear out the oft-repeated statement, that the interests of the employer and the employe are identical; if they were why should they so strenuously oppose the reduction in hours of service, or a small increase in wages?

Bro. A. S. Hedden, formerly of East Decatur, and late of Cerro Gordo, after being bumped at the latter place by Mr. Keller, has been visiting in Enid, Okla. Bro. Hedden says he likes the country fine, but thinks he will come back to Illinois for a while.

The time has again arrived when the political spell-binders are around; this time telling you how prosperous the country has been and how prosperous it will be, if certain things come to pass. We can only judge the future by what we have experienced in the past and, lest we be deceived, let us provide ourselves with an up-to-date card, and use our ballots intelligently, as the ballot and the union card are the most effective weapons in the great class struggle.

Springfield Division-

Mr. Fesler was relieved from his position as night owl at Griggsville by Mr. C. Kleinfelter. Mr. Fesler is now out of the service.

Bro. Rohn, agent at Alexander, is taking a vacation, being relieved by Mr. J. W. Hartman, late of the Signal Corps, U. S. Army.

A new time-card went into effect Sunday, September 20th, and it seems queer to see No. 15 going over the division nearly two hours earlier than formerly. It is more convenient in some ways for the traveling public, as a few of the stations between Bluffs and Hannibal, that were closed for this train owing to the lateness of the hour, are now kept open for this new train.

Owing to the draught and shortage of pasture and corn crop, many train loads of stock are passing over the division, and with coal mines running full blast, we feel the pressure of business.

General Superintendent Cotter passed over the division in his special car on the rear of No. 9. September 23d, accompanied by division officials. They went in C., B. & Q. No. 13, Hannibal to Quincy, same day.

Bro. H. W. Fredericks, second trick at Jacksonville, was married September 16th, at 5 a. m., and took No. 3 for the wooly West same day. Think he intends locating there somewhere in the mountains.

Mr. Anthony is doing relief work at Jackson-



Brakeman Seibert, who had his arm cut off at Kinderhook, is receiving liberal donations of money from brother trainmen and operators.

Brakeman Halferd, who had his left arm cut off at Jacksonville, is now in Bluffs, proprietor of an up-to-date ice-cream parlor and confectionery.

Quite a few of the small stations that were closed last spring when the "cyclone" hit us, have been reopened, and things will soon again have their normal appearance.

Fraternally,

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Chicago & Alton Ry.

Eastern Division, Springfield District-

There are so many extra men working on the division it is a difficult matter to give an accurate line-up of all the stations. A good many of the older operators are enjoying vacations at this time of the year, and the relief men are strangers, and do not stay in one place long enough to get acquainted.

We still have several nons on the Springfield District that need looking after. Get after them, boys, and keep after them until you get them.

McLean, Bro. Eads, night operator, on vacation; relieved by Operator Mason. Can not say how Mr. Mason stands.

Bro. DeVault, formerly third trick at "AN," transferred to "B" office, Bloomington.

Hines, second trick at "JN," Athol tower, Lincoln, on vacation; relieved by Mr. Avett.

Bros. Mahan, Hines and Morris and Leverman Freston were on a vacation in the Dakotas. Bro. Hines got lost in the vicinity of Sioux Falls, and returned home after an absence of nine days, and spent the remainder of his vacation taking the "rest cure" in papa's potato patch, accompanied by a garden fork.

Bro. Mahan relieved by Bro. Phillips. Bro. Phillips relieved by Mr. Vossburg. Mr. Vossburg to Joliet, third trick; relieved by Mr. Clocs, resigned; relieved by Bro. Russ, who will go to "UK" tower, Dwight, when regular man at "IN" returns.

A word to you, brothers, regarding the coming election next November. Note in the September TELEGRAPHER the American Federation of Labor's address to the union men of the country, also the account of the meeting of the editors' official organs of international labor organizations. Read these two articles over carefully, brothers, and look up the record of each candidate and let's send men to Washington and to the various state capitals that we know, by their past records, are friends of organized labor, regardless of the political party with which they are associated. Jay.

Eastern Division, Springfield to Bloomington-

We have a good many cards on this part of the Eastern Division, but could be better if all the boys will get "25," and get one, we would be O. K. The line-up is good. We have some good men doing the nine-hour lap, and some nons who will never be anything else.

There are several new operators on the line, and every one holds his breath, and won't say a word; so it is hard to get news. Let's each one make himself a committee of one and get a new member before January 1st, so we can enter a new year full and solid O. R. T. all together.

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Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division-

Bro. W. L. Goddard, second trick at Corinth, has resigned; relieved by Mr. J. E. Armstrong. Understand Bro. Goddard will attend medical college at Knoxville.

Mr. A. Dowling resigned as agent at McNairey; relieved by Bro. Barr, from Laketon. Understand Mr. Dowling has accepted a position in Indiana.

Bro. Murdaugh, first trick at Clamore, has been promoted to "JN," nights, which vacancy was caused by the promotion of Mr. Casebere to trick dispatcher. Bro. Armstrong doing the twelve-hour stunt at "JN" days. Bro. Armstrong comes from Cairo freight office.

Bro. Johnsey, agent at Shannon, has the sympathy of all in the loss of his father, which sad event occurred at Booneville, August 6th.

Bro. Smith has been assigned to third trick at Clamore; relieved at Perry by Mr. Rutledge, who hails from the N. & C. Bro. Hawkins doing the third trick act at Baldwyn during Bro. McCullar's absence as relief agent.

Mr. Passeller, third trick at Shannon, was placed at Russolor; relieved by Mr. L. W. Kimball, an old-timer. Mr. Kimball has asked for the necessary papers, and will be a full-fledged O. R. T. member ere this goes to press.

Our popular third trick dispatcher, Mr. R. M. Stone, has resigned to accept a position with the C., C. & L. at Peru, Indiana, as chief dispatcher.

D. Cunningham, first trick at Tupelo, back working again after being off for the past seven months sick, relieving Bro. Clark, of Bethel. Bro. Caver, agent at Wheeler, back working again, after taking a much-needed rest; relieved by Bro. McCullar.

Bro. W. P. Brett, first trick operator at Trenton, has returned to work. Bro. Heney gone to South Columbus, second trick. Bro. Fowler, agent at Cayce, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Bailey, from Union City. Mr. Clark doing the third trick at Union City during Bro. Bailey's absence as relief agent at Cayce.

Bro. McCullar acting agent at Moscow during Bro. Carroll's absence. Understand Bro. Carroll spending his vacation in Mobile.

Mr. Franklin acting agent at Berkeley during Bro. Beardle's absence. Mr. Franklin has secured the necessary papers, and will be Bro. Franklin ere this goes to press.

Mr. Hatler was assigned to Laketon, which vacancy was caused by Bro. Barr going to McNaircy. Bro. Lawrence, first trick at Tamms Yards, has suffered with chills for the past four months. I understand he is about straight again.

I am unable to give any account of Murphysboro

We have a very good start of nons up and down the line again. Look after them, boys. It is your duty to get every one of them in line. It would be a very easy matter if you would go after them in the right way. I am doing all in my power to keep a solid line-up, but they slip in occasionally. If you know of a non, write me, giving his name, initials and address. I will then go after him.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Union Pacific Ry.

NOTICE.

To All Members, North Platte to Cheyenne:

Bro. W. B. Ross, chairman of the Local Beard of Adjustment for members located on the Union Pacific, North Platte to Cheyenne (exclusive of Cheyenne), has transferred from Lewellen, Neb., to Pine Bluffs, Wyo., and his postoffice address is now Pine Bluffs, Wyo.

Yours fraternally, J. H. Hughey, Jr., G. S. and T.

Colorado Division-

The changes on this division have been too numerous to mention since the last write-up, consequently we will give only those during the last month or two.

Bro. H. E. Walker, formerly of "UD," Denver, resigned, after finishing the honeymoon trip, and is now with the Southern Pacific, in Arizona.

Bro. W. E. Myers moved to Erie some time ago, but has since been assigned the agency at Sedgewick.

Bro. F. Walker now on leave, but has been assigned the agency at Cheyenne Wells.

Bro. Shoults, agent at Cheyenne Wells, coming back to "UD," Denver.

Bro. Hanna has been assigned a position in the Denver office.

Bro. Jones, from the N. P., relieving at Sedgwick.

Bro. Bolte relieving Bro. Skinner at Merino while Bro. Skinner is away on a wedding tour. Bro. Bolte has been assigned the agency at Kersey.

Bro. Eldredge, from Kersey, assigned to Evans. M. M. Clark, who has been at Evans for several years, has left the service.

Bro. Bredahl, from the Eastern District, assigned the agency at Lucerne.

Bro. Whitney was assigned the agency at Agate, but did not like the short grass section, and, we understand, he is now with the D. & R. G.

Bro. Lewis relieving at Kersey.

Bro. Bixler, of Merina, has been assigned the position at Eaton.

Bros. Beem and Marshall, of Orchard and Union, have returned from a vacation. They were relieved by Bro. Bixler. Bro. Fred Touhy, the best operator west of the Missouri River, is again in "UD" office, Denver. When Texas is mentioned to Bro. Touhy, he says "MM."

Bro. Chas. Scott, of Kit Carson, on the sick list for some time. Understand he is improving, and will be back at work before long.

Bro. Mitchell working extra in "UD," Denver, also Bro. Sage, from the Utah Division, doing a few stunts in Denver office.

Bro. Tracy, C. T. U. of A., has been working extra in Denver for some time.

A. L. Ash, from Menlo, has been assigned the agency at River Bend, relieving Bro. Sleator, who was assigned the agency at Collyer. The older men on the Eastern District will probably rememher Ash as agent at Agate a few years. Excuses were always forthcoming, but he finally has gone on record as positively refusing to have anything to do with us. However, we notice he has his mit out for anything he can get under the schedule provisions. Remember the old-time saying, "No card, no favors." We will be doing business at the same old stand after this man is discharged for that old failing of his. There is another one on the Eastern District, Mrs. Tawney, agent at Ogallah. I have it from her that she positively refuses to have anything to do with any transaction where the organization might be concerned. However, she always takes the money. .

Bro. Lockman transferred from Lucerne to Hugo, relieving Bro. Everly, who resigned some time ago, but has returned to the service, and is now relief agent.

Bro. C. L. Cheney, of "CG," Denver, returned a short time ago from a thirty-day leave. Bro. Cheney stole a march on us, and joined the darned sox brigade some time ago.

Bro. and Mrs. Hughey, of Junction City, visited a few days in Denver a short time ago. They were returning from a honeymoon trip to the

Bro. McLaughlin, who has been out of the service for the past year, is again with us, relieving G. R. Vickroy, agent at Lupton.

Bro. Hardy, of Division 59, has been relieving at Eaton.

There are several newcomers on the division I am not acquainted with. We will pass them up this time, rather than misrepresent them.

Bro. Kane, agent at Bennett, has returned from his leave of absence. He was relieved by Bro. Burnett, who has been assigned the vacancy at Greeley.

Bro. Southworth was assigned Brighton nights, some time ago, but has been on leave for some time on account of the illness and death of Mrs. Southworth. The membership of the division extend the brother their sympathy in his bereavement.

We will be able to be represented each month in the journal if some of the brothers will be kind enough to make a few notes of any changes they might know of, sending them to Bro. Stump, Denver, and he will see that they are written up and forwarded to St. Louis for publication. Con.



Eastern District, Kansas Division-

Bro. Griswold working extra in dispatcher's office, Kansas City, nights. Bro. Schuchman mutilating the Morse days, and First Trick Dispatcher Johnson acting chief.

Sister M. I. Nixon back in "FY" office, Kansas City, after an extended trip through the Wild and Wooly West.

Bro. Byron Brown, from R. I. Junction, extra to Linwood nights, extra.

WANTED—A nice, gentle, embryo general manager for the position of agent at Muncie, Kan. Salary \$35.00 per. Apply to George Washington Seiver, Educational Inspector and Instructor, Union Pacific Railroad Company, etc.

Bro. Shannon has returned from a trip to Glenwood Springs. Bro. Coddington relieving Bro. Johnson there.

Miss N. E. Sims, Lawrence, being relieved by J. D. Flannigan, a new arrival from Omaha. In the absence of anything to the contrary, we will assume that it is Bro. Flannigan, and that he is Dutch.

Bro. John Wray, senior applicant for Williamstown agency.

Bro. J. S. Farrell, senior applicant for Perry nights.

Sister M. L. Doering back from a six weeks' vacation. Bro. High to Junction City, and Bro. Hooven working the third trick.

Bro. Dunaway, from Rossville to Lansing, as agent. Bro. Batchelor, senior applicant for Rossville, and Bro. Stoddard doing the extra work.

Bro. Chester A. (Papa) Smith, from Holmesville to Belvue. Bro. Klasse doing the extra at Holmesville.

Bro. C. D. Wyatt relieved Bro. Hodges at Blue Rapids on account of the illness of Bro. Hodges.

Bro. Odell, the Watermelon King, from Perry to Ogdensburg nights.

Our secretary and treasurer, Bro. Hughey, has hardly recovered from the effects of his "honeymoon tower" through the West. We have it upon good authority that they went bathing in Salt Lake (Bro. J. H. taking a bath, mind you); rubbered their necks off in Frisco; took a dip in the surf at Long Beach, Los Angeles (more water. Who'd have thought it of Jack); that Bro. John played tag with the little Indian maidens at Isletta, N. M.; was detected trying to organize the Santa Fe; took in the Frontier Day Celebration at Cheyenne; busted several bronks and roped some "Kows," like they do at Fort Riley; missed every train he started to catch (him a railroader, too); visited General Chairman Bro. Stump, in Denver, and then took a trip to Mt. McClellan. While up there, 14,007 feet above the deep blue sea, he was heard to gently remark that it was nearer heaven than he ever expected to get, and taking it all around, he was a howling success. In fact, they were so smooth they were never once locked up. But now he is back a full-fledged member of the slipper and darned sock clan.

We have just had our attention called to a little matter of bond, which confirms our former sus-

picions that there is a little less justice and mercy about one of these surety companies than the oldfashioned Simon Legree in the Uncle Tom's Cabin show was supposed to have. At any rate, this seems to be an unknown asset.

Be sure you vote for the man this fall. Look at his past record, rather than his future promise, and forget that there is such a thing as a party. It is the men that count. Pick a friend of labor.

Understand that Bro. F. A. Cantwell is senior applicant for Holmesville, and Bro. H. C. Sleeper is senior applicant for Vining, and on the Western District H. C. Faugh is senior applicant for Ellsworth and Solomon nights. G. E. Thomas nights, Dorrance; E. L. Rhodes day operator, Lincoln Center; A. H. Balibre, second trick, Abilene; C. O. D. Herr, second trick, Solomon, and S. Mohler, second trick at Ellsworth.

It is wonderful what a variegated bunch of hotair a man with a dwarfed set of morals and a vivid imagination can jar loose from. And how thick he can smear it on from one end of the district to the other when it is made from such thin material. And this does not apply to a non-air, either.

We only have three non-airs; God bless 'em, and they are all rich, too, with one exception, even if they do swipe sugar. Funny that these nons have a coal-bucket blonde hiding in their kindling piles, isn't it? They always do, though. HO.

Nebraska Division, Lines North of Grand Island-No card, no favors.

Mr. C. E. Paist, agent at Elba, off on a vacation visiting his son, Cary, at Paona, Colo. Cary formerly worked second trick in "H" office, Grand Island. He is now in the furniture business. Success to him.

Bro. C. W. Graham, from the C., B. & Q., is acting as agent at Elba during the absence of Mr. Paist.

There are a pair of student-helpers on the line that are often making themselves heard with such sentences as "The ohr is ovt; hend stow." One of these fellows is butting in on railroad messages, which is contrary to the instructions received by the agent when he was sent there; whose orders were to handle all train orders and railroad messages. This fact should be borne in mind. Any one handling any business with these helpers does so at his own risk, and if anything is bulled, you will be the one censured. If in doubt about a point of this kind, you should make a record of it, and refer to your local chairman.

I am sorry to note that there are two members on this district who have failed to remit for the special assessment, and also for the current term dues. You all know it takes money to make the mare go. There never was a time when a solid front was of more importance than at the present. Of course, there are things going on that we do not approve, but don't knock. You have a local chairman that will be glad to take up any case brought to his attention, and it is your duty to make notes of all such cases that come to your

notice, and come up with the full particulars; then, if no action is taken, will be the time to ask the reason why. Stand by your committees and assist them in every manner possible. If you begin dropping out because you think things are not going as they should, you are helping the companies to make further inroads on our rights. The D. & R. G. have had three \$5.00 assessments th s year. Do you hear any complaint from them? No. They realize what they are up against, and that to show any sign of weakening now means their ruin. Remember the bundle of sticks.

DIV. COR.

Nebraska Division, Second District-

Partly through my negligence, partly due to my absorption in more pressing affairs, coupled with the fact that I have been getting out the items alone, resulted in the write-up getting to St. Louis too late for publication one month, but did not hear any kicks about its absence. Were it not for the fact that it is the only chance I have to dope the majority of you with some of my opinions I would discontinue these adifying (?) endeavors, but now and then there are a few things I feel should be said.

Most of the boys have come through now with their dues for the current term-many more than I expected, because they were so slow coming. Some of you fellows are great ones. Every one must jump to the crack of the whip when you speak, but when it is your move, why, any time is your time. This is not on account of anything but carelessness, and I have not a word to say if you were not so full of censure when things do not come your way fast. Carelessness is the father of procrastination, and you know what the old codger does for you. Kindly keep awake. I don't care if you don't read the items. Dear no! For I admit there is nothing much of interest in them, but I hate to see your interest run so low in something you expect so much of. What has been done for your advancement in the last twenty years has been done by the Order, and if you turn it down, I want to ask you where you are going to better yourself? Because it does not usher in the millennium or build up a veritable Utopia here on earth for you, don't throw it all away. I fear many times we begin to reckon from the wrong end. We must remember that we have started with nothing, and are working up, and no natural law is going to be broken just for a few of you fellows to see some miracle performed. A great many times when I talk with telegraphers, members and non-members, they remind me of the average sucker who invests in a gold mine in Idaho or a banana plantation in the Fiji Islands at 10 cents a share, and want to reap a fortune in about thirty days on what they could not buy a pair of shoes for. For my part, I am satisfied if the telegraphers of the country, as a whole, would look at the Order as a plain business proposition; which it is, as far as working conditions are concerned, and instead of expecting the miraculous, go in and work for reasonable achievements. Its accomplishments would be infinitely more numerous and broader in scope than we have even expected of it. Instead of drawing interest on legitimate capital or solid support in every sense of the word, we have spent nights dreaming of ideal conditions which are in the future a hundred years, and thereby injected a lot of watered stock into the concern, and when it does not pay up on all we have rated it at, we conclude the whole thing is a fake. I always set a fellow who talks that way to be like the fellow we hear so often excused. The fellow who is good at heart; who is his worst enemy, etc. Always look out for that chap. You can figure he is a wart on society, and a good-for-nothing. And when an operator takes the Order to task for the non-accomplishment of some irrational or unachievable thing that nothing but his disordered brain would, for a moment, imagine, could be brought about in even twenty years under existing conditions, I set it down that he is trying to save himself the trouble of investing a little money. We again will see our little local affairs, but are unable to grasp the situation as a whole. Let me say right here, brother, you are only responsible for the conditions that immediately touch you, and which you personally have the moulding of. In a great city there are numerous wards; each ward, before an election, being put in charge of a certain party whose business it is to see that his ward is carried for the party's candidate. Suppose, just before the election he goes to the boss politician with a long story about the trouble in some ward, and begins to advise this boss about how to proceed. What will he hear? Simply that "Sir, that is none of your business; you were appointed to look after Ward No. 5, and for that alone you are responsible. See that your ward goes, and we will handle the other." So with you, brother. Your ward is your own station, and those whom you know or can come in touch with, according to your position. You simply see that they are kept solid, and don't worry about the rest, for the chances are that there is more lack of harmony immediately around you than where you think the trouble really is. Be careful; you might be helping the trouble more than you imagine. What has been accomplished in the past has been done by combined work by men who were vitally interested. Simply feel that you, personally, have an interest in the work, and see that your part of the harness is in good shape, and the outcome will be more to your liking.

Telephone is still the talk between Grand Island and the general offices. This has been having a more than fair trial in this office; having an operator or more than what I believe will be the average of ability for telephone operators, for he is only a kid, and does not, of course, understand that he is doing the work for \$60.00 that one of us would be getting \$77.50 for, nor that if it were not for the standard of wages we have established he would probably be getting \$40.00, at the best. However, in giving it a trial they have given it every chance possible, for as there is not much to



do, such things are allowed, as recopying news bulletins for the limited trains, etc., and every one knows that an operator would not be allowed in the relay office a day who did that kind of work. He also recently bulled a message on rates that should have read 70 cents, instead of 17 cents, which he had taken it, but he was thankful that it was not dollars instead of cents. The telephone does when they make it do for handling messages, and will doubtless serve its place in the railroad life, but don't say that it is as quick, practical, reliable and desirable for even this service, and it would take years of improvements to bring the telephone to a point where it could compete in point of efficiency and accuracy with the telegraph for train orders. Let's not let these things worry us. Did they not have the telephone operator I should probably be handling his business in addition to what I am now handling, for I, least of all, have no kick coming.

Every little bit helps. They have restored Perry Adams as ticket clerk at Kearney, making that a straight nine-hour telegraph job, and have taken off the helper at Ord, putting in an operator. Operator Gwaltney, who held a card up to June, 1908, in the Grand, holding down the position until filled by bulletin. Third operator at Cozad also open on bulletin at present.

B. M. Buskirk, Miller, off a few weeks; relieved by C. R. Haines, who was relieved at Callaway by Bro. R. M. Grimes until the return of the regular agent, Mr. Wellman.

Bro. McNamara, Sumner, also off; relieved by Bro. F. A. Thornbrugh.

Bro. G. C. Gabriel back on third trick at Lexington, after a month's absence, and Mr. Davis, from the east end, has assumed his duties as second trick at that point. Operators Coons and Frink going to the Wyoming Division. Will give you boys out there the hunch that they worked long enough on the Nebraska to get enough to come in on. Hope you have better success with them than we had.

Bro. A. W. Ladd, who has been visiting in Missouri and Illinois, has returned to his work at Brady Island. Bro. A. H. Le Gate going to Gannett days, in the absence of Bro. Bachman, of that point, who is taking a lay-off to spend what he has not had the chance to for a year. Bro. Le Gate is a member in another division, and will transfer when he finds out if he is to remain with us.

The following clipping from the Grand Island Independent, of September 21st, may interest you: "Since Mr. Hunter, formerly connected with the Union Pacific office in this city, has taken the agency for the new L. C. Smith typewriter, in which position he is making good. F. W. Miller has taken the position of chief clerk to Mr. Cornell, successor to Austin Taylor. Allan Pratt has been changed from night to day clerk in Satan Anderson's 'click' works, and Mr. Sherman, of Foreman Cole's office, has been promoted to Mr. Pratt's place."

C. R. Helber, extra man for "GE," Grand Island office, is relieving C. E. Cole, the good-natured "CX" man, while the latter chases the coyotes and angles for fish in his old home in South Dakota, and incidentally takes a draw at the new landopening in that country this month. We will all be glad to see King Cole get a big slice of good land, and bring home a stuffed eagle or a mountain lion's skin as a trophy of his right to a place beside Teddy Roosevelt as a pursuer of game, but we wish to remind him also that big applause will be his from the amen corner of the house, if he will kill a fat ten dollar bill and sport as a trophy a little pasteboard card, like the rest of us wear. There is no closed season on that game, and a license is easily procured. Or to change the figure if he will chance a draw on one of the said cards, we will guarantee him his money's worth, for he has already drawn the benefits. Let's all take the smile home, and see how many applications we can get in the next two months. Whom have you in sight? Let me know. With best LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

First District, Nebraska Division-

Bro. T. B. Wood, of St. Edward, has been taking a vacation for a few weeks.

Bro. A. G. Parker and wife, of Platte Center, have been on a vacation, taking in the sights in California.

Bro. C. A. Buck is relieving Bro. W. O. Howland at Duncan.

Bro. A. L. Boberg, of Clarke, is enjoying a vacation; relieved by Bro. A. W. McKean, Jr.

Bro. W. O. Clark, of Columbus, enjoyed a two weeks' vacation at home at Stromsburg. J. Sims relieved Bro. Clark.

Bro. B. A. Byrne, of Fremont, nights, is relieving J. B. Jones at Cedar Rapids for three or four weeks.

Bro. J. W. Scofield has returned to David City, after a long vacation.

Operator A. Davis, who has been working at Fremont nights, for some time, bid in the second trick at Lexington. By the time this gets in print we will be able to call him brother.

An operator by the name of Brickmeyer is working nights at Fremont. Do not know if he carries the little pasteboard or not, but hope so.

Bro. W. J. Butler, of Valley, is off on a vacation. Bro. J. B. Ford is relieving him.

Bro. Armstead, of North Bend, is taking a few weeks' vacation. Bro. Vybiral is taking his place. and a Bro. Dunn, from the C. N. W., is taking Bro. Vybiral's place.

Bro. Umshler, agent at Valley, has been on a three weeks' vacation out in Wyoming. Bro. J. G. Ford relieving him.

In next month's journal we will publish the names of all nons in this district.

HANS JENSEN, Div. Cor.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

Smith's Falls Section-

We held our regular monthly meeting at Minklands, August 29th, and although few in numbers we had a very successful meeting nevertheless. We were honored with the presence of our esteemed general chairman, Bro. G. D. Robertson, and listened with interest and pleasure to a few very encouraging remarks from him, and right here I wish to say that Bro. Robertson's appointment was very timely, I think, and one which is filling a long-felt want. We do not have to wait to have our grievances adjusted. They are not filed away in some dusty corner and allowed to remain there until they are forgotten, but, on the contrary, we are getting what is coming to us.

Now, boys, the next meeting called we want to see you all there. There is no reason whatever why a larger number of you can not attend. You all have some thought or suggestion which will help some brother, and we want you all to make a special effort to be present at each meeting. Do not let our interest in the O. R. T. lag, but let us be up and doing. Right here on the Smith's Falls Section there is a lot of work to be done, and if we will all just help a little the work will be accomplished more easily. There are a number of nons who should be looked after.

There have been a great many changes on our section in the last year; many have come and gone. There is no getting around it, if you want lots of good, hard work Smith's Falls Section is the place to find it, nevertheless we are going to have the banner section before long.

The double track is completed now to Finch, which will eliminate a lot of the train order work.

It is to be hoped our agents at Winchester and Chesterville will soon be given back their assistant agents, as these men are overtaxed.

At Smith's Falls here we have "Q" office manned by Messrs. Lott, Cook and Stenton. We are very sorry, indeed, we can not call them brothers. We certainly have some missionary work to perform here. Surely they are not going to go back on the O. R. T., which has done so much for them. Look around you and see your brother dispatchers who are standing loyal to us.

Bro. Newton, first trick at "SF," is at present relieving in "Q" office.

Bro. McClellan, from K. & C. A., and Mr. Nicoll, a new man, relieving. Bro. Buchanan is at present on holidays. We hope to call Mr. Nicoll brother before next meeting.

At Mountain we have a change. Bro. King, we are all sorry to say, is about to leave us. Having had a taste of the West he has decided to locate there. Understand he has a good thing.

Bro. Seesey Finch is at present on a wellearned vacation, being relieved by the day operator, Bro. Simpson.

Bro. Hurd has been transferred to Mountain to succeed Bro. King. A Mr. Delaney is working nights.

Bro. Amey, of Dorval, at present on vacation. has taken his family for a trip West. There's only two.

Mr. Abrams relieving Mr. C. End. Bro. Berry relieving agent here.

Bro. Duschesse, of Hochelaga, at present off on vacation; relieved by a Mr. Abrams.

We are grieved to see so many nons. Brothers, let us be up and doing and, even if it does call for a little effort, let us not let our division lag behind. There never was a day when we needed unity more than we do right now, and let us rally round the flag that has brought us up out of the miry clay, and set our feet on the solid rock.

Pacific Division, Second District-

Operator Eaton has quit this district, having been relieved at Agassiz nights by Operator Poage. Bro. G. C. Clark, agent at North Bend, is at present on a vacation, being relieved by regular relieving agent, Bro. Whitley.

Bro. E. A. Bray, agent at Port Moody, has recently returned to work, after a three weeks' holi-

Savonas has been opened again as a night office. Operator Cameron, who has been at Thompson the most of the summer, has been awarded the owl trick there.

Bro. Garvin is holding down the night trick at Lytton.

Bro. J. M. Goodfellow, operator and ticket clerk at New Westminster depot, has been granted leave for a few months on account of one of his knees giving considerable trouble. Understand Jack is to spend the time at his home in Victoria, and hope the trouble may be nothing serious. He is being relieved by Bro. W. M. Maxwell.

Operator Fackler is working nights at Vancouver yard office. Bro. Davidson is relieving Bro. Maxwell days.

Hope the boys on this district have subscribed liberally to the fund being raised in aid of the striking machinists and carmen. We must do our best to help the men win. There's no telling which of the organizations may be next involved if the company win this one.

Bro. Frank Martin, lineman, of Vancouver, has recently returned from an extended visit to the East, having taken in the Quebec Tercentenary DIV. COR. Celebration.

New York Central & Hudson River Ry.

Electric Division-

Bro. Fred Von Hatten has resigned the position of local chairman. Bro. Ed Neumuller was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Bro. Holbrook, our great baseball manager, spent about a month in Bro. Engel's place at Fifty-sixth street.

Bro. Bill McManus is back in the tunnel.

Bro. C. J. Engel spent his vacation at South Cairo, N. Y.

Bro. Myers is working regular at tower "C," with our newly wed, Bro. Bob Sloat.

Bro. Harry Vernon, director at "CN," spent his vacation at the Falls.

Bro. Jack Howe went to the city of the Cubs, Chicago.

Bro. Bill Brown spent his vacation at home with his family.

Bro. Jim Dooley and family went home to spend his vacation.

Bro. Bill Hennessy, of Fifty-sixth street, and wife, went to Hartford, Conn., for a week.

Bro. Stemson is spending his vacation in Pennsylvania, looking over his coal fields.

Our C. T. D., Mr. Wilson, was at our meeting in July. All hands were glad to have him talk to us; hope he will call again.

DIV. COR.

Mohawk Division-

An evening meeting will be held at Syracuse, October 3d.

"MI" office, Syracuse, is solid now, and we are all proud of it. Bro. Parker is doing the relieving. This is a ten-hour office, with an hour for lunch. Just at present it happens to be the only solid terminal office on the N. Y. C. and the boys are very proud of it. It is about the warmest spot on Mr. Vanderbilt's streak of rust. Four divisions and four sets of dispatchers to contend with, this being the general and division superintendents' office. Those in "MI" office are worldering why they can't have more meetings, as well as Tonawanda and Buffalo, where large meetings are being held. We might mention Albany, too.

A rousing meeting was held at Fonda on September 8th. About seventy members present, and those who missed this meeting certainly missed a treat. In the absence of our chief, Bro. Woolley, general chairman of Division No. 8, filled the chair, and to all who know him that fact is sufficient to describe the meeting. For the benefit of those who are not personally acquainted with Bro. Woolley, I will state that the interest of the meeting never lagged, and that everyone was sorry when the hour of adjournment drew near.

Sister Gorman, of DeWitt, very ably addressed the meeting. Bros. Lynch, Brodeau, Fox and several others gave us some good talks in regard to the principles, duties and increasing strength of labor organizations. If anyone doubts that thorough organization is largely responsible for such prosperity as we have been enjoying for the last few years, or that it is a factor to be considered lightly in times of retrenchment, I would call their attention to the words of Senior Vice-President W. C. Brown, of the New York Central system, who, in discussing the propostion to increase freight rates, as opposed to reducing wages, said: "The reduction of wages of railroad employes could only become effective at the end of a conflict with organized labor, widespread, prolonged, and which would cost the business interests of the nation ten times the amount involved in any possible increase in freight rates. Union labor was never so well organized, never so united, and never so abundantly able, from a financial standpoint, to oppose what they would honestly believe to be an uncalled for reduction, and organized railroad labor would have the united support of every department of organized labor of the nation." Read this over again. Every word of it is the gospel truth, and no one is in a better position to realize it than Mr. Brown.

Half the length of the Mohawk Division is now equipped with the telephone. Some of the newspapers are printing some big "scares" about the 'phones taking the place of the telegraph. Do not swallow this stuff. Anyone who thinks that the 'phones will be a decided improvement and will supersede the reliable telegraph, will be doomed to disappointment. There are some who have a somewhat discouraged look since the 'phones have been installed, but I can assure you that the 'phones will be a great failure if the company should decide to dispense with the telegraph and depend upon the 'phones entirely.

Just a word to the nons on this division (of which we are glad to say we have but few). Do you think you are dealing honestly with yourself and your fellow-operators? You who have been on the division for years, and have always given the glad hand to every raise in salary which our committee has secured for you, and never so much as said thank you, much less help pay for the benefits you have received from the Order. and which you are still enjoying, but you are still in the same old rut. You, who have never given one penny to the Order that has done so much for you, please give this matter earnest and conscientious study and consideration, and by the time the next issue of the journal comes to us may every one of you have an up-to-date card, and be lined up on the right side, and wonder why you did not do it years ago, and help support the cause that has gotten for you all that you have ever gotten, and not been a sponger all this time. We are indebted to Local Chairman Loring for a good write-up this month. DIV. COR.

Fall Brook District-

Bro. L. V. Leach has returned to work at "CY" tower, after being off for a few days, moving his family and goods from Mills to Corning.

Bro. P. W. Hanrahan, of Barnes, has been working second trick at "JC" tower during the absence of Bro. E. E. Hosier.

There are yet a few of the operators (?) from the Rochester deceptory, that were sent down here to qualify, that are yet continuing to pursue their dilatory course of exercise, under the guise of posting for the past six months. It is a regrettable fact that so many past the proper age and in other ways disqualified, should bite.

Our writer of July items promised to furnish a list of nons, which I will try and carry out in the near future, together with some important facts connected therewith.

This district seems to be handling its share of business during these times, though the trains are not as numerous as in times past, they are long and have a heavy tonnage, which makes a very fair average.

Every member should make some extra exertion and bestir themselves to close up the connecting links in making a more complete organization by personally looking after any worthy nons that may be working with or near you, and try and see that they remain out no longer than their financial circumstances makes it absolutely necessary.

Though the attendance at our last meeting was small, the interest was very good. All should remember that our regular meeting night is the third Tuesday in each month. Time and place can be found at any time by turning to the back of our monthly journal and looking in the Directory.

There should be a strong interest at this, the approach to the harvest time, the time to prescribe for existing ills and prepare preventatives for future use, which all should be equally interested and active in compounding. Do not neglect your own duty now and then squeal later if your own ideas and ideals are not embodied or provided for, while you failed at the proper time and place to make your wants and desires known. The lodge room is the strictly proper place for all such discussions.

Please remember that neglect or delay in remitting dues and insurance assessments is the cause of delinquency and cheating those nearest and dearest to you out of what is your privilege and duty to provide them with while you have plenty. A hint to the wise should be sufficient.

Bro. Ed Maurer, first trick at "CY" tower, has been off on a week's vacation, and took in the Toronto (Canada) fair. He was assisted by Bro. F. J. McMahon, first trick at Hollon.

Mr. P. H. Lynahan is relieving at "CY," and Mr. E. H. Woodin at Hollon, during their absence

Dispatcher Thos. McAvoy also enjoyed a wellearned vacation; relieved by Dispatcher H. Pelton.

Bro. Ross Congdon, agent at Presho, who has been sick with typhoid, is getting along fine, and was able to get to the office the other day and talk with some of his friends on the wire. He expects to resume work about October 1st.

Bro. Wilson, of Cedar Run, spent several days visiting his parents at Barnes.

Bro. Osgood, of Earl, off several days, sick; relieved by Mr. McConnell, formerly manager of the Western Union office at Dundee.

Bro. Cole has returned from a trip to New York and a visit down the Pine Creek.

We have, on this division, a man (if he is entitled to be called such, which I doubt) who, after scabbing for the Western Union, and, not being satisfied with this dastardly act against his fellow workmen, has taken a student, and is doing all in his power to floor his fellow workmen, as well as himself.

One would naturally think that if this poor, little, weak-minded creature would look back some twelve or fifteen years and see the conditions that existed when every office had one or more students, he would get wise to himself. That a man will work directly towards his own downfall is hardly conceivable.

It seems to me he would have respect enough for his family to try and better his condition, instead of trying to force his family into more humble conditions.

Only a fellow of this stripe has the nerve to face an honest man who reaches down into his pocket and produces the "dough" to keep up his organization and better his working conditions.

It is said, "God made man in His own image."
But I rather think He was counterfeiting when He
put these little creatures into the world.

I wish to thank those who have sent or given me items for the journal, and would like to say that the district is so large and so arranged that it is almost an impossibility for one man to know all that happens, so he must depend, in a large measure, on others to help him out.

If you will do this there is no reason why we should not have a good report of happenings on the Fall Brook.

Business here shows a slight improvement, though still very dull.

BILL

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Divine Ruler of the Universe has removed from our midst Bro. John M. Hovey, submittingly we lament the Divine decree, realizing the inestimable degree of our loss; and

Whereas, We do recognize the high standard of his long and active term of fraternal services performed; the labors and duties so promptly and willingly performed will long remain fresh in our memories; and

WHEREAS, We desire to perpetuate in enduring words our respect for, and appreciation of, the noble deeds, the lofty character, the sterling principles of the departed dead; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That as an organization we, the members of the Fall Brook District, N. Y. C. System Division, No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender to the bereaved family and relatives our sincere and heartfelt sympathies in this, their sorrow, assuring them that we deem it also our own; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, printed in The Telegrapher, and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

T. A. MILLER,
R. R. McInroy,
W. S. Shaffer,
F. J. McMahon,
E. E. Maurer,
Committee.

W. R. and B. Divisions-

As the time approaches when the membership will look to the General Committee to confer with the management for improved working conditions, those who have fallen in arrears are reminded that they should make good without further delay, and those who have promised, from time to time, to join the ranks of their fellow workers, realize that the middle of the semi-annual period is probably the best season in which to take out a

membership card. This is a matter which is worthy a moment's thought, and members may use it as an argument to bring in the nons, who are working shoulder to shoulder with them. At the middle of the semi-annual period the rate is not excessive, and will scarcely be felt, and the further advantage lies in the fact that the applicant is not so soon confronted with the semi-annual dues as is the case when taking out membership at the extreme end of the term, when the rate is lowest.

The dues for the unexpired term are always to be paid and, therefore, the telegrapher or signalman who has deferred joining the Order until the present, should take advantage of this season, which seems to be the most propitious.

I am pleased to record a response up to my expectations in many instances where the wherewithal did not appear to be forthcoming sooner, and I was obliged to accept a promise instead, when covering my territory some time ago. "Do it now," if you have not already, and forward the papers which I left in your keeping in self-addressed envelope.

To those of you who are up-to-date and wish to keep yourselves informed, I would say, take advantage of every meeting held in your vicinity. With the present arrangement of working hours every position legislated for by your committee should be represented in the meetings held by the several local chairmen in their respective jurisdictions. Indeed, it would seem thoroughly practical for two men at each point to attend the meetings of their division.

I have endeavored to attend all the meetings of my territory scheduled in the directory, but, of necessity, have failed in a few instances. I trust the chairman in the immediate jurisdiction has been more punctual.

An effort will be made to the end that the meetings may be more interesting and members of the General Committee from other divisions and, occasionally a grand officer, will be present to speak of the work which has been, and is being accomplished. While matters may, seemingly, be moving all too slow, it will be well to remember that much has been determined by establishing a precedent.

This is being done in specific instances and upon many systems of railroads. The effect will soon be felt upon all, as conditions superinduced by recent legislation, have similarly affected all systems upon which we have schedules. Important rulings made in all test cases will eventually adjust practically all grievances of a general nature. Even "the mills of God grind slowly," and too much must not be required or expected of mortals.

This is only a gentle reminder that there is always something under way with a progressive organization, and at the proper time, under the direction of the president of our organization, the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. General Committee will be convened. All interested should realize that it will cost no small amount to support the com

mittee in its efforts and, therefore, not delay the payment of dues.

From a recent acquaintance with the books of System Division No. 8, I am pleased to report the same in first-class condition, showing a balance much larger than that of the year 1907.

The greatest evil the organization has to contend with is the member with "cold feet," who sits at home and grumbles when he should come out and take an active interest in the business proceedings.

It is this kind of a member who almost always lapses after a brief period of membership. What would you think of a fireman who, when the alarm sounds, would say, "What's the use," and stay at quarters.

The organization is what we make it. It will accomplish for us just what, within reason, we require of it; provided, we are behind those requirements with moral and financial backing. Take away your support from your General Committee, and you have a locomotive without steam. A locomotive does not impress a railroad management to any great extent, especially if it is under low pressure, but it does not require more than a limited amount of intelligence to move from the path of a locomotive which is under a full head of steam.

Understand, brothers, that you are the steam, the power behind the every movement of your chairman or committee, and your pressure is registered in percentage, just as surely as is the engine's pressure indicated by the gauge. No man of you can afford to rest on the assurance of the present movement, and it behooves you, collectively and individually, to exert every influence to the end that perfect organization shall be the ultimate result.

Commendable service, courteousness to the public, temperance and manliness are as prime requisites as any special or marked ability which you may have, and it is well to remember that your employer is entitled to your best efforts. On the other hand, it is well that employers should understand that the responsibilities of the telegraph, switch and signal service are deserving of a compensation commensurate with the duties involved, and that said service requires the recognition of the fact that no other branch of railroad industry is superior in matters of intelligence or ability, and, further, that the present conditions warrant a constant increase in the salary of employes covered by the second paragraph of our schedule. S. J. EGELSTON,

Local Chairman W. R. and B. Divisions.

Western Division-

A meeting of Division No. 8 was held at Albany, August 19th. About twenty-five members were present, who were all more than repaid for their trouble by hearing some good sound common sense talk from our Tom, General Chairman Woolley and Bro. Manuel from the N. Y., N. H. & H. It is a matter of regret that more members

were not present to hear the speeches and advice which these gentlemen gave.

Bro. De Long, of Utica yard, expects his vacation the first week in September.

Bro. B. J. Hart, third trick, and Mr. Metzger, second trick at "DW," have had their vacations; relieved by Mrs. Lamb.

The Western Division has been rearranged in two districts, instead of three—from Buffalo to Rochester, and Rochester to Syracuse. Mr. C. E. Olp, chief signalman, has charge of all operators, excepting those in chief dispatcher's offices.

The Mohawk Division has been rearranged in two districts instead of three.

Business is improving in freight circles, and, judging from the newspaper accounts of passenger traffic, the latter has never been better.

Seriously, brothers, haven't you often felt a wee bit disappointed on looking through the fraternal department of our journal to find nothing from our locality? There may be a regular correspondent somewhere along the line, and if there is none, why not have one? Our local chairman, Bro. Egelston, is kept busy with grievances and other matters of importance, so that we should not expect too much from him in the way of acting as division correspondent, although he does sometimes break loose, and always gives us something good. But it seems to me that we might help him out with this part of the work, even if it is only a few lines each month, we can at least show the brothers on the other divisions that we are still on the job.

C. J. Wells, formerly "brother," who resigned about two years ago to enter the grocery business at East Rochester, is again working for the signal department, having disposed of his business to his father. We take it for granted that we can again call him brother.

Bros. Wood and Stewart, of B. S. 32 and 36, respectively, have had a fine time this summer indulging in the national game—base ball. They are players of no mean ability, and seldom fail to deliver the goods.

Bro. Gay, of B. S. 40, has been enjoying a few days' vacation, visiting friends and relatives at Warsaw. Regular Relief Bro. Taber handled the "all-electric" during Bro. Gay's absence.

In conclusion, I wish to speak of the meeting held in Rochester on the 19th, notice of which was sent out by Local Chairmen Bros. Egelston and Blim. It being advertised that Second Vice-president Pierson was to be present, he should have been greeted by a large attendance. Such, I am sorry to say, was not the case. Those who were there were amply repaid, as they had the pleasure of listening to one of Bro. Tom's interesting talks, which contained much good advice and food for thought. As nearly all the boys are now provided with transportation, thanks to the General Committee, it would seem that there is nothing to prevent the members from attending the few meetings which are held in Rochester, especially the day and morning trick.

Just think this over, brothers, and let us try and make the next Rochester meeting a hummer. The success of any organization depends largely on the interest shown by its members. What better way to create and maintain interest in our Order than by attending meetings whenever possible. It is there that we get better acquainted, have an opportunity to discuss matters of interest and receive new ideas, which can not help but be a benefit to us. The next Rochester meeting will be held the third Saturday evening in December. Remember the date and place, and let us all try to be there.

F. B. H.

R. W. and O. Division, East End-

A very pathetic incident happened the other day on a train on our division. The widow and young daughter of one of the victims of the Boonville wreck were on the train, and it developed that the little girl had been told that she never would see her papa until she went to heaven. The train approached a station, and the trainman announced the name of the station in the coach. The little one did not understand plainly the name, and thought the trainman said Heaven, which overjoyed the little one, who clapped her hands and danced with glee, telling her mother she would now see her papa.

On a building just west of Port Leyden is painted in large letters the following words: "Prepare to meet thy God," which is the last sign of any description which the ill-fated through freight passed on the night of July 3d, when it was met within four miles of this sign, and two of the members of its crew were instantly killed, together with four on the passenger train. How little did the poor fellows think they were so near to such a meeting when they passed the sign. Perhaps they saw and read it in the early morning hours as they passed to their death, and if not, they undoubtedly had seen and read it many other times in passing.

The item in August Telegrapher stating that Boonville, Lowville and Lyons Falls were eighthour jobs was a mistake. We are informed that these stations are required to work the nine-hour trick as is allowed by law.

Bro. Canfield, of Prospect, had his week, September 8th to 15th, which was spent on the River St. Lawrence. Relief Agent Brown, at Natural Bridge and Lyons Falls, next.

There is talk to the effect that the operators at Boonville will be put down at Smith Siding in the near future; the object being to make it possible to meet and pass passenger and freight trains there. As it is now, the instructions read that passenger and freight trains must not meet or pass at a point not an open telegraph office.

Operator Hart, third trick at Barneveld, dismissed on an open charge. Goodrew, of Boonville, taking his place for a while.

Geo. A. Simpson, of the C. R. R. of N. J., and who worked a few nights at "MJ," was taken into custody the other day by Detective Landers, and taken back to answer a charge of embezzlement.

Understand he is back again, and applied for his old job. The matter seems pending. He has not shown any one his card.

Understand Bro. McHugh, of Stittville, has bid in Canton, first trick.

We are told that our old landmark, "MJ" tower, is to be done away with when the time is changed, and the business all done with Utica. If this be so, there will be three operators for somewhere else.

Ere another week we will have passed from the R. W. & O. epoch into the St. Lawrence epoch. May the new division prove as valuable to the old N. Y. C. as the R. W. & O. has done in the past, and it will, if we all do our part.

"And then November third will come, When all of us shall vote; And one of these two Bills will have To be the Billy Goat."

Bro. Haigh, of "MJ" tower, has resigned to attend college. Mullen has first trick, Harger second trick, and Spring third trick, as long as it lasts.

Operator Le Clair, from second trick at Prospect, resigned to resume his studies.

Operator Wesley Miles, of third trick at Remsen, off to school again.

Bro. Briggs, first trick at Ogdensburg, Bro. Cassidy second trick in place of Bro. Condon, who is enjoying a two weeks' vacation down East.

Bro. Condon has bid in third trick, and goes on as soon as he is back. Bro. Reed third trick in his absence.

Bro. R. L. Ellsworth, agent at Heuvelton, is away on a three months' vacation, and R. W. Ellsworth is relieving him. R. W. has bid in second trick at Norwood, and goes there as soon as R. L. returns. Bro. Reed says all the boys on that end have the up-to-date papers. Nothing like it, boys. Get after the nons that we want, but don't get any that we do not want to call brothers.

I would be very glad of a chance to give you the news of the whole east end, boys, but I can not get them alone. If some of the brothers would let me have a write-up from their locality we would be able to get a good, interesting bunch. Do not confine yourselves strictly to news. Write anything of interest. Mr. Penney will tell you who to send them to. Now let's hear from some one. There are regular appointed assistants, but they have lots of work to do, as we all do, and are rushed for time sometimes, so they can not get the notes together in time. Ask Mr. Penney, and he will tell you who the assistant is in your locality, and send him what you have not later than the 20th of each month.

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Hudson Division-

No voluntary contributions to these notes from either the north or south end brothers must make them necessarily short. Brothers, you will all eagerly scan your journal each month for your division notes, and while no apology is necessary

for the Hudson Division's write-up in the past, I wish to say that it is no easy matter to make it interesting without the assistance of some of the brothers sending me a few notes from each end of the division. If I was an adept in the art of telapathy I would not ask this. So any of you brothers that will send me the happenings along the line, I will combine them with my notes.

And what will I say about the clambake? If I was positive the south end brothers would not see these notes I would say it was a success from start to finish. It certainly was a success from the start until the chicken and clams were no more, which happened as the sun went down, and before the brothers from the Electric Zone made their appearance. We certainly owe these brothers an apology, and we guarantee to make amends by giving them a chowder supper in the near future. The question that is being asked what became of all the clams, and I respectfully refer them to Bro. Butterfield, and a few other brothers who competed with him for champion clam-eater, and it is wisely suggested that these brothers be the last served at the chowder supper.

Among the recent changes noticed on the last assignments of bids: Bro. L. E. Kunz to "DO" office, third trick; Bro. Kautsch, first assistant, second trick, B. S. 8; Bro. Landmann, second trick B. S. 27; Bro. J. J. Gallagher, third trick B. S. 32; Mr. J. Allen, second trick at B. S. 13; Mr. Tompkins, third trick at B. S. 20; Bro. Broderick, third trick B. S. 22; C. Monnell, second trick B. S. 26; F. H. Thompson, first trick B. S. 34; C. Underwood, second trick B. S. 29; Bro. Torpey, third trick B. S. 40; L. Lowe, second trick B. S. 57; J. A. Butler, third trick 69, and Bro. Gaffney, second trick 85.

Bro. Reddish has severed his connection with the N. Y. C., and is now on the N. Y., N. H. & H. We regret Bro. Reddish leaving us. He is a strong advocate of our cause, and a regular contributor to these notes. While it is our loss to lose such an active brother we will be consoled by the fact that it will be our New Haven brother's gain.

This is an important year in the political world, and our action at the polls in November should be with intelligence and deliberation. Vote for the man, not the party, that your honest judgment will best subserve your interests.

Bros. Neumueller and Lester, from the Electric Zone, were with us at our September meeting. We enjoyed their presence and the active part they took in the discussion of the current topics up for debate, and Bro. Lester rendering the latest hits of Dockstader.

We are pleased to hear the good work that is going on upon the Mohawk Division. Bro. Morey, Loring, and a few other active brothers, are taking in all the nons in sight.

Mr. Relyea, formerly third trick at 46, was caught napping, and without ceremony dismissed from the service. The crime for which he was dismissed should be a fair warning to all tardy reliefs. This is a time when no excuses are taken

for not relieving your man on time. Read over the notice sent out by Mr. C. W. F., September 22d, and for your own protection comply with it.

We would be pleased to see some of the C. N. E. brothers attend our meeting, which is the third Tuesday of every month, at G. A. R. Hall, Garden street, Poughkeepsie.

It is the intention in the near future to hold an open meeting, and all nons will be cord'ally invited. Do not fail to attend, and bring a non, if possible. An effort will be made to have our vice-president, T. M. Pierson, and our General Chairman Woolley present.

Mr. Duff, at 12, is, at time of writing, off on the ominous "ten days." His crime being a slight discrepancy in the handling of signals to the disadvantage of a fast line south.

Messrs. Ferris, third trick at 31, and Lester, second trick at 14½, both "got through" on even dates. The former for putting two trains in the block. The latter for putting one on the ground.

Bro. Hover, of B. S. 21, is now working at the Ossining station, in the capacity of ticket agent. Bro. Frank, formerly of second trick at 8, has resigned from the road, and his place is filled by

Bro. Kautch.

As proof of sporting blood noticeable on this pike, Mr. Cansdy, of B. S. 13, took an evening off to hold a small debate with Mr. Duff at B. S. 12, relative to a previously unadjusted issue held over the telephone. Mr. Duff's line of argument, however, conducted and emphasized with a brick and an interlocking pin, proved so convincing that Mr. Cansdy wore his whiskers full growth for a month or so to conceal a spot where the former disputant gained a point or two in the discussion.

Mr. McCoy's features, too, were somewhat disfigured owing to another debate with a conductor, held in B. S. 10, which called for such convincing arguments as fists and signal lanterns.

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Norfolk & Western Ry.

Scioto Division-

Our division was shocked at an early hour, Sunday morning, July 9th, when the news was flashed over the wires announcing the sudden death of our beloved brother, M. W. Kyle, agent at Omega, Ohio, and assistant chairman from this division, who was suddenly stricken with violent hemorphages and only lasted a few hours.

Our dear brother was taken from us without warning and the division is thrown into a state of sadness

Bro. Kyle was thirty-two years of age and unmarried, was born at Snowden, Iowa, entered the service of the N. & W. Ry. as soon as his age would permit, which road he served faithfully as agent and operator until a short time before his death. He had the remarkable record of having learned telegraphy in six weeks. He was brought to Scioto Division by Mr. J. C. Cassell, general superintendent, September 6, 1901, from the Norfolk Division, and was first employed as assistant agent at Idlewild, Ohio. Shortly afterward he

was appointed as assistant local chairman, O. R. T., which position he filled with pride up to the time of his death. The membership on Scioto Division looked upon Bro. Kyle as their local chairman on account of his familiarity with their conditions We had implicit confidence in him. He was a general in his craft, an earnest and untiring worker for the organization, and at all times conservative, ever being thoughtful of the welfare of the membership. No non-member with whom he could get into personal communication could resist his efforts, and would always take membership in our grand old Order. Bro. Kyle served the N. & W. company faithfully and without fault for a number of years, and held the respect of every one in official rank. He was loved and held in highest esteem by all who knew him. In his death our division has lost a beloved brother, whose memory will be long cherished, and we all join in sympathy with the bereaved parents and friends.

His remains were accompanied by Bros. M. W. Jaynes and A. J. Marcum to Snowden, Va., where they were laid to rest at Centenary Church, near Bro. Kyles' former home.

Division No. 14 sent with his remains a beautiful O. R. T. emblem, encircled with a wreath. A large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives followed the remains from Snowden to the burial ground, the grave being covered with flowers from the various orders to which he belonged; one of which was from the ladies of the town of Omega, Ohio, where he was last employed. The interment took place Tuesday, July 21, 1908.

Mr. H. D. Kelly has resigned his position as cashier at Kenova freight house. Relief Agent Clardy is filling the position temporarily.

Bro. F. B. Billups, formerly working on this Division, is now located at Goehring, Pa., with the B. & O. and visiting home folks at Fort Gay, W. Va. Bro. Billups advises good prospects for the right kind of men on the B. & O., as they are suffering for them. Now is the time for some of our good brothers that have not been working for so long to go in after these places. It is folly to lay down because you were cut off. There is a demand for good men, and if you are one of the number, there is a place for you. Boys, wake up.

It is reported Bro. W. W. Zell, a staunch C. T. U. of A. man, who went West shortly after the W. U. strike, was burned to death in bed at Tuscumcari, N. M. It will be remembered he was the only striking operator at the W. U. office at Portsmouth, Ohio.

E. E. Smith, formerly agent at Kenova, W. Va., has moved to Billings, Mont.

It is reported that the shops at Portsmouth, Ohio, will soon put shop men to work on ten hours per day. Nothing is known of the report at headquarters at Portsmouth, Ohio, and no official word has, as yet, been received from Roanoke, regarding this month's appropriation.

Bro. B. F. Gentry appointed agent at Lucasville, Ohio, vice A. F. Smith transferred.

Bro. A. C. Palmer appointed agent at Prichard, W. Va., vice B. F. Gentry.

Bro. G. F. Ferrell has resumed duties as agent at Naugatuck, W. Va.

Mr. L. C. Ayers, general roadmaster, is spending a few weeks at his old home at Oak Level, Va. This vacation made necessary on account of his health declining. It is to be hoped Mr. Ayers will soon regain his former health, and that we will have him with us again.

Bro. A. S. Godfrey, agent at Sardinia, Ohio, together with his wife and family, are spending their vacation in Western Louisiana. Bro. Godfrey will be off duty for about four weeks. Bro. A. L. Peake fills his position during his absence.

Bro. M. R. McMillion, who has been agent at Kermit, W. Va., for the last four years, has resigned his position to take service with another road, unknown to us at this time; relieved by Bro. J. W. Pratt, who has been announced as acting agent until the vacancy is advertised and filled.

Bro. H. E. Burling spent his vacation at Detroit, Mich.; relieved by Bro. C. O. Pancake.

Bro. Wm. Keesee, extra dispatcher, relieved Bro. R. S. Kyle during the barbecue at Portsmouth, Ohio.

Bro. R. F. Bowman, first trick at Kenova tower, is spending his vacation with friends in Old Virginia; relieved by Bro. C. O. Pancake.

Bro. Bill Bailey is filling second trick in dispatcher's office during the illness of Bro. R. W. Bridges.

Bro. L. A. Powell, agent at Crum, W. Va., is spending his vacation with friends in Ohio; relieved by Bro. F. Staker.

Bro. Lindsey Perry is filling third trick at Kermit, W. Va.

Bro. R. J. Watts, agent at Dingess, W. Va., was off duty during the first week in September attending division work at Bluefield, W. Va. The grievances handled at this meeting were satisfactorily adjusted.

Bro. J. M. Sotcher, second trick operator at Naugatuck, W. Va., until recently, has taken service with the Big Four in a similar position at Cincinnati, Ohio, at a handsome salary.

Bro. H. M. Postal is relieving Ticket Agent Washkie at Kenova, W. Va., for a two weeks' vacation.

Bros. Crabtree and Payne, second and third trick operators at Kenova tower, will take an extended trip through the West during the month of October.

Bro. J. A. McElroy has just returned from Indiana, where he has spent the summer, and is now doing extra work at Sardinia, Ohio.

Bro. J. S. Hall, agent at Chattaroy, W. Va., is taking his vacation; relieved by Bro. A. L. Peake. Sister S. M. Spaulding has been reinstated second trick at Wheelersburg, Ohio.

At a conference of the General Committee with Superintendent Johnson, of the Western Division, Bluefield, W. Va., September 5, 1908, all competent operators that were cut off the extra list were put back on the extra list. But the fifteen days' vacation does not affect them, except it is understood some of the older in service will be allowed vacations. Extra work will be given to the oldest men on the extra list, who are capable of filling the positions at which they can be used.

Our non list on the Scioto Division shows an increase on recent report. Some shown on this list, we are sorry to say, do not belong on it, but their remittances had not been reported at the time this list was made up. This should impress upon us the necessity of remitting dues as early as possible that our names will not appear on this undesirable list. We are assured by several on this list that their names will not appear again. Now let's see how many will make good. Now is the time. Do not put off for tomorrow what you should do today.

Norfolk Division-

Here we are again facing the problem of how to interest the readers of our journal, and to say some word of encouragement to the one who is discouraged, or for lack of interest in the grand old organization, is about to drop out.

I often think how can we be discouraged when we take time to consider our progress, and the privileges we are enjoying, due to the united effort of the telegraphers. I find, from observation that those that are the easiest to become discouraged, and to fall out with the O. R. T., are those that never attend any of the meetings and take no active part in the welfare of the organization. To persist in this way of living will result in narrowing your views down to a point of selfishness, looking only for personal gain or advantages in some way, and not having that broad view of things that go to make up our organization as a whole. Don't you know I count the greatest pleasure of my life "trying to do something for others." Did you ever try it? Now, get out of the ruts of staying right at home and letting the others do all the work; all the planning for the welfare of the telegraphers, and use the talent you have; you'll find that you have a great work before you for the betterment of your fraternity.

It has been very difficult for your correspondent or his assistants to get any of the brothers to aid in getting notes for our journal. I do not believe any of the Norfolk Division boys would like to see our journal come out without something from their division. You may think "this is the duty of some one else, and not me." Suppose all were to think like this? Now, don't sit and wait for some one else to do something that you should aid in doing, and let's get to work and do all we can for our organization, and in doing this (if you are like most men), you will find it a pleasure. There are quite a number of our telegraphers who could, without any extra trouble, get up a few notes and send to Bro. Magann or Bro. Tucker at Waverly. Not only notes, but write some idea that you think would be beneficial to the telegraphers.

It is pleasing to note that our division is in pretty good shape. Boys are coming up with their dues. Still there are some lagging behind. Now, boys, think seriously over this matter, and you will certainly see the importance of keeping up your dues in the Order. Don't be so narrow as to think because one or two little things have not gone just to suit your ideas that you'll pull out of the Order; but take a broad view of this matter, and think what good results have been brought about by thorough organization, and keep ever before you "united we stand, divided we fall." This sentence alone speaks volumes to the deep-thinking man.

It gives me great pleasure to say to the brothers on our division that Division 14 has purchased a lovely engrossment from Bro. H. A. Berry, of the O. R. T. headuarters, in honor of our late Bro. M. Wistar Kyle, of Omega, Ohio, who died suddenly just after his return to Omega from a visit to his people in Virginia. Bro. Kyle has been in active work for this organization for several years on the Scioto Division, being the assistant chairman to Bro. Watts, which office he filled to the satisfaction of his entire division. The engrossment will be framed and delivered by your correspondent to the family of Bro. Kyle, at Snowden, Va., within the next few days, and I feel sure that we could have done nothing that will be more appreciated than this, which is a token of our love toward Bro. Kyle, and our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved parents.

I wish to thank Bros. Watts, Harper and Layman for their co-operation in securing this engrossment.

It has come to my notice that some of the boys east of Crewe have gotten into a very bad habit of interrupting those who are trying to use the wires, using bad language, etc., and making it almost impossible to properly conduct the business of the company.

Now, boys, this is not right. You surely will not knowingly cast a reflection upon the reputation of this organization by acting in this manner. For the good of the telegraphers, I appeal to those who may be so unthoughtful to cut this out at once.

I am not posted on the changes on the west end of the division, although right in the middle of the division. I have no time to get notes, and the brothers who only hold telegraph positions seem to be too busy to assist me.

We note Bro. Ford, at Montvale, is taking the remainder of his vacation, which was broken into on account of Bro. Overton being called away last month, owing to the death of his sister-in-law; now being relieved by Bro. Sutherland, one of the newly-appointed relief agents.

Bro. J. T. Davidson, at Bedford, relieved this month by Bro. L. E. Shipp.

Bro. Mickle, at Nathalie, has been off a few days, atending court at Nottoway, Va., being relieved by Bro. "Cager" Clark, of Brookneal, who is one of the best all-around men on the Durham Division.

Mr. McKutchin, Rougemont, a non, has been enjoying his vacation; relieved by Bro. Buckley.

It seems that Mr. McKutchin does not listen to appeals made to him to come in the Order. We trust though that he feels free to accept the vacation given him through our efforts.

Bro. Finch, Rustburg, is being relieved for vacation by Bro. Buckley. Bro. Finch is one of the "old soldiers." Wish we had more like him.

Business all over the line picking up, and prospects much brighter than last month.

It gives us great pleasure to extend the hand of welcome to Bro. Harry Page, of Crewe, who has recently been converted and is now a member of our organization. Let others follow the example and make the Order solid this month.

At Norfolk, Bro. Nicholson off on vacation; relieved by extra man, Mr. Canada, C. T. U. of A., but he was taken sick and was relieved by extra man, Mr. Bailey. Mr. Bailey has blanks, but has not filled them out as yet.

At Juniper, Bro. Carmack, working second trick extra, on adv.; relieved by Mr. Dawson, from the west end, on third.

At Portlock (Norfolk terminal yards), Bro. Heath off on vacation; relieved by Bro. L. C. Cook, extra.

At Windsor, Bro. Eley off on vacation; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra, from Petersburg. Mr. Z. C. Johnson, second trick, off on vacation; relieved by Mr. E. H. Williams, extra man.

At Dwight (coaling station), Mr. G. W. Collins, extra man, working third trick, while first trick is being advertised on account of Bro. Hodge's death. Bros. Bales and Horton, regular second and third trick men, advanced one notch during advertising of first trick.

At Wakefield, Bro. Ware working first trick on account of Bo. Rux transferred to Wilson. Mr. J. J. Bailey relieving Bro. Ware on third. Bailey has blanks, but has not filled them out as yet.

At Waverly, Bro. Wilson, agent, off on vacation latter part of August; relieved by Bro. Vernic Johnson, first trick. Bro. Arnold relieving Bro. Johnson on first trick and also relieving him at this writing while on vacation. Understand his vacation is being spent at the bedside of his wife, who has been sick since her return from Baltimore several days ago.

At Poe, Bro. Poland, third trick, off on vacation; relieved by Mr. E. H. Williams, extra man.

At Petersburg, Bro. Huddleston, second trick, off on vacation; relieved by Mr. A. C. Johnson, extra man. Bro. Gates, first trick, was off a few days in August and visited the Shenandoah Valley Division, accompanied by his wife; relieved by Mr. D. C. Bailey, extra man.

At Addison, Bro. Rose, third trick regular on adv.

At Wilson, Bro. Nesbitt, third trick, has just been transferred to Sutherland days for a few days, to open up the agency at that point, as Bro. Jackson was not qualified to do so, but has been placed at Wilson, third trick extra, to qualify as an agent, in order that he will stand a show for his old place back when it is advertised, as this is his home.

At Crewe, Bro. Robertson, first trick dispatcher, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Lane, second. Bro. Page relieving Bro. Lane, and I am glad to see that Mr. Pape's name has been taken off the non list. Bro. Harlan, first trick, from "K" office, relieving Bro. Page on third trick.

T. O. M.

Mr. Dawson bid in third trick at Juniper. This leaves second trick at High Bridge vacant. Bro. Henkell is filling second trick at High Bridge until advertised.

Bro. Mason, first trick at Rice, has resumed duty after spending a well-earned vacation.

Mr. Gaines, second trick at Tuggle, discharged on account of unsatisfactory service.

Bro. Walker is filling second trick at Tuggle until advertised.

Bro. J. E. Thomson and wife are spending a few days in Cincinnati.

Bro. Woodruff, of Moran, off on vacation; relieved by Sister Fitzgerald.

Bro. C. E. Poole is doing the stunt at washout on Durham District.

Bro. C. W. Wilson is handling the levers and 31s at Ironville for a few days.

Bro. Overton and wife spent their vacation in the cities around the Great Lakes.

DIV. COR.

Shenandoah Division-

It is with regret that we notice there are a few who have fallen by the wayside and failed to pay their dues. I do not understand how any member can feel justified in dropping out of the Order, especially members of Division No. 14. We should one and all realize what great progress our committee has made in the past towards the increase of wages, the hours of labor and defining the duties of the agents and operators, something we would not have if it was not for our grand old Order. What would be the result if every one should fall behind and drop out of the Order, the future, in that case, can easily be foreseen. We would, in a very short time, have no committee, and without a committee it would soon be the \$25, \$30 and \$40 positions that were so plentiful some years ago. The O. R. T. has, without a doubt, brought the wage scale where it is today, and no member should begrudge the small amount he pays in dues towards the protection and uplifting of himself and fellow-craftsmen. Everyone should recognize the fact that our committee can not be maintained without funds, and the more members the better financial backing for the committee. They also need individual help from every member in the way of good service, for the better the service the easier it will be to gain what we ask of the management.

I am glad to note that the wire service has improved, and hope to see more improvement still, every one should endeavor to give the best of service and answer the wire promptly, thereby awing the dispatchers a lot of worry and inconvenience. The great source of worry to a dispatcher is to have to call an office for twenty to

thirty minutes for an order. I hope that all who read this will endeavor by their own individual efforts to increase the efficiency of the service by prompt answering of the wires and giving ail information they can towards the prompt movement of passengers, freight and trains, thereby assisting our committee in one of the best possible ways to gain what we ask of the management, and what we all think is our due.

Business seems to be on the increase, especially the local freight. The locals are having a hard time to get their work done and get to terminals ahead of the sixteen-hour law. The dispatchers on this division are having their hands full, something that we are all glad to see (excepting the dispatchers on duty, perhaps, who are getting the worst of it for the time being), as a good increase of business will cause our other set of dispatchers to be put on again.

It would be a great help and very much appreciated if every one who could scrape up a line or so of news would send it to Bro. J. H. Bender, at Buena Vista, Va. Bro. Bender wishes to extend thanks to Bros. Wise, Atkins and Rochrock for their help in the way of notes last month.

The other divisions are having a nice write-up every month and as we do not wish to bring up the tail end all the time, every one should take an interest and help with what news they can find so we can take the lead sometimes.

Bro. R. E. Bear, first trick at Loch Laird, and Bro. C. B. Bear, agent at Glasgow, were off a few days on account of the illness of their mother.

Mr. H. R. Young relieving at Loch Laird and Bro. H. H. Burks doing the stunt at Glasgow.

Bro. A. P. Finter, agent at Lyndhurst, was relieved by Mr. John Moffett while on vacation.

Bro. P. W. Hairston, agent at Price, N. C., bid in second trick at Rippon.

Price agency now on bulletin.

Bro. C. S. Bragg, who left the service a few months ago, has returned to his old love, working a few days at Shenandoah, and now third at Basio.

Bro. H. A. Bickers is again working his regular trick, third at Shenandoah, after being on the sick list for some time.

Relief Agent Bro. J. S. Biedler is relieving Bro. V. I. Guyer, agent at Basic.

Bro. A. P. Finter on the sick list; Bro. J. W. Milton relieving.

Bro. H. H. Burks relieving Bro. A. L. Lemons, agent at Ferrum.

Bro. B. G. Sharp is working one of the tricks at Rocky Mount, and Bro. D. W. Divers at Starkey.

Bro. R. C. Parsons, who holds a card in some foreign division, but who expects to be transferred to Division No. 14, is working third at Glasgow.

Bro. T. K. Maupin, an extra man, who has been working third at Loch Laird, is on the sick list, while Bro. P. G. Parrett is at Loch Laird.

Bro. J. M. Wise is now taking his vacation, with Mr. John Moffett relieving at Riverside.

J. H. B.

Radford Division, New River District-

Bro. Williams and Lucado new, but Order men have been working at Dry Branch.

Bro. J. B. Williams in place of Bro. Parrish at Pembroke.

Bro. G. W. Lucado working second trick at Eggleston during Bro. Givens' absence.

Bro. Weatherly is holding Ripplemead, third trick. It is now being advertised. Bro. Fisher has been assigned to third trick at Atkins.

Bro. Warner has been working the extra trick at Eggleston in place of Bro. Bishop.

Bro. Fuller has been working extra on "PD," but now on second trick at Lurich, in place of Bro. Mantz.

Bro. J. T. Bishop, another new Order man, has been working extra at Christiansburg.

Bro. Charlton, at Cruve, is being relieved by Mr. Durham, who we will get in our Order before many days take their flight.

This is just a sketch of the extra work that is being done, so you can see that the extra men are getting lots to do. It has been said by some of them that they have made more time in the last two months than they have made for some time. Boys, take your regular rest, and be as wide awake when the dispatcher calls you as an owl in tan-bark time.

We have a good thing now, so let's do the very best we can for our company, that we may get better in the future.

Second and third tricks at Shawsville reopened. Bros. Givens and Tynes both reinstated at Shawsville.

Bro. Thornton, second trick at Blake, off on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. King.

Bro. Dooley, third trick dispatcher on river, has been absent a few days; relieved by Bro. Seay.

Bro. L. D. Nuncey, agent at Ada, has been off about three weeks on account of sickness, being relieved by Bro. Spengler, extra relief agent.

Bro. W. R. Ramsey, second trick at Ada, off a few days on account of his wife being ill; relieved by Bro. J. S. Johnson.

Bro. Kent Givens, third trick at Glenvar, just returned from a visit to Niagara Falls and points in Northern Ohio and Michigan.

Bro. J. M. Hodge, one of our old-timers, is taking a thirty days' vacation from the arduous duties on first trick, Bristol, being relieved by Bro. T. T. Parrish moving up to first, with Mr. Lewis (who we understand to be a non) on second trick.

Bros. C. M. and Hiram Asbury, second and third tricks at Glade Spring, have been taking muchneeded vacations, being relieved by Bro. G. H. Allison.

Bro. W. A. Hankley, agent at Glade Spring, has been having his annual attack of hay fever, however we hope the attack will be a light one, and that he will be with us again as soon as his much-needed fifteen days' rest from work is up. "Kildee" is doing the stunt during Bro. Hankley's absence.

We are all glad to note the improved business conditions over the division, and hope that it has come to stay. If our present record can be maintained it will be necessary to open more offices soon.

Boys, let us take more interest in our journal work, and send in notes. This would be very little trouble for us, but when left for the correspondents to do all of it it becomes a rather hard task. Wake up and let all of us do our duty in this respect.

Pocahontas Division-

Bro. G. W. Pyle, agent at Elkhorn, is back at work again, after spending a pleasant vacation with his parents at Limestone, Tenn.

Miss Lucy Clapp, first trick operator at Tazewell, is home again, after spending three months visiting relatives at Oaksdale, Seattle and Spokane, Wash. "13" she will be up-to-date again by the time we get our next journal.

Sister Annie Wickham, of Elkhorn, has returned to work after spending some time with her mother at Salem, Va.

Mrs. E. M. Grossman, who looked after business at Elkhorn, in the absence of Sister Wickham, is now working third trick at Honaker, Va.

The double track has been extended from Vine to Sands, and telegraph office at Vine has been closed.

Bro. F. G. Williams, formerly first trick at Vine, has been assigned to Sands, first trick, displacing Bro. N. S. Blankenship. Do not know where "NS" is going.

Bro. C. Henry Vaughan, formerly second trick at Vine, is off on vacation.

Thacker has been reopened as a block station. Bro. Sydnor, first trick; Dyer and Smith working second and third tricks temporarily.

Mr. Ira Lemmon, of "WY," East Williamson, off on vacation. Bro. Hoptry relieving.

Bro. Osborne, of "WY," East Williamson, was in Cincinnati on business the first of the month; relieved by Bro. Hoptry.

Bro. C. S. Bridges, agent at Jaeger, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Kinzer.

How about the non next to you? Keep after him.

Note with regret that there was nothing doing from Pocahontas in the August journal. Boys, this will never do in the world. Let all of us get busy and see that items are sent each month to Bro. Harper at Bristol. Just a few from each of us will make up a nice little write-up, and then the world will know that we are not dead, but very much alive and still sending out of this mountain section our usual supply of coal and coke.

Bro. C. F. Bushman, formerly of the Scioto Division, after taking a tramp through the West, is working second at West Vivian, relieving Mr. Payne, he having gone up to first trick, extra. Bro. Hoptry, at Williamson yards, third trick, relieving Mr. Hamrick.

E. J. Janes, of Bluefield, was on first trick, Gary, about two weeks, relieving Mr. Henry.

CERT. 446.

N. Y. C. & St. L. Ry.

Thurd District-

New man, second trick at Colby, by name of Wagoner. Mr. Wagoner, we regret to say, does not carry a card, but we trust that he will remedy this deficiency at an early date.

Bro. C. H. Zimmerman, at Maple Grove, off for a day, attending the fair.

We now come to one of the men who it is almost impossible to believe could exist in this enlightened age. I can only account for it on the theory of Darwin, that the human race descended from mudturtles and this man is a reversion to type.

I refer to ex-Bro. E. E. Wisely, of Ilers, who has opened a telegraph school at his station. Words can not express the contempt in which all brothers will hold this man when they learn the facts in the case. He dropped out of the Order a short time ago, giving as his reasons "Could not afford it," "Intend to go farming in the spring, and does not think he will be benefited any longer by a card." etc. ad nauseum.

He 'now states that the chief dispatcher made him take this man in. Ye gods, what will be hear next? This student tried to get in with the former agent there, but was refused, and he was not compelled to take him. We are working on a scheduled road, in the twentieth century, not back in the dark ages ten years ago. There is no case of compelling any one to teach a student against his will on this road. I hope this man gets his reward on the N. P. Remember, no card, no favors.

Bro. W. Martin, formerly agent at South Whitley, but out of the service for the past two months, has returned to the road again and is bucking the extra list, as extra agent and operator. He says there is no place like the "Nick."

Bro. P. D. Russell, agent at Old Fort, has been on the sick list for about three weeks. Relieved by Bro. Martin. Bro. Russell now back at work.

Bro. Stipp has returned to Fostoria, and the men at that point are all back at their old tricks. We are sorry to learn that Bro. Stipp's ill-health prompted the change from the dispatcher's office, where he had gone to take a position as copier.

There was some misunderstanding in the advertising of the tricks at Fostoria, when Bro. Stipp went to Wayne. The matter was taken up by the local chairman of the third district, and the chief dispatcher advised to the effect that the tricks should not have been advertised until it was certain the change would be permanent. However, Mr. Caldwell advised the tricks were advertised in good faith, but it developed, later, that Bro. Stipps' health would not allow him to remain.

Of course, we all agree he was entitled to his old position. The advertising of the positions created some misunderstanding, therefore, the local chairman advised me to publish this article in order to clear the case up.

Bro. Poe, third trick at Fostoria, off a couple of nights on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. Freeland, third trick at Mortimer, who was relieved by Operator Barnes, a new man.

Bro. Hudon, first trick at Payne, was suddenly taken sick while on duty a few days ago. The company doctor was called, who pronounced it an acute attack of the heart. He was given restoratives and in a short time was able to resume duty.

Bro. "Middy" Bowman still holding down third trick at Payne. "Middy" would like to meet some of the boys when the next meeting is called. He wants them to turn out in full force. We will try and oblige him.

The dry season has necessitated the hauling of water in tanks to supply Payne tank. The river there has set a good example to the country by going dry. The only trouble is the possibility of the telegraphers at that point drinking up what is hauled in tanks, as their wells are going dry also, and thirst will make men desperate.

Bro. Brudi, of New Haven, who has been sick for so long, does not seem to improve. He has a complication of diseases. He has the sympathy of the entire division.

I am advised that the general chairman will call a meeting of the General Committee in Cleveland in the near future to discuss important matters.

After this meeting a division meeting will be called. Now all turn out and make it a good one. Not enough interest has been shown in the past to warrant our officers in calling meetings, but if the membership want them they can have them. It is entirely up to you, boys. Look at the thing squarely now. If you think that an up-to-date card is all that is necessary to make a good Order man, you are away off.

C., H. & D. Ry.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

To All Members First District Southern Division:

Bro. J. P. Fahey, Rural 7, Hamilton, Ohio, has been appointed local chairman of the First District, Southern Division. In future please address all communications coming under jurisdiction of the local chairman to him.

Fraternally yours,

C., H. & D .-

Who said no business? The fact of the matter is we have had so much business on the C., H. & D. that we could not find time to send a write-up to THE TELEGRAPHER.

E. F. STENGER, General Chairman.

A good many of the brothers have been taking their vacations, and consequently there has been quite a demand for extra men in the past sixty days.

Have you ever thought; or, rather, has it come to your notice, that, in these days of the so-called business depression, there are not many men in the shops or other lines of work, who can see their way clear to make application for a leave of absence? The fact of the matter is they are getting all the vacation they want without a "request." Why is it so? How about the nine-hour law? Has it done you any good, directly or indirectly? Don't say no; for if you will do a little

thinking for yourself you will see where we have all been more or less benefited. How many of the men now on eight and nine hours' service would want to go back to the twelve-hour workday? How many of you, especially those who have families, appreciate the extra three or four hours which you now have to devote to your own liking? Shame on the man with "cold feet," who says the Order has done him no good. Have you seen any of the "reminders" yet, gotten out by our general chairman? They contain some very good ideas, and every telegrapher should have them. Write him about it, if not already received. How about your neighbor telegrapher? Does he possess an up-to-date card? Look him up and find out. Remember the membership is what counts. We can not live on sympathy.

CERT. 24.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

Mineral Point and Prairie du Chien Divisions—
Add to seniority list Geo. S. Davey, first trick telegrapher, Janesville, August, 1896. This was omitted in error.

Change Frank O'Leary from extra list to third trick leverman, Madison tower.

Change J. Lawness, seniority, to May 16, 1896. One new member this month, G. R. May.

Bascabel has started the ball rolling. There are a dozen more eligible nons waiting to be asked. Now let us get busy. We can land every one of them. Give them your personal and earnest invitation. Who will be the next?

Mr. F. Zimmerman, of Monroe, and Bro. Mc-Donald, of Browntown, are taking a much-needed rest, being relieved by J. E. Aylward.

Bros. Matt and John Valentine, of Janesville, have both returned to work after rusticating in the mountains of Colorado.

"Truth is stranger than fiction." Mineral Point Divisions experienced a real runaway train, consisting of an engine and two coaches filled with passengers. The new Glarus branch coaches standing on main line at Bradhead, with engine at coal shed, and while the crew had gone to dinner, through some unknown cause the engine darted down the track, bumped into the coaches, and started down the main line at a rate of fifty miles per hour. Through the prompt action of Bros. Collins and Benedict No. 91's train was gotten out of the way at Juda to give the "runaway" a clear track, and the way Conductor Tobe Richardson and Engineer Falter went up Juda Hill with full tonnage was a caution. Luckily the engine exhausted her energy, and came to a standstill one mile east of Juda, with no serious damage done. The passengers presumed they were given an exhibition ride.

Bros. Collins, Mowe and Pagel, who attended the meeting at Madison "hiked" down to Beloit to get breakfast, with the usual result. "Green fields look best far away." However, they were partly recompensed by a stranger buying them a union-made cigar.

The Port Huron Threshing Machine Company have instructed their agents to send no orders by telephone, but use telegraph. Another victory for the "old reliable."

The next meeting will be held at Prairie du Chien. Watch for the date.

Bro. Voss has moved his family to Mayomanie, and South Wayne has been wiped off the map.

Bro. Hinrichs, of Wauwatosa, is on leave of absence; relieved by S. M. Jacobs.

Bro. C. B. Caldwell is now working third trick at Eagle. Bro. Caldwell formerly worked at Mc-Farland.

Bro. J. A. E. Ray, second trick at Brookfield, spent his vacation in northern Wisconsin. He has an up-to-date card in Division 76, and can show the boys a bushel or two more.

Mr. Thomas, third trick at McFarland, holds an up-to-date C. T. U. of A.

Bro. O'Leary returned two weeks ago from his vacation; enjoying himself in the western country.

Bro. Connell has resumed work after two weeks' outing, visiting Niagara Falls. S. M. Jacobs relieved him.

Bro. Larson has returned to Cross Plains, third trick, after a pleasant western trip. A. C. Parks of Madison, relieving him.

Bro. Getts, at Middleton, is taking a two weeks' recreation. Bro. Lathrop, of Bridgeport, relieves him.

The meeting at Madison, September 5th, did not come up to expectations in point of attendance. This was especially true of our east end brothers. Those willing and loyal souls who came did not leave the hall with occasion for regret. Small in point of numbers, nevertheless there was a spirit of friendship and brotherhood prevailing, and the open, frank heart-to-heart talks given by our worthy Secretary Soyster and Chairman Pagel well repaid us for our coming.

I believe there are a few of the boys who fail to realize the great advantage our meetings mean to them. It is not to be expected all can be present, and, owing to train service, it ofttimes prevents many of us coming, but there could be a much better showing. Consider your own case. How pleasant, entertaining and instructive it is to mingle occasionally with our fellows and interchange ideas, impart to each other some information, and discuss the various conditions and affairs confronting us. No man, whether he have the wisdom of a Gladstone or the genius of an Edison, should remain in the same old rut 365 days without once in a while considering the duty he owes to society and himself, by brushing up in a friendly meeting with his fellowman. There are none of us who can claim to be perfect, and when we hold ourselves aloof from affairs of this kind we are turning out the light of reason, knowledge and advancement, and substituting darkness and a feeling of egotism and self-satisfaction. From the experience of the writer, I wish to say that these meetings have done more to make me see the light and realize my own shortcomings than months of seclusion could ever do. Our ideas and problems

worked out in the silence of ourselves may appear perfectly logical and correct, but it might be well to talk it over with your neighbor, for he has ideas as well as you.

How many studied carefully and seriously reflected on the circular letter of our worthy division chairman? It appealed to me as a masterpiece. Let us congratulate ourselves that seldom do we receive communications filled with as much truth, courage and commonsense. Every loyal member on the Prairie du Chien and Mineral Point Divisions should have a feeling of appreciation for the work being done by Chairman Pagel. Since his tenure in office he has many times been tried, but never once found wanting. It adds a rich flavor to our membership, and it shows up well with our employers when we have a man of his efficiency handling our affairs. But the membership, as a body, are not giving him the assistance he deserves. The work of his office grows heavy and weary at times, and even the strongest sometimes feel the strain. I appeal to each member that in the future he will give some consideration to the work our chairman is doing, and that you will lend him a helping hand without being called upon. The O. R. T. expects every man to do his level best. Every man on the division reflects for or against our organization. It becomes the duty of each individual to knuckle down to business and help out in this battle of righteousness. Everything depends on you. You are the mirror of the entire body. When you fail in your dues, fail to attend meetings, fail to get after the non; when you do not show a brotherly spirit toward the other members, when you forget your officers need help and encouragement you are injuring thousands as well as yourself. Just one little act helps or injures our cause.

Do you know that at present the railroads are taking aggressive but secret action against the nine-hour law? This measure has come to us after years of slavery, unremitting toil and heartaches without number. Shall we now rest on our laurels and say the cause is won? Now is the time for hard and ceaseless endeavor. Would you desire the olden days when the rights of a telegrapher were unknown, when he had no individuality, and did he dare assert any? Just read again the letter of your division chairman, and take courage. Will the railroads think the more of you for refraining from standing by the principles of your Order? Your employers want men, not mere weathervanes, changing with every gust of wind.

We are in a noble movement, a movement of progress and righteousness, a movement not of selfishness, but of justice; a movement not of class or creed, but for humanity. From the early ages of the universe has there been a struggle for existence. Out of the sufferings of the martyrs did we secure the blessings of Christianity, and a religious freedom. They gave their lives that a noble cause might live. Facing death with unflinching zeal and fortitude, they sacrificed their last breath that coming generations might have a conscience. Slowly emerging from the days of re-

ligious persecution there dawned the struggle for political freedom; a struggle out of slavery and serfdom into an era of liberty for all. Governments and empires tottered and decayed; jeweled crowned monarchs with their treachery and hatred of this irresistible force passed into oblivion; aristocrats, proud and hauty, vanished with their pleasures, but the spirit of the humble martyr survived. Like Alexander who had conquered all the nations of the earth and wept that he had no more worlds to conquer did mankind journey on the way, but, unlike Alexander, it was not for a selfish purpose. Christianity, with its simplicity and tenderness. Political liberty, with its equality for government and independence, gave to all freedom of the earth, but modern industry, with its caprices, its centralization of power and lust for gold and the products of the toiler foretold the conflict between labor and capital. The modern age has been in the midst of this troubled sea for years; sometimes raging furiously, then quiet for a time, but the still small voice bespeaks its presence ever. Like the lion waiting patiently for its prey does slaving capital hold the reins in eagerness for triumph.

The history of man has been one of progress from the days of Paradise. We are here for a purpose, and our destiny is one of labor for better and nobler things.

"Yet I doubt not through the ages
One increasing purpose runs,
And the thoughts of men are broadened
With the process of the suns,"

In this age the wage-earner must be progressive, but if he remains alone, his single-handed efforts avail him nothing. Organization has been instituted, not alone for increasing wages but to improve conditions of each and every individual to secure better and happier homes, to foster the spirit of enlightenment for ourselves, our children and our children's children; to make us better citizens, and to promote a more optimistic feeling among us that this earthly kingdom may be worthy of its Creator.

It takes will power, love of labor and a heart without fear and selfishness to lead us on to victory. You alone are holder of the key. Your organization is always anxious and willing to help you, but you must first show a willingness to help the organization. Because you hold an up-to-date card does not absolve you from further duty. That is only a beginning. You are part and parcel of the world, and society holds you accountable for your actions. Just take courage, brother, and remember it is only a coward's part to slide through the world as easy as he can.

"It matters not how straight the gate,

How charged with punishment the scroll.

I am the master of my fate;

I am the captain of my soul."

Do you know of a non anywhere down the road? If so, get after him. Write him a letter, and get

him in. Take him by the hand and show him how the O. R. T. will help him. He, perhaps, is only too willing to join, but would like a little encouragement. If you don't get him the first time, keep gently after him, and you will succeed. Look carefully after the young men who are holding their first job. They need proper guidance, and look for it from you. Do not show them a bad example, but turn their faces "onward and upward." Think occasionally of your officers. Be on the alert to lighten their burdens. They will appreciate your efforts, and thank you for it. Do not put off these good resolutions until next week, for "today is the day of salvation."

"A place in the ranks awaits you, Each man has some part to play. The past and the future are looking In the face of the stern today."

The O. R. T. expects every man to do his duty. Your duty is in boosting and being a worker all the time. Of all the virtues in honest toil patience is a golden one, indeed. The giant oak, from its birth in the little acorn, has battled bravely the ravages of winter's northern blasts and summer's burning suns. But its sturdy form and steady growth is nature's speech to man that patience brings reward.

Consecrate your idle moments to the cause of our noble Order. Consider it not only a duty, but a privilege, to serve in its ranks. If you give it this unselfish devotion you will reap the harvest of a manhood undefiled, of a brotherhood the emblem of every true Christian principle, and an organization as solid as the rock of Gibraltar.

NORMAN.

Kansas City Division-

Business on this division is much better than we expected it to be presidential election year, but it continues to grow, and, to our surprise, there have been third trick positions opened at Chillicothe, Newtown and Mystic. This increases the number of telegraphers working on the Kansas City Division to fifteen more than was working previous to March 1st. A fairly good showing for the O. R. T.'s and the C., M. & St. P. Railway, as the business demands it or they would not be employing them.

Now a word to the brothers who have been waiting to see how things would come out. I hope you are able to see that they are coming out, and you will be perfectly safe in standing your ground. Come up with your dues and enjoy the nine-hour law to the fullest extent, which you can not do without an up-to-date card in your pocket. You can work just the same without it, but do you feel that you are doing right to let a man doing the same kind of work along the same line pay for the benefits you are receiving? Of course, there are some that claim we are not receiving any benefits from organization. This class is exempt. We have a feeling of sympathy for them, and are glad we can help them. But to those who can see

that we are receiving benefit from our organization I would think they would attend to the matter of keeping up to date, and not drag back at the end of the six months' period.

The positions of day telegrapher at Excelsion Springs and Bement, third trick at Chillicothe, Newtown and Mystic were bulletined the other day, one of the side-table jobs in dispatcher's office. No appointments made.

Bro. Atterberry, agent at Ludlow, has been away on a vacation. Bro. Keating relieving.

Bro. Guy, at Moseby, is enjoying the mumps during this warm weather.

Bro. Roberts, agent at Movania, has returned from an extended trip through the Northwest.

Bro. Bristle, third trick man at Liberty, is doing extra clip work in dispatcher's office. Bro. Herdman relieving him.

DIV. COR.

H. and D. Division-

Bro. Mann, member of the Grand Division, relieved Bro. Nichols, nights at Hopkins. Bro. Nichols has gone to the Erie.

Bro. Williams, at Buffalo Lake, off for a month visiting relatives in the East.

Bro. Bongards transferred from Watson to Norwood agency.

Mr. Nelson, from the N. P., is holding down Watson temporarily.

Mr. Nelson, relief agent at Watson, received third trick at Montevideo on bulletin.

Bro. Torbenson transferred from Odessa to the agency at Sacred Heart, vice Bro. Petrek, who will do the relief stunt.

Mr. Miller temporary at Odessa until permanent appointment is made.

Bro. Hallquist transferred from Ortonville nights, to Andover. Mr. Renshaw is holding down Ortonville nights.

Webster agency is open for bids. A good station for the right man. Can not say where Bro. Bradly is going.

The business on the H. & D. is good, and another set of dispatchers as put on at Montevideo to work west of Millbank, with Mr. Foster as night chief. Bro. Noonan, sidetable man at "RS," Minneapolis, secured one of the tricks. Can not say who the other two dispatchers are.

I wish every brother would appoint himself a committee of one, and if there is a non within reach get after him, and get him in line. We want them all on our side of the fence. I am sure if all the brothers will take an interest in working up new members we can increase the membership by a large number, as we have a large field to work in. Now, let us all join in and see what we can do when we try. Every brother that secures new applications will see the report of his work in the write-up every month.

Send news items to your local chairman, and when you receive your journal you can always see what is doing on the H. & D.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Pacific Extension, R. M. Division-

This is my first write-up, and the first from the Rocky Mountain Division of the Milwaukee's Pacific extension.

A majority of the boys coming to this division carry the necessary card. This looks very favorable. It shows how our noble Order is climbing, and the good work it is doing for us is plainly visible, so let us try and strengthen it by making this division solid.

It will soon be necessary that we get a schedule with the management for our division. Brothers, you are all aware we can not live in the West for \$65.00 per, and I do not think the company should expect it, when our brothers on competing lines are receiving a minimum of \$70.00 and more. Think it over, and let me hear what you have to say in regard to the \$75.00 minimum for this division.

Get after your night men, if they are still in the cold, and all others that you chance to meet. If they have no cards, and refuse to come through, do not forget our motto.

Bro. Hanson, of Piedmont, resigned. I "13" he hits the pike for the land of blossoms; relieved by Operator Dunnigan. Unable to say if he has "goods."

Any brother that has been omitted should not feel slighted, for you know the conditions existing at the present time.

News is very hard to scare up. Lion.

Milwaukee Terminal Division-

I know a great many of you think this little division with but a mere handful of men, who are still following our "noble profession," are about to slide off the map completely, but it is my pleasure to inform you such is not the case. On the contrary, I think we have reason to feel proud. considering circumstances.

Quite a few have left the service and taken up other branches of railroad work in order to better their condition, which is every man's duty. It is surely encouraging to find you with an up-to-date card, brothers, and I think you will agree with me in the opinion that we can prove to our fellow workmen in no better manner that we are trying to live and act the principles we represent. Let us have more consideration for each other, and try and forget little petty grievances, and try to make our work a pleasure.

Nearly all the officers in this district are divided into nine-hour shifts, and those of us who have worked the twelve- or thirteen-hour stunts in the years gone by can certainly appreciate the shorter workday and we should show to the company employing us and to the public for whose safety the law was passed, that we do appreciate the change, and are giving that much better service.

Let us go on duty feeling ready and willing to give nine hours out of every twenty-four entirely to the duties assigned us. Be pleasant and obliging with each other and with patrons of the company and prove the benefits of our improved condition. Prosperity for the railroads means a little more consideration for us, and when our schedule again comes up for revision the committee representing us will be better able to secure concessions bettering our condition, financially and otherwise.

I have a request to make of you, and that is when any of you are sick or there is sickness in your families, which keeps you from work, please let us know about it, and if any assistance is needed in any way, we can get together and help each other.

I have recently changed my address to 1529 Cedar street, and would be pleased to have any of you drop in if you happen my way.

When you get a new man on the job please get his address and let us know. Let us try and get a few new members, and if we all work together we can very easily do this.

Fraternally yours,

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Third District—

Bro. F. J. Alleman, who has served as local chairman for some time, secured a position with the Continental Express Co., at Miles City. Mont., and left for that point the 4th of September. His work for the O. R. T. ever since its start on the St. Paul has been of the kind that counts, and yet no one has been more faithful to the interests of the company. The shippers at Libertyville were very sorry to have him leave, and a remembrance was given him by some of them. No appointment has, as yet, been made by General Chairman Renshaw for local chairman on the division.

Mr. J. G. Tuffley, who was agent at West avenue passenger depot, secured the job at Libertyville, at least temporarily, as the job held by Tuffley has not been bulletined as yet.

Mr. A. J. McCloskey is working at the new station at Libertyville.

Bro. Tabbert, who was working the side wire at dispatcher's office, took back his job at Somers, third trick.

Mr. J. A. Patterson is working the side wire temporarily, as the job has not been bulletined, as yet.

Bro. Moore, of Wadsworth, third trick, is on a visit at his home in Kansas, being relieved by Harry Derrickson; Derrickson, in turn, being relieved at Warrenton by a Mr. Kranz, new man on the road.

Bro. R. J. Simens, formerly dispatcher on the Janesville line here, was through the city the other day on his way home on account of the serious illness of his father at Oconee, Ill. Bob is stationed at Marysville, Cal., now, with the S. Pac. Ry., and says "California for him."

Bro. Gould, of the first trick at Ranney, is off for a two weeks' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Carpenter of the second trick, who, in turn, is being relieved by Bro. Lucas.

Operator Altice, of the third trick at tower A 68, is off sick, being relieved by Bro. Ben Laughrens.

Bro. Woda, of the third trick at Rondout, returned from an extended visit home at Columbus, Ohio. Bro. E. R. Derrickson, who was relieving there, went to Galewood, third trick.

The delinquent list, just got out by Bro. Soyster, is very large, especially so on the C. & M. Division. These men who have not paid up would yell their heads off if the company was to hand them a lemon in the shape of a reduction in wages, and the O. R. T. would get the blame for not "doing something." Let me say to each delinquent, if you do not expect a decrease in the next year or so you had better help keep the organization in first-class condition as to membership. If that is allowed to lag we can expect nothing else. What it costs you to keep up the O. R. T. every six months you will find will not cover the cut you get each month. I believe this just as much as I believe anything, even though the St. Paul Company paid 14 per cent on both common and preferred stock for the year ending June 30, 1908.

With all the talk of hard times during the past year the 14 per cent dividends are facts, and business is such right now that they can not properly take care of it with the power they have.

Dont' forget about your vote for the man you can depend upon to respect his promise as to unionism; break away from any hide-bound party aliations you may have and vote for the man that will represent you and not some corporation, who cares less for the common people than they do for cattle.

The following in the June 20th issue of the Western Electrician, "Confusion in the Order as to where two cars should pass is said to be the cause of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Railway wreck, in which eight persons were killed."

I have learned that this road, as most all electrics, is dispatched by telephone. A. C. P.

La Crosse Division-

I am informed that some of the boys are complaining on account of not finding our journal items every month. What can you expect, brothers, not a word of news sent to me. Place yourselves likewise and on the third trick, and see how you pan out.

Business rushing now account of stock business, grain and heavy passenger business. No time to waste in any office, only where there are nontelegraph agents. Those fellows have time to burn and, as I see it, are home most of the time, and let the company's business drift to ruin or any other place, and when the books get tangled up so no one can adjust them, it's a case to call the company's auditor and let him visit a few days, and then check in another of the same class that first had charge. Suppose, for instance, operators and agents did this? What would be the result. Besides they are also laying the company liable to serious fine on account of live stock, emigrant movable laws, United States quarantine laws, and ticket business likewise. They may be cheap help, but the result, in some instances has proven a very dear article, both to employe and employer.

There has been several changes of late. Bro. Baebler, agent at Bangor, off for a few weeks on account of his annual attack of hay fever. Bro. Wolfgram, of Oconomowoc, relieving him. Bro. Teel relieving Bro. Wolfgram.

Wires taken out at Medary, on Milwaukee side, and block extending to Grand Crossing.

West Salem has to block by 'phone with Grand Crossing. No blocking done by North La Crosse. This necessitated the third leverman at Grand Crossing. Mr. Wolf secured third place.

Bro. W. E. Jones is back at Sparta on third trick, after holding down the extra dispatching while dispatchers were having their annual vacations. This being his first attempt at dispatching and he made good.

Bro. P. J. Weedeman, secured second trick at Russellville. Third trick job not decided on up to the present time.

Lyndon and Raymore have also been reopened nights, but can't say who the lucky fellows are.

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I. & G. N. Ry.

It is very gratifying to note the increased interest the boys are showing for the old O. R. T., and the nice substantial gains in membership resulting from the renewed activity shown by a great number of the membership, and we hope that, in the near future, we shall see all following their noble example. It will take a great deal of good, hard work, but if we go after them with a determination to never give up, we feel sure that at a not very distant day, the thorough organization will become a beautiful realization, which has been the hope of the entire membership for, lo, these many years.

Bro. S. E. Gray, at Overton, has been relieved by Mr. J. I. Heard. Bro. Gray is off on his vacation, being accompanied by his brother, T. W. Gray, of Franklin.

Bro. C. B. Holzmann has been relieving Bro. L. A. Gray, at Franklin, but is now relieving Bro. W. C. Mantius, at Gause, who is on a vacation.

Bro. Umland has been checked in at Phelps, and is playing the accompaniment for the entire mosquito population.

Bro. E. C. Tuffly has been moved, San Marcus to second trick at Taylor, being relieved by Mr. Grady, of Palestine, and Bro. Mellon, from Taylor to second trick at Austin, "F" office.

Bro. T. G. Hines relieved Bro. J. N. Young at Buda during his two weeks' vacation trip to San Angelo and other points.

Bro. Juvenal has been relieving Bro. Gode at Hunter, but is now at Cuero, on the S. A. & A. P., which, we understand, has or soon will have a schedule. We regret very much losing this brother, as he was one of our staunchest members.

Bro. G. P. Bradburry, of Jacksonville, has relieved Bro. W. H. Wright at Valley Junction, and Bro. Wright is relieving the operator in the Houston office, whose name we do not know.

Bro. L. W. Sledge, of Cotulla, who is attending court at Cameron, is being relieved by Bro. Piper.

Bro. H. B. Hackley went from Austin, "F" office, to third trick at Taylor, but understand he has quit us and will go North.

Bro. Thompson, cashier at Marlin, is taking a thirty days' vacation to St. Louis, being relieved by one of our former members, Mr. Hunnicutt, who was agent at Everman.

Bro. Parker Pringle has been temporarily checked in as agent at College, relieving Mr. Seay, who is on a vacation to San Antonio and Waco.

Bro. Hewitt is on second trick at Bryan, night office, 10 p. m. to 4 a. m. being closed.

Bro. S. P. Wilson is back at his post of duty, third trick at Italy, after several months' recreation.

Bro. Tatsch is again working second trick at Marlin, after being at Italy for several months.

Mr. Barton, formerly agent at Calvert, has been appointed traveling auditor, relieving Mr. C. B. Donaldson, who has again taken the agency at Madisonville. Bro. Slagle, of Madisonville, has taken the Calvert agency.

Bro. Patske, working as agent at Hufsmith, relieving Mr. S. P. Stephenson, who seems to be a persistent non. We haven't been able to do anything with him.

Bro. F. W. Lyon, our former chairman, is in Colorado for his health.

Bro. Walker, who has been working in dispatcher's office at Mart, is again at Bryan.

Bro. O. H. McGee, of Stoneham, is building himself a new home. The brother has been very unfortunate in having a sick wife, being compelled to send her to a sanitarium in Houston, where he hopes she will soon recuperate. The sympathy of the entire membership is with him.

Bro. W. H. Holzmann, who has been on a vacation at New Braunfels, is again back at work.

Bro. H. P. Williams has been off for ten days, being relieved by Bro. J. E. Browning.

Bro. J. O. Eddington' was off on a vacation to Grand Saline.

Bro. A. M. Armstrong has been working for thirty days at Calvert Junction. CERT. 46.

Vandalia Ry.

To All Members of Division 27:

I have moved to Coatesville, Indiana. Please address all mail to me at that place.

C. R. SHORTRIDGE, General Secretary and Treasurer.

St. L. and T. H. Division-

Bro. M. C. Phillips and wife, of "WF" office, Effingham, have returned from their visit to our sister State, Ohio.

Bro. E. E. Pierron, of "F" office, Effingham, was home visiting the old homestead at Pierron, and a few days with friends in St. Louis.

Bro. Orville A. Pierron is working third trick at "F" office, Effingham.

Bro. W. Switzer is working third trick at Horner.

Bro. W. L. Bishop, of Woodbury, and Bro. J. L. Brown, of Jewett, spent one evening at Greenup taking in the county fair.

Bro. C. W. Hutchinson, second trick at Jewett, spent a few weeks with friends at Shelbyville, Illinois.

Bro. J. M. Cummings, of "FD," Stubblefield, is working third trick at Schoyer.

Bro. D. Rule, first trick at "SJ," St. Jacob, was off a few days on account of sickness. We are glad to see him back with us again.

Bros. J. F. Pierron, F. A. Leiling and O. A. Gruenenfelter, of Pierron, Illinois, took in the county fair at Highland.

Bro. H. E. Weaver, of Rose Lake, worked a few weeks in "SO" office, Terre Haute, being relieved at Rose Lake by Bro. Jack Garnett, of Formosa.

Bro. T. J. Lynch, of Collinsville, is visiting home folks at Highland.

Bro. Wm. Fitts, of Rose Lake, has resigned to accept a position as yardmaster at Ste. Genevieve, Mo., and Bro. C. Coil, of Rose Lake, has resigned to accept a position as train dispatcher for the Litchfield & Madison Railroad, with headquarters at Edwardsville.

Bro. Con Campion, who has been agent at Mulberry Grove, is now agent at Troy.

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Missouri Pacific Ry.

Osawatomie to Hoisington-

New night office opened at Miller. Split trick, 6 p. m. to 12 midnight, and then off four hours. Back on at 4 a. m. till 7 a. m.—nine hours' work in thirteen hours. Bro. Frank Abel, from the north end, is filling the bill, with Bro. T. E. McCann, agent, also general livestock agent, with headquarters at Osage City.

Bro. Aiken, at Council Grove, has Mr. Fore-man's application in.

Bro. Wofford resigned at Gyp City and gone for the Golden West; relieved by Bro. J. T. Walsh, from Nashville, Tenn. He is true blue, with a blue card.

Bro. H. A. Miller is now with the U. P. in dispatcher's office at Ellis.

Bro. Maurice was off ten days on account of sickness, and is now back at Marquette doing the heavy stunt; handling baggage and herding freight.

Bulletins have recently been issued, after several requests. Gyp City, agent and second trick operator; Herrington, first and second trick, and Langley, agent, on this division.

I suppose all the nons will be glad to claim their rights, when it is to get the good jobs, but they don't believe in the Order otherwise. If a non don't believe in the O. R. T., why do they believe in the rules made by the O. R. T.? Why do they accept the increase? Why do they accept the commission on express and Western Union? Can any of you nons answer this question? Why are you a backslider? If you don't believe in unionism why do you work on a union road? If

you do not believe in the O. R. T. why don't you go on some scab road? That is where the razor back non belongs. An old-time non is really worse than a scab. A scab generally expresses his opinion, but a non don't. They don't know any other excuse than "can't get the money." My dear nonair, if I could not save \$10.00 a year I would quit the business. You are not making much of a success if you can not make \$10.00 extra in a year when you have had a \$10.00 increase every month by the O. R. T. Then if you are getting \$10.00 a month more than you were before you got the raise, what do you do with it? A non is a knocker. He don't want to join; then why don't he quit and let some union man in his place? A new system has to be adopted, and every non's name will be printed every month in the journal, and his own excuse. If he has no excuse, "silence means that the truth has been understood," and it must be understood: "No card, no favors," will be observed fully by all members, and favors on wire, and other accommodations will not be extended.

Cor.

Kansas City District-

All report things looking fine, and business good. A number of changes made lately.

Bro. G. L. Jenking, of Dodson, has been off on a vacation. Mr. J. W. Bowers relieved him, and also relieved the company of the office keys and what change was on hand, etc. Mr. Bowers was relieved by Bro. R. C. Beal, or, rather, succeeded him, but Bro. Beal did not take a fancy to the said station work, and was relieved by F. Montgomery. Bro. Beal is now working in yard office, "D," Osawatomie.

Bro. Jenkins visited New Mexico, and reports a fine time.

Bro. R. Lusk, regular agent at Martin City, is off on a vacation of thirty days. Mr. Montgomery, of Dodson, is relieving him. Bro. Lusk promises to return.

Bro. M. A. Jones, formerly agent at Leeds, Mo, was transferred to Centropolis as agent. Bro. F. W. Vanwie is now agent at Leeds.

Bro. R. F. Andrews came back from a thirty-day lay-off. Bro. Andrews is regular agent at Stillwell. He was relieved by Operator C. W. Bates, formerly third trick operator, who is now working second trick at Argenta, Ark., for the I. M. S. Bro. Andrews double-headed back, and brings a fine girl with him.

Cor.

Northern Kansas Division-

Bro. C. C. Lamme, of Edmond, is back with us again, after a sojourn in the State of Oklahoma.

We find now and then a Western Union wire cut in for the benefit of the Western Union folks.

Bro. P. J. Paulson, formerly of Big Bend, Kan., has embarked in the farming business, and is making good, being relieved by Bro. J. P. Owsley, of Burlington Division 130.

Bro. McCroskey, at Marvin, sick in bed, and no one at the station to do business; seemingly unable to get relief, he was compelled to remain indoors for a few days. Do not know who relieved

Bro. Zimmerman made a kick for the cashier's job at Downs, but changed his mind on account of his holdings at Portis.

Bro. Meredith, at Cawker, doing three men's work, and only taking care of the proceeds until the help proposition is adjusted.

Bro. Stilwell, at Beloit, relieving Bro. Noll while the latter is doing relief agent's duty at various points.

E. H. Crowther, operator at Concordia, away on leave of absence, we presume for all summer, the way it looks.

Bro. Shuler, Clifton, bid in Superior, and got it, being relieved at Clifton by Bro. Larkin, from Netawaka, who bid the Clifton job in.

Bro. Werts has been away on vacation, and of all the specimens that relieved him he is certainly the limit. Man by the name of Jones. From the way he talked to us we would not care to know his past, as the present looks bad enough.

Here we have a sticker at Irving. A man that has worked for the Missouri Pacific all his life. Everything that he is enjoying above \$45.00 per was accomplished through the untiring efforts of the good old O. R. T., yet he never could see his way clear to "jine 'em," and we give him up as a lost cause, and say that he has the most unadulterated nerve that we have had the pleasure (?) of going up against lately.

Bro. A. M. Cobb, Centralia, has exchanged jobs with Bro. C. R. Riggins, of Mt. Clare, Neb.

We have a few nons on the east end who have made some great promises, but following the pursuit of their weird tale of woe, they held aloof.

We noticed on our recent trip over the division that a great many of the boys are doing many things, enduring many things, and sacrificing some of their hard-earned money, simply through their timid disposition of investigating or making any inquiry into their position, being in doubt of the rules or some technicality relative to some rule of the schedule, or the book of rules, and worry away giving the company the benefit of the whole deal; your local chairman supposing that everything is bliss with you, and then when he comes along you have a thousand and one things to tell him of the errors of the officials or the Order, or both. That is just where you should not say a word. Your local chairman must have these complaints, or errors, in writing, and if the officials will not give you justice, we must have evidence to that effect Don't get backward in this respect, boys; come out with a bold front and let the officials believe that you are human, the same as they are; be courteous, attend to business; treat your superior as you would treat any visitor, socially, at the same time remember your official position, and we dare say that he will think you a prince if you live up to it.

Quite a number of the boys have not yet paid up their current dues, but we hope by the time this is in print that every one will have remitted to date. You all want to remember the election is not far distant, and we must all be "on the spot" to vote. We need your support. The division needs your assistance as well as the O. R. T. needs your membership. You can not afford to deny yourself the benefits of the protection of one of the best Orders on earth.

Hoping to greet you again some time in the near future, I am, Fraternally yours,

J. B. BENHAM, Local Chairman.

Southern Kansas Division-

Talk about business, who ever saw more of it on the Southern Kansas Division, Larned District, than there was during August? Extra after extra and Supt. Buck said over 1,400 cars of new wheat moved off the district. The officials found out that trains running without the expensive operators was next to impossible, and result in day and night man put on at Olcott, where there had been no operator in fifteen years before, and night operators at Kingman and Norwich made a telegraph office as formerly. We were all very busy and those of you that needed a clerk during August this year bear this in mind about June 15th next and go after your local superintendent to furnish you one during the wheat season, and from what I know of the situation I think you will get him all right.

Boys are quitting like flies. At Penalosa, Bro. Parrott, agent here for the past four years, resigned to engage in the jewelry business. H. C. Huey, formerly clerk at Kingman, acting agent, a non, but heard enough of the Order under Bro. Mohler, local chairman at Kingman, that he is true blue and before you read this will wear the button, I am sure.

Littrell, at Preston, on a sixty days' leave of absence think will quit and invest his fortune in the store business, at this writing figuring on Harper, Kan.

Bro. Duff, of Hudson, resigns every day as sure as the sun shines and we hope he will never leave us.

Seward, the non-telegraph station, closed about nine months ago, has the time of its life to keep agents; one a week is a low guess.

Dispatcher's office at Conway Springs in account of the rush.

Bro. Martin back at work and sometimes hits the "D's" job,

A. C. Petty, a has been Order man, run out in 1907, and always but never quitting, is one of the bunch.

Bro. J. E. Rickenbrode bid in Oxford.

Belle Plaine has the oldest man in point of seniority on the division; over twenty-one years and he simply thinks the company would not love his way of doing should he ever buy a card.

Bro. H. D. Swift bid in Peru; the boys did not bid for this job strong on account of some one cutting it to \$55.00 when schedule says \$75.00 per. We have a case up now and expect, of course, to collect back pay and restore to wages as per schedule again.

Bro. Bellman, from Michigan, at Niotaze.

Coffeyville, the night man, Bro. Thomas, has resigned and Bro. Sherman, from "RB" yard office, there now.

"RB" has a few new faces, Bro. Chilton has resigned; don't know where he went to. Bro. Ould, a C. T. U. man, working Sherman's trick. Operator Brown working Bro. Childton's trick.

Bro. Davidson spending a few days at Colorado Springs, where all the rich go for a time.

We are in splendid shape as far as membership is concerned. Let's stay that way; pay your dues promptly and live up to your contract. Study it so you know what is expected of you, and be sure and do it the very best you know how, as the company has a right to expect that. Be fair and square when you see any violation of the contract; take up for adjustment right then and there; don't wait, delays are dangerous and expensive. Write your local chairman often and write your next door non at every opportunity. Don't work with one in your office, but get out your good book and convert him to the cause. Don't be afraid to send in your news; make it brief as possible and often.

H. J. Mohler, Local Chairman.

Joplin Division-

Bro. A. H. Cannon, agent at Harrisonville, took two weeks off recently, D. C. Jones relieving.

The glad news of a new and very favorable schedule has been received with much satisfaction, and we should now get down to business as never before to show the company that we appreciate it and we all feel grateful to our committee at St. Louis, who have worked so diligently in our interests.

M. Tiffany is acting agent at Carona until the place is properly bulletined. Who will be the lucky man?

Bro. T. H. Muir, agent at Mound City, off for an indefinite period. D. C. Jines is making the relief

Bro. W. F. Sawrey, agent at Bronaugh, is back from a week's vacation, having been out in Western Kansas visiting his parents; also took in the sights at Kansas City on his return. Bro. C. V. Rowe, of Panama, relieved.

It is rumored that Bro. T. H. Muir is in the Kansas City hospital on account of sickness.

Bro. R. J. Malone is back at the old stand at Archie after a two months' absence. M. Tiffany, now at Carona, made the relief.

C. D. Springer, who has been night owl at Adrain for the past three months, landed the first trick at Harrisonville on bulletin. This office was created September 1st, making Harrisonville open continuously now.

Bro. W. J. Wilson, agent at Fleming, has asked for a two months' leave of absence, but our chief seems to be having considerable trouble in finding the necessary men to make the changes as fast as he is called upon to do so. It appears that men are very scarce at the present time.

Bro. C. M. Wood, agent at Sheldon, also off on a short leave of absence; did not learn who the relieving agent was.



Bro. C. L. Rouse, agent at Chetopa, had a load of wheat stolen from a car a few nights ago and on investigation he found it had been sold to one of the elevators, and on following it up a little farther it developed that his helper was the guilty party and he departed for parts unknown before the police could be notified of the loss. We understand that a special agent has been placed on his trail. Brothers, beware of those helpers; they are generally costly furniture to have around at any price.

Bro. C. E. Fortune, night owl at Rich Hill, took a few days off recently and went up to Kansas City to have his pins repaired. Charley is a fine old boy, but had the misfortune to lose his legs in an accident a few years ago.

We received the news a day or so ago that our split tricks for one man stations is a thing of the past or at least will be as soon as the new schedule goes into effect. This will please some of our worthy brothers who have been keeping late hours without any extra compensation on account of being off for three or four hours in the middle of the day.

The new night man at Cornell refuses to give his name, saying that he has worked for the Katy for the past four years. We can guess the rest. However, his name is C. W. Yancey and of "ham" variety also.

Bro. W. F. Sawrey, agent at Bronaugh, is taking a mail course in stenography this winter along with his other duties. "Spose" we will hear of him in some other line of business some day he can scribble a few hundred words per minute. Mrs. S. is also taking the same course.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Sedalia District-

Bro. R. M. Cook is now located at Dundee permanently.

R. Jegglin, nights at Boonville, is now Bro. Jegglin.

Bro. J. J. Lyons, formerly at Creve Coeur, is now located at Cole Junction.

Bro. Bair, who relieved Bro. Thomas in "DA," Sedalia, in August, has accepted the position as clerk to the chief dispatcher at Nevada.

Bro. Duden, agent at Centretown, has been touring Oklahoma and was relieved at Centretown by Bro. Gunn.

Bro. Williams, agent at Lake City, has been on the sick list and was relieved by Bro. Ebersole.

Night Operator A. H. Tegeler, at Lake City, is now Bro. Tegeler.

Bro. Snapp, agent at Smithton, was off a few days in September on account of sickness.

Bro. Wardell, who has been acting agent at Little Blue, is now at Cole Junction as second trick, and was relieved at Little Blue by R. C. Jeffries.

Bro. Lindsay, who has been working third trick at Independence, has gone to Little Rock, being relieved by Bro. Greer.

Bro. E. L. Powell, Tower Grove, visited his brother, Bro. E. C. Powell, exclusive agent at Holden, a few days this month. Before you read this letter every operator will be supplied with a copy of the new schedule just signed, and a word or two for the good of the Order will not be out of place.

While the new schedule may not be all that we may desire, we must give our committee credit for doing as well as they did, taking into consideration the difficulties under which they were laboring, and every member should take an interest in his work and try and show the officials that we appreciate a contract with the company, and also show them if possible how much better service they receive from the operators where they have a schedule.

I had an opportunity to read some of the examination books filled out by the brothers in July, and it was quite a surprise to me to note how many questions were incorrectly answered.

This gives the officials of the company a bad impression of the operators on our district.

I am satisfied a great many of the errors were caused by haste and probably overconfidence, and believe the boys could all have done much better had they proceeded a little slower.

In order to upbuild the Order, we should, every member of us, take an interest and show the officials that O. R. T. operators are a better class of operators than nons, and we can only do this by taking an interest in the work and being prepared to answer all questions correctly at any and all times, and without a moment's notice.

Now that the end of the year is approaching, let every member on this district make up his mind that he will secure the application of at least one non between now and the first of January, 1909, and I assure you that if each member secures one application we will not have a non on the district.

Every member get to work immediately, and let us see if we can not make this the banner district on the Missouri Pacific system by January 1st, next.

If you are dissatisfied with any of the officials of the division, don't do as one member did a few months ago, drop out of the Order because he did not like one of our officials, but remain in good standing and when the election comes around vote for some brother who you think will better serve you.

Dropping out does not help you the least, but injures you, while remaining a member and voting in men that you consider better fitted for the positions will be of great benefit to you; also to the Order, and is the only feasible way to right the wrongs and keep our Order in first-class condition.

W. L. W.

Central Division-

If each member would send me a few notes we could have a fine write-up every month, and I will do the best I can to have something in the journal each month.

Bro. Nation, at Palarm, has been taking a muchneeded rest, being relieved by Miss Morgan, the night operator.

Bro. Mitchell has returned to Palarm nights; too much excitement at Claremere for him.

Bro. Burgess has taken the ticket clerk and telegraph position at Russellville.

We have lost our worthy Bro. John Westmoreland at Spadra, but wish him success as a farmer.

Bro. Walker resigned the agency at Hartman on account of his health, and bid in the managership at Cherokee Junction.

R. A. Blakely, an old-timer on this line, who has been in mercantile business for the last five years, returned to his happy home as agent at Hartman.

This is my first attempt and trust the boys will help me by sending me all the news. It only takes a few minutes and we can then have something from this division monthly.

v. c. w.

B. & O. Ry.

To All Members System Division No. 33, Pittsburg Division:

For your information I beg to advise that Bro. J. T. Williams, postoffice address, Mars, Pa., has been appointed local chairman, pro tem. for the Western District of the Pittsburg Division, vice Bro. J. J. Lanning, and Bro. W. C. Stafford, postoffice address, 515 Washington street, Mc-Keesport, Pa., local chairman pro tem. for the Eastern District of the Pittsburg Division, vice Bro. H. W. Mason.

Any and all business appertaining to the interest of the organization should be referred to these brothers until further notice.

Yours fraternally, E. N. Van Atta, General Chairman.

Monongah Division-

Some of the boys are taking their vacations the last couple of months.

Bro. J. H. Grossnickel, dispatcher, and wife, from "DE," was taking in the country for a month. Bro. Grossnickel was relieved by Bro. E. L. Willey, extra dispatcher. "HG" resumed duty last Sunday night on second trick, and Bro. R. D. Kelley and family have gone visiting relatives and friends in Lexington, Ill., for about fifteen days. Bro. Kelley relieved by Bro. Willey.

Bro. M. E. Price and wife were taking in Atlantic City for a few days and visiting relatives in Hyndman and Connellsville, Pa. Bro. Price was relieved by Bro. J. M. Stiles.

Bro. T. J. Howatt is up in the mountains on a camping expedition with a lot of the B. R. T. and B. L. F. E. boys, hunting and fishing. Bro. Howatt relieved by Bro. Sweeney, from the Southern.

Bros. H. F. and O. L. Farlow were off for ten or twelve days visiting their parents and friends down in Virginia.

Business has picked up considerable in the last month and everybody is looking for prosperous times again this fall and winter. Hope it will come around all right.

CERT. 1198.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has entered the home of our esteemed brother, C. E. Ogden, and removed from it his beloved grandfather Joseph Linville, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Monongan Division of the B. and O. R. R., Division No. 33. of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to Bro. Ogden our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the record of the division and a copy be sent to The Telegrapher for publication therein.

R. R. Thrasher.

J. C. CAIN, R. E. SMITH,

Committee.

Cleveland Division-

While it is a great inconvenience for the west end boys to attend our meetings, there is no excuse for the east end brothers not getting to Massillon on No. 15 in plenty of time for the meeting. Our winter schedule will likely be in effect next month, and it is hoped that the change of time will be more favorable than at present. Let every brother make special effort to attend the next meeting and make the attendance the largest of any meeting held on this division.

The several appeals in this journal relative to brothers making their remittance for division fund and hall rent has evidently been overlooked, or not considered of any importance, as very few have responded to the request. You understand, brothers, we are at an expense of monthly hall rent, and unless you make remittance our division fund will be very small. Kindly give this prompt

Bro. A. A. Hammell, third trick, "ND" tower, and Bro. O. F. Weaver, New Philadelphia, off one week, taking in sights at Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Detroit. Relieved by Operators Locke and Willmot.

Bro. J. G. Evans, second trick at Beach City, is back again, after being in the hospital at Canal Dover for a few weeks, undergoing an operation. Unable to learn by whom relieved.

Bro. S. B. Shafer, first trick at "ND" tower, off during the month of August, camping a few days near Port Washington, visiting relatives near Columbus and in the western part of the State; relieved by Telegrapher Van Arsdale.

Bro. J. L. Rogers, Tippecanoe, enjoying one week taking in the sights at Columbus State fair. Do not know who relieved Bro. Rodgers.

Bro. Chaney, third trick at Freeport, is taking a three weeks' vacation, being relieved by Operator Van Arsdale.

There is a new man working at Midvale.

A certain telegrapher who has recently come to work on this division, and who has been out of work for the past eight months, said he could not take an eight-hour job without paying his frespects to our Order. Immediately on getting his first pay he paid up, and by this time is carrying an up-to-date card.

Bro. O. R. Baumgardner, of Columbia, has gone to Cambridge, Ohio, to attend the funeral of his father, who accidentally shot himself. We unite in extending our sympathy to Bro. O. R.

Bro. A. C. Myers, of Berea, spent Sunday at Cedar Point.

Bro. A. C. Lampe, of South Brooklyn, was spending several days around Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Telegrapher W. J. Elliott, of Brecksville, has gone to Gladwin, Mich., where he is spending ten days' vacation, and looking after affairs on his ranch. Bro. Martin is acting as agent during his absence.

Bro. Dan Brislen gets second trick at Bridge No. 80 on bid. This puts Bro. Leith on third trick at same office.

Bro. Shank gets first trick at Lorain, vacated by Bro. Stafford, who resigned.

Bro. F. P. Darland and wife, of Canton, are enjoying a visit and traveling through Western States. CERT. 163.

Baltimore Division, Metropolitan Branch-

Many changes have been made on this branch within the past month. Bros. Nichols, Stoffer and Fisher working Washington Junction. Tuscarera has been abolished. Bro. J. B. Williams working the agency there at present. Bros. Meem, Sears and Martin at Dickerson. Bros. Warfel, Crump and White at Barnesville. Bros. J. W. Williams and Lewis on first and third tricks at Boyds; the second trick is being held down by a lady operator and non-member. Bros. Elliott and Haines at Germantown. Bro. Marshall, first trick at Gaithersville. Rockville has been abolished, also Kensington. This was caused by putting the Hall system in operation over this branch.

Bro. Robinson, of Gaithersburg, has taken second trick at "QN" tower, Washington, D. C.

Bro. Warfel, of Barnesville, was off on the 16th and 17th, and made a flying trip to Philadelphia to attend his uncle's funeral. We extend our deepest sympathy for Bro. Warfel and relatives.

Men seem very scarce on this division, our chief having to double some of his men this month to make ends meet. No extra men in sight. Guess they are in the "bluebird" class, going South for the winter.

"DC" freight seems to be moving very slow over here at present. Better soon be getting a heavy supply of rations in the city for the 4th of March, for Bryan is a very heavy eater.

Boys, this is the last chance to remind you in regard to casting your vote on the 3d of November. Be in line and cast your vote early. Bro. J. W. Williams, of Boyds, is stumping this section for our friend, "Bill," and I am sure the old State will undoubtedly fall in Billy's hands.

Main Line-

Mr. S. R. Watkins, of Ellicott City, is quite a "professor," making all kinds of "hams," but do not think any of them can be guaranteed under the Pure Food and Drugs Act, of June 30th, 1906.

Any one that allows a student in his office, and allows him to use the wires, is a "teacher." So, my O. R. T. brothers, be careful. Every one you turn out is a slash across your throat—taking food from your family's mouths. Look into this matter very carefully, and say "no student shall enter my office." I think, in time, you will see where it has benefited you much. You have been asked so often that it is useless for me to write further on this subject.

We have several nons on the main line. We hope to have these men in line by the first of the year, if possible. You brothers working with nons talk to them and try to show them their mistake or error they are making by not becoming a member of the O. R. T.

Boys, take more interest in this division. I am afraid some of you have fallen into "dreamland" since the nine-hour national law went into effect. Wake up and get busy, and let us put the Baltimore Division 100 per cent by January 1st.

Bro. McCardell, who has been on the sick list for some time, has resumed second trick at Gaithers. Bro. J. W. Loeher working second trick at Hollofield at present.

New man at Nanrovia. Is he up-to-date?

Wish some brother on the Washington branch would furnish me with a few notes each month about the 20th, so we can represent the main line, and both the Metropolitan and Washington branches in our write-ups. "73" to all.

CERT. 1546.

Eastern District, Newark Division-

R. H. Selby is a recent addition to our extra list. I understand his card is of the current tint.

P. L. Mahaffey, a former instructor in the Mercdith telegraph school at Zanesville, resigned his position some time ago, filed his application for admission to the Order, and is now a member. He is now employed at Pleasant Valley in a position recently vacated by a young man who would not join the O. R. T. because it permits non-members to work on organized roads. He is now at large without a card.

A. P. Hodge has returned to the B. & O. after a prolonged absence in various fields of experience.

H. L. and F. R. Thomas went to Columbus to visit friends, and while there F. R. was suddenly attacked by appendicitis, and was compelled to undergo an operation. At this writing he is meading rapidly, and his recovery is assured.

E. E. Kisling, first trick man at Salesville, is enjoying a vacation, and is being relieved by Dispatcher Mandenhall, of the Newark force.

A. P. McNees, of the Cambridge Big Six, is attending the Knight Templar's Conclave at Cincinnati.

H. A. Whipps, second trick man at New Concord, and his wife, are spending a few days with friends near Marion, Ohio. Miss Dennis, of the Cassell force, is relieving Bro. Whipps.

A. B. Lebold, first trick man at Pleasant Valley, has been critically ill for a few days, but he is out of danger at this writing.

H. J. Drushal, who was recently transferred from the telegraph department to the transportation department, owing to color-blindness, has been assigned to the exclusive agency at New Concord, where he will be employed during the six months' furlough of Agent Seaton.

A. B. Cunningham has been assigned to the second trick at Cassell. He is devoting his spare time to a course of instruction in the college at New Concord. I understand that he expects to fit himself for the ministry. If he intends to apply himself to missionary work in the O. R. T. jungle, he must secure his diploma in the near future, for that rare genius of unparalleled nerve, the non, is rapidly fading from human view.

Will Carr, of West Alexander, Pa., spent a few hours with friends at New Concord last week. Bro. Carr was for many years an active and efficient member of the General Committee, and is well known throughout the B. & O. System Division. Billy has lately been elected mayor of the thrifty little town in which he lives, and all the erstwhile malefactors of his balliwick have either reformed or migrated to Ohio.

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New Castle Division-

Bro. H. D. Purdy, first trick at Akron Junction, off a couple of days on account of sickness in the family. Bro. Gray and Mr. McLaughlin doubled the first day, working twelve hours each. Bro. Lackeye worked the second day.

Bro. C. E. Marshall, second trick at "XN" tower, away visiting a few days; relieved by G. A. McBride. Bro. Marshall has bid in third trick at Newton Falls, and will move there the first of October. Bro. Post working the trick at present.

Bro. Brown is taking six weeks' vacation and making a tour of the United States, going to California via the Great Northern; returning via the Southern Pacific. We wish him a pleasant trip. Bro. Barrett, who was bumped out of third trick at "UN" tower, is working third trick at Ravenna on account of being familiar with the plant. Bro. Barrett bumped Bro. Hill from Lowellville, second trick. Bro. Hill had just been assigned to the job, this being his first regular position, and he had it less than a week.

It is now Bro. Fearer, at "FS" tower, second trick, while the position is being advertised, he having made the necessary move September 1st.

Bro. Benedict, who was on a six months' leave of absence from third trick at Newton Falls, bid in third trick at P., Y. & A. crossing.

Bro. S. G. Russell has bid in second trick at Niles Junction. Bro. Etter working it during bulletin.

Bro. Yant, who was bumped out of Lodi, first trick, by Bro. Milburn, from Painesville on account of Painesville office being closed, has taken first trick at Ohio Junction. Bro. Davis has not yet decided what position to choose.

Bro. Bedell, who took second trick at New Castle Junction when he was bumped from first trick at Akron Junction, was off several days recently on account of sickness and death of his little boy; relieved by Bro. G. E. Fisher. Bro. Bedell extends his thanks to the brothers for the flowers and the kind message of sympathy.

Bro. C. M. Trussell decided he preferred third trick at "UN" tower, so our non, Mr. Wallace, was not disturbed. Mr. Wallace has been holding a \$65.00 position for several months, and it seems to us that he could do the right thing if he was so disposed.

Get the habit of paying your dues, and then keep the habit. It will come easy when you get used to it. If any one has an idea in their heads that now we have the eight-hour day, there is nothing more to expect, they had better get that idea out. We need more money, and will get it if every man does his part. We do not need and can not take less money, and will not have to if each one does their duty to themselves, their families and the Order by getting in line and staying there. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and a constantly strong organization is the guarantee that our wage scale will not be attacked.

Bro. Browning, agent at Middlefield, has been promoted to the agency at Chardon. Mr. A. C. Anderson, formerly agent at Chardon, has left the service and purchased a farm, and will try the simple life.

Bro. C. A. Brillhart, third trick at Lodi, off a few days recently moving his family from Easton to Lodi. A few days later Bro. Brillhart accepted the agency at Middlefield, and will now move his family to Middlefield. "CA" seems to be having his share of moving for a man sixteen years in the service. Mr. T. P. Freeland is now working third trick at Lodi.

Bro. A. Gillety, second trick at Sterling, spent a short vacation visiting with relatives in Ashland, accompanied by his wife and daughter. Bro. G. A. McBride working second trick during Bro. Gillety's absence.

Bro. P. W. Adams, first trick at Sterling, spent several days with his parents at Easton; relieved by Bro. Lackeye.

Bro. Kehres, who had the second trick at West Farmington, has been assigned to Painesville yard office as clerk.

We can not help but agree that there should be some change in our seniority agreement whereby a man could tell when he was located in a position, and make himself at home. It is right to take care of the old men, but to take care of three or four old men at the expense of twenty others does not look as good as it might. It was never contemplated when our present rule was agreed upon that it would result in wholesale bumping, or it would never have been put in, we feel sure.

Bro. E. B. Smith, days at Easton, "SK" office, off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Harpster. Bro. Harpster worked one Sunday at "X" office recently on account of sickness in Bro. Stephenson's family. "SK" office closed for the day.

Mr. Cold Feet, if you have not paid your dues for the current term, it is time for you to take a tumble to yourself. If you want to get back to the twelve-hour day and \$40.00 per you know how to do it, and that in a hurry, and Mr. Non, who never paid a cent for the benefits you are enjoying, do you feel a little bit ashamed of your hoggish self, or would you like to have six hours overtime pay for two hours' work, as we understand one thing of the species non who is occupied in running a ham factory tried to collect at the same time he was yelling at the top of his voice that the O. R. T. was no good. No, it is not good enough to be used to rob the company on overtime. We want what is coming to us; no more, no less, and we are going to get it regardless of a few inventors.

DIV. COR.

West End, Chicago Division-

Boys, you surely have been told times without number when our meetings are held. We have a regular meeting night and there is no excuse why more of you should not try to get out. Is it a matter of requesting transportation, or don't you want to take the trouble to attend? This surely shows a lack of interest on your part, and there is no excuse as to train service, as we have the best of train service on both ends, which will enable at least two-thirds of the membership from both ends to attend. We are paying \$3 per night for hall rent and, as you know, this is one night each month, and you should all try to go once in a while.

We hear complaints that the division operator is running the O. R. T. to suit himself on this division. If you do not like the way he is doing business, why don't you come out to the meetings and let the committee know what your kick is; that is what they are for, and they are ready and willing to listen to your grievances, and if you do your part of the work it is a sure thing they will more than do theirs.

Bro. A. R. Moore, from the dispatcher's office at Garrett, went down to Syracuse Lake the 24th, was out on the lake at 7 a. m. and came in at 9:45 a. m., and had a string of twenty-one blue gills.

Bro. A. C. Boomershine, third trick man at Kimmell, has been taking a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Operator Clark, who will be in the ranks next pay-day.

Bro. A. P. Webster, first trick at Kimmell, has been relieving the agent at that place for a few days.

Bro. A. H. Fisher, who has been working the third trick at Nappare, extra, has been taken out of the service temporarily, pending further investigation.

Bro. W. D. Melendy, regular third trick man at Syracuse, has left the service.

Bro. Halterman, of Wellsboro, is off on vacation; relieved by Operator Pierce. Pierce left the service of the B. & O. last winter and was then up-to-date, but says "the panic put him on the hummer financially," and soon as he gets a payday will renew his acquaintance with the O. R. T. Pierce is one we can count on, all right.

Bro. M. W. Bishop is working third trick at Alida. Bro. Bishop comes from the Pennsylvania.

Bro. F. M. Thornton resumed duty on second trick at Alida, after having enjoyed a three weeks' vacation with relatives in Michigan.

Bro. J. C. Rothenberger and wife, of Suman, have just returned from Northern Wisconsin, where Bro. Rothenberger has been spending his vacation, hunting.

Ray Lansing, working third trick at Suman until that vacancy is filled.

Bro. R. G. DeBelt, from the Big Four, is holding down third trick at "JD," Wolf Lake yards, "VN," has turned over his card for transfer to Division No. 33.

Bro. G. E. Salvo is working second trick extra at McCools. Understand he will bid it in regular, as it is advertised.

Wish to thank the brothers who have taken enough interest in the work for the notes that have been received for this write-up. Now, boys, can't we take just a little more interest and try to attend meetings regularly. It doesn't cost anything to do it, and, besides you could not employ your time better while off duty. Try to make it a part of your duties to come out and help make things lively. There are many questions of importance at each meeting that needs your attention, and will also make our local chairmen feel that you are helping them out. ISER,

Frisco Ry.

LEASBURG, Mo., August 24, 1908.

To Members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers:

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS-Allow me to ask your assistance while I am in a helpless condition and without any means to secure treatment or attention. I have been paralyzed in my lower limbs and unable to move them since April 24, 1907. Just sixteen months today I left the key and went to the hospital in St. Louis, where I was in bed for five months, unable to turn without aid, and underwent two very serious operations in having a portion of five vertebras of the spine removed. This gave me much relief, and I got able to set up and can now set up several hours each day and feel that if I can secure proper aid I will soon be able to return to my work again. My nerves are badly irritated, and the doctors say it will take some time, and some advise me to go to Claremore Springs, Okla., and take treatment, while others request me to try the osteopathy, or magnetic doctors. I have no means to secure either, but with the help of friends I expect to secure the required amount to go to the springs and take baths and get the osteopathic treatment also, as I am informed that both can be secured at Claremore. I have no folks to look to for any aid or assistance, and people who take care of me expect pay. It is my first experience, being without money and helpless, and if it would give me the use of one limb to have the other one amputated, I would sooner give up the limb than to call upon my friends and fellow workmen for support or aid, but under my conditions I see no

other way. Any member that feels so disposed to assist me, I will be very thankful to them, no matter how small the amount, it will be gladly received, and I will receipt each one through the columns of the O. R. T. journal.

Yours fraternally, E. C. WALLS, DIV. 32, CERT. 485.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

Chicago Division, Terre Haute District-

Now, boys and brothers, it's up to us to help with this nine-hour law. If you do not understand this law, get a copy and read up on it. The other morning I heard an operator talking to our chief dispatcher. The operator was working first trick on account of first trick man being sick. He asked the chief when he would be relieved. The chief asked him how long he had been on duty and why he had not said something about it before that time. He asked him if he knew he was only allowed to work twelve hours. The operator did not know how long he was supposed to work and hardly knew when and how long he had been on duty. Now, let's help out by letting the chief know how long we have been on duty, when we have to work overtime.

Bro. D. M. Adams, third trick "OC" Junction, who has been off a few days, is being relieved by Operator Terry. On Bro. Adams' return, Bro. Andrews, second trick at "OC" Junction, laid off a few days; also relieved by Operator Terry.

"13" Operator Rice can now be called brother. Bro. Rice is working third trick at Jackson.

Bro. Allen, second trick at "HY" tower, off a few days on account of sickness; being relieved by Bro. Rice. Bro. Case had to work through until 6 o'clock until Bro. Rice could get on the job.

Bro. L. C. Adams, formerly of the Big Four, is working extra on this division.

Wouldn't those nons kick if we O. R. T. men would get a \$5.00 raise and it would leave the nons out. How quickly they would come across and get that little card. Now, brothers, all come in with that little news you can find and send in by the 21st or 22d, and this division will be we'll represented.

DIV. COR.

Danville District-

There was a meeting held in Chicago on September 13th, with a very small attendance, although invitation cards were sent all over the division, and there surely can not be any excuse for so small a number being present as there was. While it is impossible for the first trick men to go to a meeting without getting relief, it seems that more of the third trick men could attend these meetings than do, and without getting a man to relieve them. Now the next meeting we have as many go as possibly can and have a good meeting.

"HN" tower is on the eight-hour list now, which is much more satisfactory than the nine-hour lap. Thanks to our chief. Mr. C. H. Terry, who has been on the extra list for some time, has accepted the agency at Jamesburg, and is going to move there soon. We trust that the good brothers on the Sidel Branch will not overlook the fact that he is a non, and all that would be necessary would be to explain to him that it is the right thing to be an O. R. T. man.

The agent at St. Anne has resigned his position and is to be relieved soon. This will cause an opening for some good man and put some of the brothers in line of promotion.

Pittwood station is now bulletined and open to the oldest qualified employe.

Relief agent, Bro. G. V. Gladville, has taken St. Anne temporarily until the change can be

Bro. Johnson, third trick at Bismarck, off a few days; relieved by Bro. L. C. Adams.

Bro. F. R. Bolla, second trick at Coaler, off a few days; relieved by Bro. L. C. Adams.

How about a meeting at Terre Haute or Danville soon?

We hope to see a new schedule soon or the old one buried, and meanwhile send your correspondent all the items you can get hold of, that we may make a showing every month. Wish to thank the brothers for the interest they are taking, as I have received more items this month than at any time previous.

DIV. COR.

Villa Grove District-

The hams and nons are not so thick, as a number of them are seeing the right side and coming in out of the cold, but there are some hard shells that are not willing to join the Order.

Bro. A. G. Mack, first trick, Glover, is spending his summer vacation with his parents at Wanatah, Ind. Bro. Mack relieved by Mr. C. J. Shoots.

Bro. H. Bylander, third trick Block, has just received his first card. We are glad to call him brother. Mr. Pearl Thompson, agent at Block, has sent for the necessary papers, and we hope to call him brother by the time this is in print.

Mr. W. S. Simpson, third trick at Gerald, has got the papers all filled out and is only waiting for pay-day. We will be glad to call him brother in the near future.

Mr. McFadden, second trick, Gerald, says that now we have the eight-nour day he can not see why there is any use in joining the Order and paying out money for what we have already got. It's a pity how far some people can see, and we are glad that there are not many that hold such a shallow view as he does.

Mr. J. R. Wilson, agent, and Mr. G. W. Green, third trick at Rielly, have the papers and promise to make good pay-day. A new brother is always welcome.

Mr. Green, third trick at Rielly, is relieving Mr. Roberts, second trick at Block, for thirty days. Mr. Wilson relieved by his son Roy.

Mr. L. D. Barnard, agent at Bryce, was off for a few days; relieved by relief agent, Bro. G. V. Gladville. Mr. D. A. Hoover, agent at Fountain Creek, is out of the fold, and he is another that can not see that the Order is doing any good.

Now, just a few words to the good brothers along this branch. I think this is the first writeup in the history of the O. R. T. from this branch, and now we have a start let us, one and all, try to keep it up. There are several nons yet, but if we will all try just a little we will soon have the majority of them in our ranks, and do not forget to send some items to the division correspondent or the general chairman, who will see that they reach the correspondent.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Death has visited the family of our esteemed brother, Cawson Ingle, and removed therefrom his beloved wife, be it

Resolved, That in her death Bro. Ingle has suffered an irreparable loss of a devoted wife; and be it further

Resolved, That the C. & E. I. System Division, No. 34, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved brother its sincere sympathy in his sorrow, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved brother and a copy to The Telegrapher for publication.

J. V. PHILLIPS, W. MANGRAM, E. R. SONGER, Committee

Erie Ry.

Allegheny Division-

Now if one or two of the brothers east of Summit will send me a "bit" of news about the 18th of each month, from the east end, as to who is laying off and who is filling his place, etc., I will take care of the news west of Summit, and we will have something in the journal each month.

Brothers, have you all paid your dues yet? We should all be paid up by this date sure, as our General Committee can not do business on wind.

Has that non said anything lately about going in? At this late day he surely must know and realize what the O. R. T. has done for him. It don't seem to me as though there were more excuses left that he can offer.

I do not know just how many nons there are on the division, but think not many. Just write Local Chairman Bro. Karl and he will furnish you blanks.

All brothers who could do so attended the funeral of Bro. D. L. Sullivan, which took place at Wellsville, N. Y., September 11th. A beautiful funeral design was offered by his brother telegraphers from the Allegheny Divison.

DIV. COR.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has been the will of Divine Providence to remove from our midst Bro. D. L. Sullivan; therefore, in token of esteem and respect for our brother telegrapher, be it Resolved, That Division No. 42, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the records of our division, a copy sent to the deceased brother's family, and one to The Railroad Telegrapher.

> J. F. KARL, E. T. DALEY, J. C. REYNOLDS,

Committee.

Lima and Chicago Divisions-

This year, up to June 27th, we have taken in 144 new members and ten by transfer, and now have over 1,000 members. That is certainly not a bad showing. However, we still have a large field to work on. Many of the old heads who have been working on the Erie for years, and taking advantage of every concession that the O. R. T. has been able to get, and yet refuse to come in and give us their support, and these same men are the very first to send in their overtime slips, and always want the best tricks that are to be had, notwithstanding they have never contributed one cent to the cause. It is certainly galling to see a big pin-headed non sit in his office and look wise, and tell the natives of his town how "we killed the bear," and at the same time have an office full of students instructing them how to cut his own throat, as well as the rest of us; but we have always had this element to contend with, and I presume we always will have. We have on the Chicago and Erie Divisions a large number of good workers, and then we have quite a number who pay their dues promptly and then stop at that, and expect some one else to do the work. However, we appreciate that much of it, at least; but every member should appoint himself a committee of one to do business on his own hook, and not wait for some one to tell him what to do, as the path that we should travel certainly looks very plain, and if we expect to be treated as men, we will have to get up and do something for ourselves. Now, brothers, from the fact that a great many of you are working eight or nine-hour tricks, that it will always go on that way without any further effort on our part. This next winter will be the trying time, after the election is over, when the railroads will leave no stone unturned to put us back on the twelve-hour basis. I presume there are not a great many that would like that. So let us all get busy, and keep the ball rolling now that we have it started our way. Every brother should make a desperate effort to get out to the meetings. Every three-man office should send at least one man. Come out and see what is going on, and have your say. That is what makes things interesting.

It seems hard even to get a few items out of the brothers. However, this time the boys down on the Lima Division have done much better in that line than the Chicago Division boys.

Bro. Sutton, first trick at "MJ" tower, Marion, has left the service of the Erie, and will locate elsewhere. Bro. Sutton has been with us thirteen years, and is a first-class man in every respect.

Bro. Krautter working first trick at "MJ" tower until advertised. Mr. Abbott working second trick. Mr. Myers working third trick until assignment is made.

Morans Switch cut down to one nine-hour trick. Bro. Smith fills the chair.

At DeCliff we find the very old Professor Wilson as agent and first trick operator. Professor Wilson, we understand, was at one time agent at Markel, Indiana. Later professor (?) of the Erie School of Telegraphy at Kenton, but when the O. R. T. made it possible for him to get an eight or nine-hour trick he returned to railroading, and, we understand, he is still putting the finishing touches on some of his old students.

At Hepburn we find Mr. Spencer as agent and operator on a nine-hour trick which the O. R. T. furnished him, but has never had the time nor the inclination to come in, though Mr. Spencer has been with the Erie for the last twenty years.

"KN" tower, Kenton, now solid O. R. T. Bro. Brown, third trick at that point, spent his vacation in Tennessee.

Bro. McCoubrey, formerly agent at Alger, has resigned and gone into the banking business.

Mr. A. L. Creps, agent at Westminster, came into the Order about a year ago, paid six months' dues, but kept right on teaching students; in fact, the obligation which he signed never caused him for a minute to turn a student away, and he has new dropped out for good and for all, and the consensus of opinion is that it is the best thing he could have done for himself, as well as the O. R. T.

Bro. C. R. Phillips, first trick at "SJ" tower, and wife, were called to Forest, September 2d, by the death of Col. J. E. Mabbey, brother of Mrs. Phillips.

C. F. Hollar, second trick at "SJ" tower, will start on an extended trip through the West next week.

Bro. L. C. Coomler, third trick at "SJ" tower, is now on his vacation visiting relatives in Indiana.

Bro. C. N. Aldrich and wife took in the sights in New York City last week, and report having a good time. Bro. Aldrich was relieved by Bro. Rorn.

Mr. Harvey, from Alger, working third trick at "SJ" tower during Bro. Coomler's absence.

Bro. Thatcher, third trick at Lima, attended camp meeting south of town during the month of July.

At Kemp, we understand, Mr. Dersham, who has been at that point for a number of years as agent, can not see his way to come into the Order, but readily accepts an O. R. T. trick, and has plenty of time to instruct his students.

Bro. Harbison, the oldest head on the Lima Division, is working first trick at "SV" tower, and Bro. Roe on second trick. No report of the third man.

Bro. A. L. Dempster, an old Erie boy, is now working third trick at Bluffton, Ohio, on the L. E. & W.

Bro. Cole now working second trick at "DA" tower, dividing his time between "DA" and the freight office.

Bros. J. P. Hill and Joe Grim have been very busy of late digging their potato crop along the Erie right-of-way.

Bro. Shipley, first trick at Rochester, has just returned from his annual fishing trip, and reports some whoppers.

C. A. Burris has been assigned to second trick at Palmer. J. S. Burris to third trick, same tower.

Bro. George Huron has been appointed agent at Crown Point.

BILL DALTON.

Mahoning Division-

The meeting held at Warren, Saturday night, September 19th, was well attended by both Meadville and Mahoning Division. Local Chairman Lawrie presided and explained what the General Committee had done at Salamanca last week while in session, and just before closing a committee was appointed to arrange for a feed and smoker for meeting nights in October and November, which will be October 17th and November 21st. So. now, don't forget the dates, and come out and get something to eat and smoke, meet old friends and make some new ones. The hall is on the third floor of the block on the corner of Market street and Park avenue, over the Union National Bank.

C. R. Morgan, first trick at Hubbard tower, was off for a week.

W. S. Lawric has moved his family from Leavittsburg to Warren.

A. J. Klinite bid in first trick at "WH" tower. Miss Dorothy Dean, of Girard, relieved R. A. Stroup, second trick at Phalanx, a few days.

The young lady students in dispatcher's office have all gone to the Ohio State Telegraph School, Youngstown, to finish the course.

W. J. Harney, former third trick man at De Forest tower, has gone to the Nickel Plate Road. W. H. Owens is back to work at first trick at De Forest tower, after a week's vacation.

F. E. Brooks, second trick at De Forest tower, is off for thirty days. This puts Ray Caster third trick man on in Brooks' place, and Extra Man H. H. Hatch, of Garrettsville, working third trick.

Wm. Armstrong, first trick man at "CB" tower, has returned to work after thirty days' vacation. Armstrong took in the sights at Chicago, and got rid of his summer's wages.

On account of street car competition one passenger run each way has been taken off of the N. & L. branch.

W. H. Ludt, present manager at Leavittsburg office, is off; relieved by Geo. Hemple, former manager at that office.

W. V. Saltsman, second trick man at Garrettsville, is back at work, after being off sick.

DIV. COR.



New York Division-

For some time past I have been convinced that we have altogether too many good members doing nothing for the good of the Order.

Since the enactment of the eight and nine-hour laws, as well as in the changes in the offices, the constant coming and going that never ceases, we have too many non-members. Some few of the non-members will never be anything else, and if there were none but them to be expected it would be an object lesson to return to old conditions. You must know that no matter how good our membership may be, it will not remain so without individual effort, constant watchfulness and determination to keep it so. I want to be certain that you fully appreciate the good work so far accomplished, against selfish interests and prejudice, and that you fully realize that in order to forestall any backward step we must be constantly on guard. Simply being a member is not all that is expected or required of any of us. Each and every member has a vital interest and concern in the living, breathing force of our organization, in its perpetuity and ever enervating, moral and material force, thorough organization, and active membership are absolutely necessary to success. This is a plea for a broader and deeper comradeship, a greater intelligent self-interest, a better understanding of what your organization is and your duty toward it, and that you must understand that your organization is what the individual members working together make it.

Regular meetings at Paterson on the fourth Saturday evenings of each month. Regular meetings at Chester every third Tuesday morning of each month. Occasional meetings at Jersey City, due notice of which will be given. The Jersey City meetings are held for the convenience of east side line members, but there is no good reason why first trick men as far west as Sagyern can not attend. All who can do so should attend regularly, and encourage and help out in making the meetings a success from a business and social point of view. Fraternally yours,

F. W. C., Local Chairman.

Canadian Northern Ry.

To All Members:

Dear Sirs and Brothers—Bro. J. E. McDermott, of Richmond Hill, Ont., being the only regularly nominated candidate for the chairmanship of this organization on the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway, is hereby declared elected.

Yours fraternally.

E. G. SKELDING, Gen. S. and T.

Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

Denver to Trinidad and Pueblo to Salida-

Business seems to be picking up considerably, and all of the extra men are being kept pretty

Understand they have put another man on at Louviers, making it a two-man station. Bro. C. E.

Lorton is working the second trick there at present. Have not heard who bid it in.

After a very hard fight one of the Palmer Lake boys has finally succeeded in getting off, Extra Operator Gaskins working second trick there while Bro. Merrow is taking a trip to Salt Lake. Bros. Euwing and Melcher say they will see that Mr. Gaskins does not leave Palmer Lake until they have had their vacation, also. Mr. Gaskins has already asked for blanks, and will take out an up-to-date card soon.

Bro. H. L. Swan, of Pinon, bid in first trick at Portland. Bro. Jenkins, of Kelker, bid in second trick at "DN," Denver. Bro. P. A. Lutz working first trick at "SB," Pueblo, at present. Bro. T. C. Bailey, agent at Huerfano, laying off ninety days; relieved by Bro. O. E. Bain. Bro. Bain bid in third trick at Huerfano, which he will assume when relieved by Bro. Bailey. Bro. Clarence Heber, second trick at Huerfano, has been off thirty days visiting friends and relatives in St. Louis; relieved by R. L. Sheldon, who, on Bro. Helber's return, went to Eden. Bro. Slokis, of Division 33, working third trick at Huerfano at present.

Mr. A. M. Chapman, second trick at Cuchara Junction, has been off for ten days fishing and hunting around Laveta, but don't think he fished out an up-to-date yet.

Bro. M. C. Sally, of Canon City, bid in second trick at Portland. Bro. Aldrich, of Barnes, bid in second trick at Canon City. Cashier at Canon City has resigned. Mr. Schank, of Ohio, is holding down the cashiership there at present.

Bro. Kearney, who has been working second trick, extra, at Portland, says he don't know where he is going, but he's on his way.

Bro. Richards, of Vallie, on the sick list at present, and is being relieved by an extra man whose name I am unable to learn at this writing.

Bro. Defenbaugh, of Gorge, worked at Vallie a few nights until they could get an extra man; closing up the office at Gorge for two or three nights.

CERT. 545.

Southern Pacific Ry.

Los Angeles Division—

We have quite a bunch of nons working with us now and each member should appoint himself a committee of one to convert every non in the neighborhood. Don't wait for some other brother, but be up and doing yourself. A great many of us look to the local chairman to seek the nons, but how can you expect our chairman to be advised if we all wait for the other fellow to advise him. Make it your duty to have in your possession at all times a set of application blanks and when Mr. Non shows up take him around the corner and tell him about it. Show him why he should be up-to-date, tell him about our Mutual Benefit Department, and all the other good things that go with an organization like ours. Surely no fair-minded man can resist our invitation if he is approached in the proper manner. You brothers who are working with nons get busy. Glad to say

we have no nons in this office, and they get no rest when they do show up until they come across.

Your attention is called to the fact that several of the members on this division have been violating the Federal law. It is the wish of the Order, as well as the company, that the law be strictly adhered to by all concerned, and we, as members, should see that there is no violations. Not only the company, but you, are liable to a heavy fine. Sixteen hours off duty should be plenty of time to attend to your personal duties, and if not you should lay off and not impose on the good nature of your brother telegrapher, and lay him liable to a fine. We are all well pleased with our eight- and nine-hour tricks, and now that we have them let us all live strictly up to the law. It is important that we do this, as we know the attitude of the railroads towards this law and, no doubt, they are making note of all irregularities with a view of presenting them to Congress, that they might get rid of the law.

There seems to be some dissatisfaction on account of the new hours and I think a majority are justified in being dissatisfied. The men who bid in second trick positions under the old hours were handed a lemon when the present hours were inaugurated. Both tricks present the meal-hour proposition that is hard to get around. It is almost impossible for a man boarding at a hotel to arrange for his meals when working second or third trick. Second trick man, going to work at 5 p. m., leaves too early for supper, and third trick man, relieved at 9 a. m., is too late for breakfast. The single men in most small towns are up against a hard proposition, owing to limited accommodations.

Bro. B. D. Locke relieved Bro. Misner as agent at Ogilby, Misner going to Dodgeville as second trick operator.

Mr. Mason, Ogilby, third trick, declines to accept our invitation for his application, after having the brothers explain the problem of the day to him.

Bro. E. E. Glancy is off on a vacation. Have not learned who relieved Eddy.

Our friend, Mr. Riddle, at Edom, got into serious trouble last month when he allowed himself to use a forty-eight-caliber Colts on a Mexican. Mr. Riddle claims the Mexican disturbed his sleep and proceeded to perforate him, for which he was promptly dispatched to Riverside jail. Understand he requested bail from the company, but it was not forthcoming, and Mr. R. had to dig down and come across with some of his money. One would have thought the company would have stood by Mr. R., as he stood by them so gallantly in San Francisco while the committee was trying to get in a schedule. This ought to be a good lesson to some of the nons.

Bro. C. H. Plunkett has taken his assigned position at Pomona.

Bro. Jimmy Alexander has taken his assigned position at Palm Springs.

Bro. C. A. Kemp and wife are away on a vacation to the great Northwest. Understand C. A. goes to Palm Springs as agent on his return.

Bro. J. R. Russell is doing the agent stunt at Indio for the present.

Bro. Bell spent his vacation at the beaches and report a pleasant time; relieved by Bro. Lacey, Bro. Lacey going later to Mammoth to relieve Bro. Spraggings, who has gone to town.

Bro. Kindig has returned to third trick at Palm Springs, after visiting relatives in the Middle West. Bro. Scott, who relieved "KN," is taking his vacation in Los Angeles.

Mr. Muse relieved Bro. Fitzpatrick as agent at Palm Springs, Bro. Fitz going to his assigned position as second trick operator at Mecca. That Mr. would look better if it had Bro. in front of it.

Bro. Sheppard, formerly agent at Salton, was heard of on the wire recently. Bro. Shep. has been going to college since leaving this division, and reports much progress, but says he has a longing for the Los Angeles Division.

Bros. G. E. Foster and A. C. Goodell, of Colton, are spending their vacation sight-seeing through the East.

Bro. H. H. Brannon, El Casco, is away on an extended trip through the East and Southeast; relieved by Mr. Williams.

Bro. J. A. Butler returned to Beaumont from his tour of the New England States August 1st, relieving Bro. Ward as first trick operator; Bro. Ward relieved Bro. G. M. Russell, who, in turn, relieved Bro. Bill Purcell. Bill is going to Los Angeles for a few days.

Since the closing of the passenger office at Colton, freight conductors have to walk quite a distance for their tissues and clearances. Bros. Doty, Dearing and Pickley are doing the stunts.

Two or three of the boys who have dropped out, claiming to have a grievance against the O. R. T., when questioned about it, it don't seem to convince any one except themselves that they have a grievance. Seems more to my idea of doing business if they were to tell the proper officials about it, in place of dropping out, as they gain nothing and lose all.

Bro. R. M. Scott and Operator Prey (can't say if he is a brother) were sent to Tucson with instructions to report to Mr. Stewart for work. Guess this is only a temporary arrangement, and the boys will soon be with us again.

CERT. 1826. CERT. 1763.

M. L. and T., and La. Western Division-

While to all outward appearances the O. R. T. boys seem to be sound asleep down here, it would not be safe for any one to think so. It should be the pride of every telegrapher in the United States to carry the "talisman" of his profession, and each issue of our noble journal shows us that they are awakening to the fact that united we should, and will be in the future, the greatest body of skilled brain-workers in the world.

It is well known that "supply and demand" of any commodity is the foundation of prices, and with the hundreds of miles of new railroads being built each year, the hundreds of new stations opened, and additional telegraphers needed to fill the new positions created on account of the national nine-hour law, there should be a greater demand for good men than ever in the next few months.

We have had so many changes on these two divisions, in the last few months, that it is hard to keep track of them.

Our last bulletin shows the following agencies vacant and open for filing: Hayes, Opelousas, Cheneyville, Franklin and Alexandria, Telegraph positions: Cheneyville, second trick; Franklin, third trick; LaFayette, second trick; Lake Charles, second trick and Algiers, third trick.

Assignments on July bulletin: P. J. Boudreaux, first trick, Houma; J. M. Sargent, second trick, Des Allemands; J. G. Castleberry, third trick Cheneyville.

The Alexandria agency is being held temporarily by D. L. Caffery, a non-telegrapher from Lafayette freight office; Opelousas by F. G. Tubbs; Franklin by J. C. Lobdell, a new man on the line, and Cheneyville by Bro. J. W. Greer.

I understand the Chacahoula agency will be open on the next bulletin, R. A. Wollf, regular agent, having left the service, and the place is now being filled by relief agent, Bro. C. G. Mosely.

Bro. C. J. Baggesse, who has been holding down the Houma first trick so long, has at last landed the Gold Dust agency, and was checked in on September 24th. I understand he does not like it very much because he can not find a house to live in.

T. D. Walsh, first trick telegrapher at Morgan City, is laying off on account of sickness in the family, being relieved by second trick man, L. S. Byrd; second trick man, in turn, is being relieved by Bro. A. H. LeBorde.

Our worthy local chairman, Bro. O. Kilpatrick, is away on a vacation; relieved by Bro. J. L. Mc-Intire, who is doing all possible to keep things lined up while Bro. Kilpatrick is away.

It would be hard to say who is working in the "FY," LaFayette, relay office. There seems to be so many new ones working there lately, but I believe they have settled down to Sister Lucy Scarle and Miss Eleanor Roy.

Now, brothers and sisters, let's resolve ourselves into committees of one and land a new member this month. We are getting quite a lot of new men on the line, and I know there is lots of material to work on, so let us get busy before it is too late.

CERT. 1469.

El Paso District-

Bro. A. E. Polk, third trick at Sierra Blanca, has returned from a twenty days' vacation.

Mr. A. W. Lawrence, regular second trick man at Sanderson, is now on sixty-day leave of absence. Understand he is in Omaha. Night Chief Redding is on vacation, Mr. Roberts relieving him in El Paso.

Bro. Jessen is relieving Bro. O. A. Tryon, third trick at Sanderson, for a few days.

Business seems to be picking up steadily, and prospects of opening up a few more night offices are a little brighter.

CERT. 2154.

San Joaquin District, South End-

The boys at Santa Barbara have been taking their vacations lately.

Bro. Maltby just got back to work; was relieved by Bro. Sheppard, of the Los Angeles Division.

Bro. Malott, operator at "Q," is laying off, and has gone East with his family to visit relatives in Kentucky for five or six weeks. He was relieved by Miles, a C. T. U. of A. man from the Postal at San Francisco, who, after ten days, was relieved by Bro. Rhine, Miles going to the north end.

Bro. Cecil still holding dcwn "SB" days. Bro. Oakley on nights and Bro. Dickenson on the split trick.

The yard office is now closed on Sundays from noon until 9 p. m. and from 2 to 7 a. m.

Smith, formerly baggage man at "Q," is now holding down the ticket job, and will be a brother as soon as eligible.

Bro. McFee, at Carpinteria, is thinking of taking a vacation soon.

Bro. Murphy, agent at Ventura, has a much better job since they put on the third man there. Bro. Ingram is on second trick and has about given up trying to show Fansler where he ought to be lined -up.

Bro. Porter, of Montalve, has just returned from a lay-off, and was relieved by Bro. Mithen, from the extra list.

Kilson, at Saticoy, takes all the money, but never comes through with anything but promises that he never keeps.

Bro. Korf, of Cameron, is away on vacation, and is up near San Jose, taking things easy. He expects to return in a few days, but says he don't like that tie house very well.

Saugus is solid. Bro. Bercaw, agent, and Coyle and Winters, operators, all up-to-date.

Malaga station is to be reopened soon, and if reports are true, some of the night offices will also be opened.

DIV. Cor.

San Joaquin Division, North End-

Business seems to be picking up right along. There is a continual howl for empty cars, particularly boxes; no empties laying around but oil cans. New trains Nos. 107 and 108, daylight Los Angeles and Fresno, seem to be carrying their quota of business, and prospects are good for increasing travel.

Bro. J. K. Hamilton called to Coalinga, recentlyto take charge of the station; later was relieved by Traveling Agent Jasper, and is glad to be back at his old stunt at Delano. Bro. J. C. Armstrong, late of Huntington, Ore., put in eleven days relieving Hamilton; he, in turn, relieved by Ernest DeLashmet until return of regular man. DeLashmet now working the split trick in Bakersfield. "K" office. Armstrong now engaged in the theatrical business.

Bro. F. C. Williamson, third trick at Goshen Junction, enjoyed ten days of the sea breezes at Ventura, recently. Unable to say who relieved him.

Mr. J. O. Barngrover is taking a two months' lay-off, killing time traveling for a San Francisco tobacco house.

Your correspondent had the pleasure of shaking hands with our old friend, "Dick" Walters, of Bakersfield, "BF" office, recently. Was sorry to learn that he had lapsed in his dues, after getting all that back pay, too. He promises to return to us soon.

Bro. P. Milliken returned to his trick in Baker-field, "BY" office, after some time spent in the Northern part of the State. He expects soon to return to his former day job at Burbank, having bid it in again on last bulletin.

Bulletin of August 17th names the following vacancies: Agent, Coalinga; night operator and ticket clerk, Bakersfield ticket office; first trick, Majave; second tricks at Delano, Oxnard and Bakersfield yard. Assignments: Agent, Farmersville, C. I. McReynolds; operator and clerk, Bakersfield, M. Wilson; operator and clerk, Oil City, L. R. Wilson; Bakersfield yard, first trick, T. J. Shubert; Burbank, days, P. Milliken; Goshen, third trick, J. K. Hamilton; second trick, Goshen, Mrs. F. F. Barngrover; Keene, second trick, H. C. Frost; third trick, Cameron, B. A. Korf.

Local Chairman Sloan advises that new seniority list will be mailed shortly, which will enable us to tell where we are at. No doubt it will be appreciated, as last one we had was over a year ago, and many changes have taken place since then.

Dispatcher McGrath is back at his desk and telling them where to head in from 8 to 4. Mr. Jones also returned from his vacation the first of the month and resumed duties of third trick on the north end.

A new set of repeaters in Tulare office will, no doubt, help us all on the north end to keep in adjustment, and do away with considerable of the guess work of the past. Now, if they will put some more battery on 53 wire, or kill the bug in it, we will have still more reason to be thankful.

Can any one suggest a reason for taking out the intermediate telegraphones? Understand that they are few and far between now. Good old Morse must have proven more efficient.

A number of the boys are expecting to get in out of the wet and come through with their dues soon. Will wait until next pay-day before mentioning any names, but those who fail to come across might get their names in print next time. Everybody get busy and say the few words that are necessary to bring the boys into line. I am sure that all it needs, in many instances, is the simple request that they join us. Advise Bro. Sloan, of Summerland, of any one you know who is not in good standing, and give him a chance to get after them.

DIV. COR.

Lines East of Sparks, Nevada-

There are still a few men who have not filled out application papers, and I wish to again call your attention to this matter. You may not feel that you owe yourselves this consideration, but you certainly owe it to your fellow-workers. You are depending on others to carry your burdens when they have burdens of their own. To put it very mildly, it is extremely unfair, and it could be put in plainer and more appropriate words. The election of chairmen and representatives to Atlanta will soon be made, and I hope every one will take an interest in these matters. The policies of the Order depend on the men sent there, and you can not be too careful in making the selection. Don't forget, either, that our representation is based on the number of men in good standing, and every one should make it his special business to get all the desirable members possible. We have accomplished a little, but very little, compared to what can yet be accomplished if every one will take the proper interest. You may be going to leave the service soon, but don't let that deter you from doing the right thing so long as you remain. All the agents received a circular from the National Surety Company asking for strictly business methods in conducting the company's affairs, and we should all make an extra effort to comply with all rules, as in many cases it is a violation of the law to neglect to do so. This movement is growing fast, and we will have to meet these conditions, and should do so before we are forced to. Would like to say a word in regard to looking out for the company's revenue. While it does not seem, from our paychecks, and the conditions we are working under, that the company realizes that we station employes control the dividends, we can do more than any other class to make a road successful, and in giving them a square deal it will place us in a position to ask for same in return. While we are the poorest paid employes in the service, it is simply because we have not put our case before the management properly, and with a solid organization to back up the facts. The managers go against the least resistance. We all do, and the sooner the employes in this department awake to that fact the sooner we will be in an independent position. Independent in a broad sense, as we are all drifting along against the least resistance. Conditions may be a little hard this wanter, but it can not last long, and unless we try to help ourselves, no one will help us. Have you non-union men not forgotten that? You are merely pulling against yourselves. The roads did that once, but now they not only work together, but they vote together. The average workingman does neither. Is it because he has not brains enough, or does not use what he has? The effect is the same in either case. You men who have heretofore refused to join a union because you have a complaint, why don't you get inside, and kick where it will do some good?

Would like to call your attention to F. J. Mc-Elroy, who held down both the night place for the Southern Pacific Company, at Elko, and the Western Union position there at the same time during the strike. This was the most contemptible scabbing I ever saw. I called his attention to what the results would be, before it was too late, and he has his reward.

We should have a law passed in the next Congress prohibiting a minor from handling trainorders, and there will be very few but who will support such an effort. Aside from the safety, it will mean a great deal to the boys in the country. One will make a better and brighter man if he does not spend his time from 13 to 15 learning to be a telegraph boy, and from 15 to 25 working nights, and then he is unfit for anything, as a rule. When he should be learning to be a man, he is learning to smoke cigarettes and drink, and be a telegraph boy. And did you ever notice how the name, boy, stays with him. We should not forget, too, that it hurts us to drink after we are grown. I would like to see the working man save his money for better things than to drag him down to dogdom. There is a man in the service here who has money for booze, but none for protection. What would Patrick Henry think of him as an American? "Millions for booze, but not a cent for protection, or our families" could be better applied to some of the workingmen. Unionism is coming, regardless of the fact that it is being fought by some, and it is a sad fact that the only ones who amount to anything in the fight are laborers themselves; the men who drag like a millstone, and used for ammunition. The non-union man, the drinking man and the spendthrift are the worst enemies of the laboring man. Am I wrong? If so, these are detriments that we should eliminate, and if you will give your earnest support to educate them out of our craft, I think you will find that I am correct. I again ask each one of you to join with us in our efforts to make better conditions, better homes, and therefore better W. B. TAVELLE, employes.

Local Chairman.

Shasta Division-

Mr. W. H. Whalen appointed superintendent, vice Mr. T. Ahern, transferred to the Coast Division.

In looking up the list of nons on this division I find that there are a great deal more than I expected. We should get busy and make them did up the necessary funds. We want to see this division solid. If any of the nons try to drive you off with a hard-luck story, ask him what he did with all the back-pay and overtime he received.

"13" from Bro. H. W. Wood that Kennet is solid. In the last write-up there was a mistake made, stating that Bro. J. E. Beale was a non. Jack is one of our number, and carries an up-to-date card.

Bro. J. A. Taylor is acting agent at Sisson, relieving Bro. C. F. Galbreath.

J. C. O'Connor relieved Bro. J. A. Taylor, agent at Weed. G. A. Phinn is doing the owl stunt. Unable to say whether a non or not. Bro. L. S. Watts is back at Anderson nights, after a few weeks' lay-off.

Relief Operator P. M. Golden to Smithson nights; a new man on the division.

Operator E. G. McLaughlin is working as second trick telegrapher at Redding.

Bro. Foster, agent at Ager, is taking a few weeks' vacation near Mt. Shasta; relieved by Bro. Swartz.

The following are the assignments of August bulletin:

Dorris agency to Operator J. C. O'Connor.

Sisson, second trick telegrapher to Bro. W. H. Brandenberg.

No assignments to the positions of second trick telegrapher at Redding and operator and clerk at Keswick.

DIV. COR.

San Joaquin District-

It is a pleasure to report, and a greater pleasure to know that this district has, within the past few weeks, converted to unionism men who have never before believed therein; that shows that unionism is becoming a factor in our commercial life that we have not heretofore attained. It shows that we are progressing; it shows that unionism with the telegraphers of the United States is a business proposition, managed as a business concern and giving dividends of a magnificent business investment, both to the investor and to the union man who delivers the goods.

The interest that is being taken by the membership at large is doing wonders for this organization; it is the strength and the foundation of our prosperity today; it is the encouragement that makes the officers of the Order work the harder, and when we all pull together, brothers, we are on the right road. Then, and then only, can we accomplish and maintain that which we have already accomplished, for, remember, it is difficult to obtain, but it might be a good deal more difficult to preserve that which we have obtained; therefore it behooves us, as business men and women to continue our efforts with more vigor than ever before, to build up our magnificent Order.

It is with a feeling of pride that one notices the smooth working of a fine set of telegraphers; answering the first call; ever anxious to help the prompt handling of trains. Last, but not least. all done in the best of spirit and happiness.

First Trick Telegrapher Northamer, of Tehachapi, on leave of absence for a month or so, on a honeymoon.

Bro. Shepard relieves Bro. Northamer. Bro. Shepard recently of Santa Barbara and Fresno. Bro. Nijidley, second trick, just back from a trip of ten days to the beach, trying to lose mountaingained flesh. The brother's father is very ill in Illinois, and he expects to make a visit there shortly and bring his father to California, which will soon build up his failing strength, for this climate never fails.

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Bro. Willard, agent, made a hurried visit to the valley last week to size up other propositions.

Bro. Broudy, of Keene (just initiated), visited Tehachapi and the brothers, and was proud that he would soon be presenting his up-to-date.

Cameron, Bro. Krof, who, with his wife, have been on an extended tour through the State, just returned to work.

Moffett, a brother, now on leave.

Underhill promised, but broke. Timmons good as gold.

Houston Division-

Day telegraph office being opened at Hondo on account of the cotton rush, with Bro. Finck as operator, whom, we understand, has since been bumped by Bro. Weltner; Finck being transferred to Sabinal to relieve Operator Chism, first trick man at that place, who is off on account of sickness.

Bro. Rosenbush is relieving Agent Braden, our local chairman, at La Coste. Bro. Braden gone to Houston to have a conference with the general manager, together with Bro. Lester, our general chairman.

Operator Baker, formerly of Glidden yard office, who was working the second trick at Schulenburg until regular assignment is made, has gone to San Antonio to relieve Bro. Barry, who is acting as night chief.

Bro. Hadden, of East Yard, off on thirty days' leave of absence, on a visit to home folks in the North; relieved by Bro. Albertson.

Bro. J. L. Rothe, regular first trick man at Seguin, is at present acting as cashier at that place, is being relieved by Bro. Meyer.

Bro. H. C. Rothe is doing the agent's stunt at Luling, relieving Bro. McGarr, whom, we "13," is in San Antonio.

Bro. Hurr, agent at Engle, has returned from his visit to home folks, and Bro. Marshall, who was relieving him, has gone to Galveston, to take a salt water bath.

Bro. Shaller, the old reliable second trick man at Seguin, is back at work.

Operator Callison is on the second trick at Schulenburg, while Operator Baker is in San Antonio, dispatcher's office.

Bro. Sharit doing the extra work as operator and clerk at Weimar until regular assignment is made on September bulletin.

Bro. Rauh working third trick at Glidden yard office during the absence of Bro. Cooke, who was bitten by a mad dog September 5th, and is at Austin, Texas, at the Pasteur Institute.

Bro. Starr, agent at Missouri City, who is off for ninety days, is being relieved by Bro. Stuart.

Mr. F. H. Bednark, day chief dispatcher at San Antonio, Texas, is on a visit to Denver, Colo., being relieved by Mr. W. S. Whitworth, first trick dispatcher.

CERT. 2417.

Bessemer & Lake Erie Ry.

A CARD.

CONNEAUT LAKE, PA., Sept. 8, 1908.

To the Brothers of Division 51:

Please accept my most sincere thanks for the beautiful flowers and message of sympathy sent at the time of the death of my husband, William E. Beers.

Very sincerely,

MRS. WILLIAM E. BEERS.

Northern Pacific Ry.

Rocky Mountain Division-

Operator G. B. Williams, from "MD" office, Missoula, off on three weeks' vacation, visiting with relatives at Omaha.

Bro. H. S. Sorrel, lately from the G. N. Railway, assigned to second trick at Bonita.

Special Examiner H. H. Maher, night chief at Staples, on Minnesota Division, who reached Missoula some time ago, going over the division at the present time and examining all operators on block and transportation rules.

Bro. Wilcoxson, who has been at Bonita for the past few months, drew first trick at McDonald on bulletin. A temporary telegraph office has been opened at Tunnel No. 2, on the Coeur D'Alene branch, near St. Regis. This station is installed for the better movement of work-trains in that neighborhood.

Bro. Stevens returned from St. Paul, and has resumed his old position in "MD" office, Missoula. Operator Washburn going to McDonald. Mr. Washburn has been employed in "MD" message room for the past few months, but was compelled to give way to Bro. Stevens, who holds prior right in the office. Bro. McGill transferred from Arlee to second trick at De Smet.

Bro. Piper, of Drummond, has returned from his hunting trip, and resumed work again.

DIV. COR.

Idaho Division-

Bro. A. E. Elvers, having been released from the Missoula Hospital, is now spending a thirtyday vacation in the East.

Bro. J. C. Glenn, formerly third trick at Hope, has accepted the agency of the S. & I. at Athol. Operator Reynolds is now holding down the third trick at Hope. He has fixed out the necessary papers, and may now be addressed as brother.

Bro. Frost, relief agent, is spending a short vacation at his old home in Ohio.

A recent letter from Bro. L. M. Hackett states that he is in excellent health, and thinks of hit ting the road again this fall. He wishes to be remembered to the boys on the line.

Agent Nagle, from Kendrick, has been checked in at Sand Point.

Bro. B. J. Taylor is now with the Western Union at Corvallis, Ore.

R. G. McLaughlin is now carrying one of the little blue pasteboards.

Operator A. R. Ludwig, formerly second trick at Athol, has resigned to accept an agency with the O. R. & N.; Bro. H. E. Cain relieving.

Bro. Grant is now doing the owl stunt at Pullman.

A Miss Depew is relieving Agent Smith at North Lapwai.

Mr. Depew on days at Lewiston. Understand he has the right stuff in him, being traffic manager for the W. U. T. Co. at Kansas City for twenty-five years, but refused to scab.

From information at hand it looks as though the A B C block system would be installed in a few weeks. Local officials claim that under this system our work is greatly shortened.

There is some complaint from the dispatcher's office on account of unnecessary calling by dispatchers to raise operators at several of the stations.

Bro. Scott is amusing himself by gathering up a bunch of ball players at Granite.

General Chairman Sam Johnson has started on a trip over the road. He will reach us in a few weeks.

Is your office solid O. R. T.? If not, why not? I am glad to state that I am getting excellent support from a few of the brothers, but there is a great chance for improvement. Just because you have a card does not make you a good union man. If there are any nons at your station, try and line them up, and write me, giving reasons why they are not with us. Why so many good operators can accept the benefits which the O. R. T. is gaining for them every year and still say that the Order is N. G. is a puzzle to me, as well as to a good many others.

I wish to call the attention of a few of the brothers to the fact that their dues for this term have not been paid. I trust that you will all have them in before this reaches you. We have trouble enough looking after the nons and new arrivals without having some of the older members drop behind with their dues.

If you are a good union man you will buy union-made goods. There is a label-look for it.

The National telegraph ham factory is flooding this section of the country with their circulars and offering postmasters \$5 per head for every innocent grabbed through their office. Several brothers report that these circulars burn well.

Bro. Greene, of Tuscor, is off on a sixty-day vacation, being relieved by Operator Clark, a C. T. U. of A. brother.

Gravel Pit, the new office oppened on account of the gravel trains, is being worked by Operator Burton.

Operator Campbell is holding down the new office at Pine. Mr. Campbell is an old-timer and promises to be up-to-date next month.

Letters to a few of the brothers asking for information regarding operators working at their stations, have brought no replies. This is not encouraging to your local chairman. What can we expect of the nons, if the Order men do not take any interest? I would like to hear from some of the brothers on the branches. There are some fine chances to do a little missionary work over there. Any one wishing to help the good work along please drop me a line.

The Sand Point Business College, at Sand Point, has opened a telegraph department under H. L. Rambo, who claims to have had several years' experience on the Santa Fe.

Bro. Colwell, of Cabinet, is enjoying a month's lay-off at his home in Canada. Bro. Larabee is on the day shift and Operator Schaub, a commercial man, on nights.

I wish to thank Bros. Thornton, Greene and Littlepage for the items received from them. Any one having news will please send it to me about the 20th. Every little helps.

W. S. SEWARD, Local Chairman.

Montana Division-

Looking over the August journal, on page 1385, under the line-up of the Montana Division of the Northern Pacific Raiway, Division No. 54, it speaks of Mr. J. B. Anderson working second trick at Townsend, Mont., and that Mr. Earp is no man to mix up with "scabs," therefore he could not live in peace at Townsend. I take from this the correspondent speaks of Mr. Anderson as being a scab. Now Mr. Anderson and myself are the best of friends, and I know Mr. Anderson's personal record during the strike on the N. P. and G. N. Ry.'s, August 1, 1905, to August 18, 1905. Mr. Anderson is not a scab by any means, and is as white a man as can be found on our line. He does not belong to the Order, as he has been braking on this road and expected to join the trainmen. This piece is an injustice, and I wish to see it corrected in the next journal. You all know my strike record, at least you should know I am "true blue," and you can believe me. I would not tell you Mr. Anderson was O. K. if he was not. I think if Mr. Anderson does not go into the train service again soon, he might join the Order, at least that was what he was intending to do before this article was published. I am going to do all I can to square it up, and I wish you would please do your part in the next journal. CERT. 1479, DIV. 54.

W. & L. E. Ry.

West End-

The meeting held at Norwalk, Ohio, September 26th, was very well attended, considering the kind of train service we have.

The west end could be put in much better shape if we would practice "No cards, no favors," and get after some of the nons and line them up.

H. L. Swope, agent at Trowbridge, did the necessary (August pay) and no doubt has an up-to-date before this.

C. D. Wright, agent at Limestone, did the right thing this September pay and will soon be one of us.

Bro. D. L. Ames, formerly third trick at Clyde, landed second trick at Bellevue, "V" office. Mr. C. D. Smith landed third trick, same office. "13" Mr. Smith will be one of us in the near future.

Bro. Grover has left Huron, "HU" office, and the position is filled at present by Nelson (non). Unable to say where Bro. Grover is going.

Bro. Smithhisler is still holding down the combination job of second trick at "RK," and attending No. 5 at "WF."

Bro. C. C. Perry is working second trick at Lodi until same is bid in. Lodi has four O. R. T. men. Looks good, don't it?

Pryor night job filled by Operator D. T. John-

Understand Bro. Van Nest was called to his home in Michigan on account of sickness. Bro. Van second trick at "NY." DUTCH.

Southern Ry.

Washington Division-

The freight business along the line at present seems to be on the increase, and the passenger travel is very heavy, entirely too heavy for the number of passenger trains, as it is almost impossible to get seats to accommodate the passengers traveling on the trains that run between 7 a. m. and late in the evening. We are glad to see this increase, as it is a benefit to all concerned.

Bro. Abbott had a hair-raising experience a few nights ago, when he returned to his buggy, which he had vacated a few moments before, to find it occupied by two desperadoes, who commanded him not to move from his tracks until he was given permission by them, but, lucky for him, while he was detained in this perilous position a neighbor appeared upon the scene and the desperadoes fled. Boys must not be out late at night.

Bro. Shelhorse has not been able to return to duty. He is having quite a long spell of sickness.

The extra men are kept busy relieving men at various points.

DIV. Cor.

Winston-Salem Division-

Well, everything is moving on as smoothly as could be expected. Have just been over the greater portion of the division and found it in as good a condition as expected, aithough was somewhat surprised to find so many men branded "1900," and, without a single exception, they were all really anxious to join the noble Order, but owing to their past conduct it renders them ineligible. They are now reaping their reward. May God pity the poor creatures. I also found several paupers that the county should look after. Judging from their talk they were actually in need of bread. Wonder how they managed to live at all before we secured our first schedule, as the majority of them receive from \$5 to \$10 a month from our labor. Don't believe they know the golden rule, if so they are far from practicing it. Am glad to say that I only found one straight-out ham factory, and that was at Climax. Mr. Crymes says he is in sympathy with us, and that is the way he is showing it.

I was very much gratified to find some of the members so enthusiastic, more especially Sister Simpson, at Pilot Mountain. If we only had a few more hustlers like her we would soon be laboring under better conditions.

Any one desiring any information that I may be able to give will please write me at Barber, N. C., and will give you the best in my shop.

I received, a few days ago, a letter from my old friend, J. L. Booth, who is now working in Foraker, Okla. He is thinking of coming back to this country to work.

Have received a letter from Bro. W. H. Cord expressing his many thanks to those who contributed to his cause.

If some of the brothers from up the branch would send me a few notes about the 20th, I expect it would be more interesting to the membership, as these articles are read in most all parts of North America, and I think this is one of the best departments of the Order.

Railroad business is picking up some. Don't think it will do much until after the election of Bryan, and then you will see her boom.

Had' a very pleasant call from Bro. Smith, of Reidsville, second trick, today, as No. 2 broke down here and was delayed about an hour. "Welcome," is written above my door to all the craft, and "Beware" to the nons.

W. R. LITTLE, L. C.

Atlanta Division, South End-

On account of ill-health, our local chairman, Bro. J. W. Crumpler, resigned some two or three months ago. We regretted very much to give him up, and hope he will be back with us again soon. He went out West for his health. Since Bro. Crumpler left us we have not had a local chairman until a short while ago, when Bro. J. D. Bennett, now located at Ellenwood, Ga., was appointed, temporarily. All are very much pleased to have Bro. Bennett act as local chairman, as we are satisfied he is a "hustler," and will soon have the old south end at herself again.

I "13" only about one-half of the boys have their new cards. Now, boys, we want to get busy. All that have not their new cards get them right away, and get right after the nons, also keep the local chairman posted with correct address of all nons each week.

Will have to omit the changes this time, as we have not been furnished with all of them, but will try and do better next time, and give all the changes if you brothers will furnish us with them. We all like to see what changes are being made.

Looks like we might have a meeting somewhere during the next month. Some one suggest a convenient place, and let's break the "date" with "our lady friend," and all go that possibly can, and let's get things going in the good old way.

Business is looking up. New offices are being opened up.

Bibb has recently been made a telegraph office. Only one operator employed at present as agent and operator. Our new local chairman has been hustling since his appointment, and hope all the boys will fall right in line with him, and keep the work moving till every non has been captured.

In order that we have a good write-up each month, all the brothers will kindly send notes to Bro. H. L. Allen, our division correspondent, R. F. D. 3, box 83, Atlanta, Ga. At same place Bro. R. F. Andrews, member Local Board of Adjustment, with jurisdiction Atlanta, Ga., to McDonough. Bro. F. M. Kenny also appointed a member of the Local Board of Arbitration, with jurisdiction between Locust Grove and Floville. No one appointed for the territory south of Floville to Macon at this writing. Bro. Frank Brannan appointed a member of the Local Board of Arbitration, with jurisdiction between Macon and All members will correspond with Brunswick. their respective Local Board of Arbitration, and give him all the information possible, that will be of any service to him in organizing the division.

All members of the Order are requested to do all they can to at least land one non every payday until this line is solid. In the next write-up shall expose all names on this division that have not the prefix of brother. Yours for a solid line,

DIV. COR.

Louisville Division-

Since the local chairman, Mr. Watson, has made me a division correspondent, I will try and keep some kind of a line-up in our journal each month, so that we may all know something of what is going on on the division.

To keep a nice line-up for each month, any brother that has a little something that would go pretty well, send it to me, and I will twist it up with what I can manage to pull off, and send it in.

Business has been slow of late. It will be something of a problem to keep in news for this little string.

We have not had any changes lately worth mentioning, only a day or so at a time, for the fair seers.

Bro. Peek, of "BG," is back now from a two weeks' vacation at West Baden.

There are only a few out. Now, if the Harrodsburg force will only follow the example, we will be in good shape. Don't put it off, or wait for something to turn up. If you will get an upto-date, things will turn up all right.

The worst part of this is, most all our nons were former members, and had up-to-dates, but let them run out. Do not do this, boys; keep it up. Don't drop out with the hopes that no one will know it, and that you will not have to pay the few dollars it costs.

I saw a former brother the other day with his button studded out as big as any one, and when I asked him where his card was, he replied: "Have not got it with me." I knew at the time he did not have any. The Order is greatly relieved to get rid of such men as these.

DIV. COR.

Knoxville Division-

To the brothers who have become delinquent: You are not doing your duty. You have dropped from the union that represented you; the union that has stood by you and your wife and babies when the wage question was up, and prevented a reduction in your salary. You may argue that the O. R. T. did not do this. You may say the organization has done nothing, but woe be to you and your family if you lose the protection the Order gives to you. You will then have your salary cut, and your throat might as well be cut for the simple fact that your life will not be worth living, and if you have a family they will suffer, too, as a consequence of your blindness in allowing yourself to drop out of the union; the only protection for you and your family. We have a good set of men here, but I can not see why they go on blindly, not thinking of the future. Your future will depend upon your action in this matter, and I hope you will stand up for your Order. and if you have dropped out through neglect; for your sake, for your family's sake, and all that is dear to you, and for your fellow-workers' sake, renew at once, and thereby give to the organization your strength and support.

It appears that some of the boys along the line between Knoxville and Chattanooga are constantly having scraps with the first trick dispatcher, and from what I can learn, the dispatcher is always in the wrong. It appears that no matter what kind of service the operators give he will cloud up and rain all over them every day. I could quote some of the oldest men, and men that are not union men, too, for that matter, and others that are union men; the best men on the division, who say that they can not please the dispatcher. This is to be regretted. A little patience, sometimes, and courteous treatment, will bring better results than sarcastic and bulldozing remarks, when matters are not running smoothly for the dispatcher. A good train dispatcher will always bear this in mind, and fully realize the thing to do is to be civil to his assistants out on the line, and when this is done all will pull together, and the company will get the benefit of first-class service. In connection with this I want to say the maragement of this system does not approve of dis patchers being discourteous or bullying to operators that do business, and no one knows this better than I do, and they want such things taken up. Good union men want to have good service, and they do not desire any trouble, and we must keep out of it when possible, but, on the other hand, when you are done injustice, handle the matter with the local chairman, and until this is done you can just expect to be the dog, the ox, or anything else that they wish you to be. How long will you remain silent and see the contract violated and injustices done you and your fellowworkers? I want you to think over this. Read the journal every month, and see what other roads are doing. We hope to be in better shape in sixty days. Let every brother get busy and help bring around better conditions.

Did you see the write-up in September journal by Correspondent O. A. Harper, "CS" office? I am personally acquainted with these brothers at "CS," and it is to be regretted that the Knoxville Division has got but few men like these brothers. They have a solid division, due to their hard work, but they have some warm workers out on the line, too, which makes it easier for them. Now, why can't you boys on the Knoxville Division wake up and help your local chairman out? How much longer will you sit still and be preached to about lack of interest? How do you wish the division to show? Do you want solid O. R. T., or would you prefer not to have any contract or recognition? Just keep still a few more months, and you will see where you will iand. You will be working for less wages, more hours, and no recognition of seniority rights, if you don't wake up and get in the organization, and help support it. The roads out of Chattanooga, right here at your nose, are getting ahead of us. Not my fault, but yours-"the man that is waiting on the other fellow to do it all."

We notice a write-up in last month's journal that it had been decided to have meetings only every three months. We hope that we can have meetings at least once a month, anyway, and would like to see the decision recalled.

Brothers, when you have a grievance, why don't you let your local chairman have it? That is what you have a local chairman for, to handle your little grievances, to protect you, and see that no injustices are done you. But if you don't care for the injustices; if you would just as soon be the ox or the underdog, why, you can't blame any one but yourself.

If things are not going right, don't blow about it to the men along the line, and at the same time do nothing to prevent it. You are the first to run under cover whenever you have a knowledge of the violation of your agreement, and when it comes home to you, you are afraid to give it to the local chairman for fear you will lose out by it. Isn't this right? Mr. Ackert's name is signed to the agreement, and he will see that you get a fair deal when you have a case, so don't fear to handle it in the proper way with the local chairman, and on up, if necessary.

DIV. COR.

Q. & C. Ry., North.

Chattanooga Division-

I understand one or two of our brothers on this division have let their dues lapse, and have become delinquent on account of some personal misunderstanding occurring between them and some other brother. Brothers, don't do this. Stop and think a moment. Does this little affair between you and another brother assume the same proportions as a grievance against the O. R. T., as a body? Surely not. Because some brother, unintentionally or otherwise, offends you, don't get sore at the Order. While one man may mistreat you, look at the numbers of others who will treat you right, and gladly do you all sorts of favors.

Do you expect to obtain the same favors after you leave the Order, from the men who are upto-date? "No card, no favors," you know.

Suppose we were all to get sore at every fancied grievance we had, and use a personal matter as an excuse for leaving the Order. How long would it be until there would not be enough men on the road to maintain a schedule? Not long. And the company will certainly not talk to us about contracts and schedules unless we can put up a solid front.

Now, boys, come clean; pay up, get the little blue card that says, "Good until December 31, 1908;" then when one expires get the next one. This is the only way to clear your conscience and assist in lining things up for something better in the future.

Bro. Dumas bid in the agency at Waynesburg, and was relieved at Dayton by Operator Weatherford.

Bro. Jenkins, second trick at "EG" tower, Emory Gap, is laying off; relieved by Operator Summers.

Bro. Jones, second trick at Cave Springs, on a few days' vacation; relieved by Operator Lewis.

Bro. Weaver, third trick at "NY," Coulterville, off for a few days; Bro. Fisher in his place.

Bro. C. L. Miller, agent and first trick operator at Coulterville, off a few days; relieved by Operator Cross.

Third trick at Dayton was bid in by Bro. H. O. Crain, former agent at Winfield. Bro. Crain, however, was unable to obtain a suitable house at "DA," and got out in time to capture his Winfield job again on bulletin. Third trick at Dayton again on bulletin.

Bro. W. C. Hetzler, agent and first trick at Evansville, off day or two on account of death of his wife's father; relieved by Mr. Blackmer.

One more word in regard to the brothers who allowed a personal affair to cause them to become delinquent. Don't you know that this is the very thing the railroad officials are looking for? They know that if we become disrupted and can not face them with a solid front, they have that much more ground to fight us on, and the first thing we know they will be telling us to "Go whistle for a schedule." Then we will be right back where we were five years ago.

I don't know the particulars of your case, but I do know there is no grievance, great or small, that I might have with another man, be he brother or not, that would make me drop out of the Order. Study this over, boys. I don't expect what I have said to influence you, but think for yourselves what it means.

Cincinnati District-

Bro. J. W. North, agent at High Bridge, has been appointed local chairman, Cincinnati Division, vice Bro. W. J. Brell, formerly of Erlanger.

The chief, Mr. Miller, has resumed duties at Lexington, after a ten days' vacation, which I "13" was spent visiting relatives and recuperating in Illinois.

Mr. R. C. McNamee is relieving Bro. S. M. Marshall, nights at Georgetown, until bulletined.

Miss Julia Clark, first trick at "RX," Lexington, is back again, after a pleasant vacation spent in Michigan.

We regret to announce that Bro. R. T. Shaw, agent at Corinth, has tendered his resignation to the officials. He is relieved by Mr. H. R. Arnold, extra man. Bro. Shaw is among the oldest in the service on the line, having performed twenty-three years of telegraph and agency duties on this line, besides several years elsewhere prior to his work here. "13" Bro. Shaw is going to farming now with a will (as is his nature), and I believe I speak for every member of Division No. 62 in wishing him a prosperous and happy life henceforth, as he has always been a valuable and willing member of the Order, and has done much towards the upbuilding of our cause.

The following is a copy of a news item that appeared in the Cincinnati Enquirer on September 4th, and let us hope the men mentioned therein will get justice, and, incidentally, learn a lesson as well, and show the prospective young man that may chance to read it, and who has intentions of learning the art of telegraphy, that these so-called "telegraph schools" are only humbugs and fakes. The item is, in part, as follows:

"Attachment suits were filed in 'Squire Bolsingers' Court yesterday afternoon by George E. Thiebaut, Earl Allen and J. H. Andrews (minor), through Callie Andrews, against J. H. Shulkey, president of the National Telegraph Institute. * * Cincinnati. Thiebaut sues for \$70, Allen for \$60, and Andrews for \$70.

"The three plaintiffs set forth in their affidavits that the defendant had received from them the amounts for which they severally sue, after making certain promises. " that he (Shulkey) would give them a thorough course in telegraphy, railroad accounting and typewriting, etc., and at the end of four months, when they would be competent, " to secure them positions at not less than \$50 per month. They assert, further, that he gave them the impression at all times that railroad companies were constantly making demands on him for stenographers and other office help, whereas the truth of the matter was that he was unable to secure employment for his pupils."

We are indebted to Bro. H. A. Wise, second trick at "SJ" tower, for this contribution.

We have only a few nons over here now. We have one "fresh" from the L. & N., who says he does not see any good in the O. R. T. He was at our station only one day, but during our argument in regard to the "good of the Order," I asked him if the L. & N. did not make their operators and agents take a student, to which he replied: "No; but they ask them to do it and they just do it." Kindly note that word "ask," if you will.

In The Railway and Engineering Review, September issue, I noticed an article, also an editorial, commenting on this article, which was to the effect that numerous experiments are being made on

various roads with the telephone for use in train dispatching. It asserts that many of these roads are making train dispatching by telephone a success, and that the use of the telegraph, so far as dispatching trains is concerned, will soon be a thing of the past. They claim as their motive for this that the demand for telegraph operators exceed the available supply, and especially so since the nine-hour law went into effect. They claim that they can make a telephone operator out of any intelligent person and get more efficient service than with the telegraph. They also claim that owing to the scarcity of competent train dispatchers, that most any intelligent conductor could be made to dispatch trains with the telephone, owing to their superior knowledge of the road, conditions, etc.

Well, I, for one, believe that the "time-tried" and "old-reliable" telegraph is good enough for me, and I want no telephone in mine. Furthermore, it seems that the number of accidents that have occurred where the telephone is used, would be proof enough that it can not be as efficient and reliable as the "original"—the telegraph. As to the scarcity of telegraph operators, Bro. Perham has shown them (on February 27th) that there is a surplus of operators, unemployed, sufficient to cover the demand.

Bro. Jimmie Rohan, first trick at Erlanger, has returned from a pleasant trip over in the Hoosier State. Relieved by Bro. O. D. Bryant, extra man.

Bro. L. M. Triplette, third trick at Sadieville, visited his parents at Ludlow, recently; relieved by Mr. T. M. Dean.

Bro. M. J. Kelly, second trick at Williamstown, relieved one day by Mr. Dean, while he paid his respects to the chief (?).

Georgetown nights, Williamstown third trick and Corinth agency bulletined. Bro. E. H. Boutwell working on Williamstown, third trick, until bid in

I wish to correct the paragraph in the September Telegrapher, in which Mr. H. R. Arnold, who relieved Bro. Witt, at Lexington, was quoted as "Bro." Now Mr. Arnold is not a member, but promises to become one just as soon as he can get the "necessary," as he has been doing the extra stunt over here, making hardly half time, therefore advises that his funds are none too plentiful. "13," however, he has a C. T. U. of A. card, and am sure he will do the right thing.

SKYGACK (from Mars).

Great Northern Ry.

Great Northern-

Wanted—A letter from each and every telegraph operator employed as such on the Great Northero Railway System, giving me his name, station name and position he is filling, member or non-member, the division in which he holds his membership, and the expiration date of his last card, if he has one.

President Perham is now doing his utmost to adjust the split-trick proposition of a couple of



lines in our territory. He will, without question, be successful. Are you doing anything to help things along? Be a man or be a mouse. If you are not a member, don't care to and will not join, write me any way and tell me your reasons, good ones you know, and I will endeavor to convince you that you are on the wrong side of the fence.

If blanks are wanted, write for them and they will reach you in a hurry, and when you receive them for heaven's sake fill them out and send them in. These blanks cost the division money.

Have you paid your dues for the current term? If not, why not? I realize, of course, that telegraph operators have sick wives, but, candid!v, the amount of sick wives on the G. N. would lead one to think that all the sickness of the country is centered in that territory.

The journal does not reach the non. See to it that your copy reaches one in your vicinity.

P. M. ABBOTT, G. S. and T., No. 70, Logan, Mont.

Minot Division-

Bro. L. J. Hiener, agent at "DX," has been on the sick list, and has gone East for his health, being relieved by Relief Agent Bager.

Operator George Strong, at Williston, was off for vacation, and was relieved by Bro. Probst.

Among the stations opened lately are Nanson and Woburn. Have not yet heard who secured them.

Bro. Sullivan is now working at "DY," Minot, third trick; relieved by Operator Gould, who, we "13," is doing copy at Enderle for the Soo.

Bro. Patterson was doing the stunt at "DX," Minot, third trick, while Bro. A. D. Hagenstein was away on vacation.

Agent Blaisdell has now left the operating department and gone with the freight traffic department at Grand Forks for J. H. Griffin.

Bro. Vance now working third trick at Stanley. Relief Agent Bro. W. A. Post has been very busy, of late, keeping the boys lined up in their accounts.

Oscar Murrie, one of the old-time dispatchers at Minot, has returned from Nevada and accepted a position in the relay office there.

"AB" pit, at Palermo, has been closed for the summer and Operator Lynch is now going over the road, posting up prior to accepting a trick at "CD."

If the boys on this division would send the news to the local 'chairman by the 20th, it would be a great help to him in making up the local write-up, and would also show that they take some interest in the good work. Now let us all try and send some news, and see what the result will be, and it will show that we are up and doing.

Also advise him of new men coming here, so that they can be gotten after. CERT. 61.

Butte Division-

My moving out on the new line to a point where I had neither telegraph or postoffice, this month, has kept me from being in touch with the telegraphers on the division, and I have heard from only one of the assistant local chairmen.

Since last month's write-up we have taken in three new members, and have five coming this month. If all the members will get in and work like a few are doing we can have a good, strong organization in a short time.

H. W. Boulter has the terminal agency at Judith Gap, Mr. Butler, formerly of Manila, on Second District, opened the agency at Buffalo. J. F. Percy, agent at Hobson, and our old friend, Hugh Wilkins, at Stanford, completes the list of offices on the new line. We are still using the telephone, but hope to have telegraph in a short time, and will again be in touch with the rest of the world.

We have nine new members in prospect for this month, and after that will be able to figure a percentage of membership that we will not be ashamed of. The boys are doing some good work, and, considering our former percentage, are entitled to a great deal of credit for their enthusiasm and perseverence.

Block dispatcher's office on Second District, has been moved from Mitchell to Hardy.

Portage Pit has been opened on First District, with Mrs. T. B. Lennon in charge.

Big Sandy now has third trick. Bro. Jensen is agent, with two tricks filled by nons. Both are good timber, and have promised to come through this month.

Bro. Lee Shobert and wife, of Cascade, are off for a visit East. They will take in St. Paul, Sioux City, Kansas City, St. Joe, Leavenworth and Des Moines before returning to second trick at Cascade.

Third trick has again been opened at Clancy, with Mr. Hansveldt in the harness.

Steam shovel and pit jobs on Second District, with frequent changes, and lack of communication, make it hard for me to keep track of the line-up over there and on the M. & G. N., but hope to get them better next month.

Conductor Jack Hayes, of the regular run out this way, was a delegate to the State Convention recently. He tells me he met Bro. Abbott, and that Abbott is a candidate for clerk of the District Court over at Logan. Hope the boys on the N. P. and Milwaukee in that county will not forget that he needs votes to be elected, and that No. 70 will appreciate anything they can do for him. Here's success to you in the November "deak."

Spokane Division, West-

I am a new arrival on this road, and very anxious that some organizing should be done. It is high time we were up and doing. Let's not be called the poorest organized road in the Northwest, but let's try and reach that high-water mark, 85 per cent, that Bro. Abbott tells us about. There is not one good reason for any one to remain out of the Order. How can we help but realize that we would not have the nine-hour law if it were not for the good work of the O. R. T.? It is every one's duty to become a member and

help uplift the craft. Try to improve the service; always be prompt at answering your call, and help the train dispatcher all you can in the handling of trains. Good service is what the company wants. Let's try and show them that O. R. T. men are the best men. Boys, we certainly do not want to drift along in this state of affairs forever and forever. Why not get "25" and let people know we are living. We have nothing to lose, and lots to gain, so let's forget the past and strive for the future. Everybody do his part. It all helps. Remember the old saying: "God helps those who help themselves."

Business seems to be fairly good on this division. There has been some talk of the Burlington business coming over the G. N., but no signs of it as yet.

The "Red Special" passed over this division recently, and Mr. Debs delivered several speeches along the line. I venture to say he has some pretty good ideas.

Operators seem to be quite plentiful on this division at present. An old-timer passed my "diggings" not very long ago, and produced a C. T. U. of A. card dated 1906. That is nerve, is all I can say.

The nine-hour law seems to be working out pretty good.

Bro. C. H. Nichols gets the job as night yard-master at Leavenworth in place of Mr. Peterson.

Bro. J. A. Marcott goes to Krupp for a month to relieve Mr. Culp.

I suggest to make our watchword: "Organize."

"Stand-Patter."

S. F. and N. Division-

The writer does not know very much about how the line-up is, but he does know of three members between Colbert and Marcus, and of some who are interested, and could be induced to join. That we need systematic work is also a certainty. Why not each one of us make ourselves a committee to secure at least one member? You know that 85 per cent will put our committee before the management for working rules, etc.

I think probably a few remarks as to the advisability of keeping our membership up may be in Order. In the first place, we all know that the O. R. T. is the only organization that ever helped the operators, and that ever can or will help us. Next, with an increase in business in sight, and by reason of the nine-hour law, a possible increase of operating force, it stands us in hand to line-up solid so we can secure better working conditions and wages. As an example to us are the N. P. boys, who started right in after the strike and re-organized, and at present have a better wage scale than they had before. There is nothing to prevent us doing the same thing. If a few of us dare to wear the button, the rest of you ought to have the nerve to join us.

CERT. 1038.

lowa Central Ry.

No card, no favors.

Bro. R. A. Carroll back on the pike. Now at Mason City days. A C. T. U. of A. brother, named Cordin, doing the owl act.

Bro. Harry Clawson, of Hampton days, was taking in the sights at the Minnesota State Fair, at Minneapolis, the first of the month.

Bro. J. L. Butts, of Sheffield, has been off duty the past month on vacation; relieved by Clock, a non. Clock went to Hedrick from there to do some relief work.

Bro. Quenlin relieved Bro. Ed. Urbine at Union. Bro. Q. is an old-timer, having worked at Liscomb several years ago. Doubtless some of the older members will remember him. Glad to see a brother get the place.

Bro. J. W. Rankin relieved Mr. Tapp, agent at Liscomb.

A new dispatcher at "DS" office; a Mr. F. A. Davis, off some road down South.

There has been several changes made in the minor offices of the road during the past few months, and, of course, like everything else on the Iowa Central, when anything good turns up, the men to supply these changes were imported from some other road.

Entire change of operators at Hedrick this month. Operator Lynn was let out on account of trouble with ground wire, and Morrison went to the C., M. & St. P., at Rutledge. Bro. Tom Ray holding down the day job, and one John Elder, new man, the night trick. Hours at this point have been changed; the agent being required to play telegrapher from 12, noon, to 4 o'clock p. m. Understand Elder has resigned.

It is now Bro. Halferty at Ollie. This brother carried an up-to-date card for years, when he received no benefits at all, and would never have dropped out of the Order had he not discontinued railroading for several years.

Night office at Brighton again open temporarily. Understand a worthy brother from the C., M. & St. P. holding this down. We are always glad to get Milwaukee boys, for they generally carry upto-date cards.

Bro. Anderson, from the C., G. W., is holding down the agency at Elrick Junction. By the time this appears in print, no doubt Bro. Anderson will belong to Division 71. His son is night man at that place, and we look for him to line up as soon as he gets the required age.

There will be several changes of agents on the east end soon. Bro. Newport, of London Mills, has resigned, and will probably accept a position with some other line. Bro. Newport has been with this company a long time, and they lose a good man when he goes. The hours at London Mills have been arranged in such an unreasonable manner that Bro. Newport could not stand it longer, and it is our opinion it will be some time before the Iowa Central gets Bro. Newport's equal at London Mills.

Notice the agency at Berwick is bulletined. We hear all kinds of rumors about this place. Agent



Graham recently had about \$200 disappear from his office in broad daylight. Unfortunately, Mr. Graham does not carry a good-looking card, so the boys have not been very profuse in offering sympathy.

There has been some changing on the Illinois Division, but we have not been informed as yet just what we have drawn. One thing we are certain of however: The Iowa Central, for some time, has not seemed inclined to live up to the rules of our schedule; and not only that, there are one or two dispatchers working that pay no attention whatever to the hours of service law. The boys have been very patient, on account of other trouble the company has been having, but patience has ceased to be a virtue, and the limit has about been reached. The company has lost several good men on this account, and several more expect to leave the service for the same reason. We hope to see a change for the better soon.

No meeting was held September 12th on account of sickness in the secretary and treasurer's family, and no other division officers expecting to be present.

Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

Illinois Division-

Bro. E. H. Webster attended the funeral of Bro. McCullough at Creston, with flowers from our local.

Mr. D. Black, foreman carpenters, Freeport and Fox River Line, was pensioned September 1st. Robert McIntosh taking his place.

Operator P. H. Murphy, of Freeport, working at Tower "BJ," Freeport Line Junction a couple of weeks while Perry Chronister is at "MS."

J. E. Price, of "U" office, Chicago, relieved Bro. Agnew at Wayne for ten days.

Bro. O. H. Schultz, of Tower "HM," off for a month; relieved by Mr. Merrick.

Bro. Ed. Trautman is working at Langley Pit. Bro. Henning, of "YD," De Kalb, has been down East seeing the sights.

Bro. L. D. Agnew is acting as cashier at Morrison,

Bro. W. Blair is agent at Batavia in the absence of Bro. Gilmore, who has bought a farm in Washington.

Lake Geneva agency has not been decided yet, but understand Bro. Blair has a bid in for it, and the brothers will surely be pleased if Billy gets the job, and so will the officials, as Bro. Blair is a first-class man.

Bro. T. T. Seaton and Bro. J. Gleason, of Nelson, have had their vacation. Bro. J. Wilcox relieving at "NY."

It is wonderful how all the campaign literature has the union label so prominent, but the scab printery don't worry. They know they will get the business after the election.

We had a good meeting at Dixon, September 19th, and you missed all the fun, but I can not say I sympathize with you. If you can not spend all your money, send Bro. Aye a few dimes on

your assessment. We will see that the politicians don't' get any of it. We need it for our own battles.

Bro. Alexander, of Wheaton, has resigned on account of his mother meeting with an accident that makes it necessary for him to stay in Peoria for some time.

Our next meeting will be a large one, so I hope you will all make good.

CERT. 151.

Eastern District-

Bro. Brown, Bristow to Pilger by bid. Have not learned who gets Bristow. Bro. Forney is doing the relief work there.

"13" some of the boys get operators during the rush. Well, they will need them.

Bro. Ryan, of Bonesteel, took a couple of days off. Bro. Sharp doing double duty.

Bro. Lewis, of Monowi, is off on vacation. Did not learn where he went.

Well, the big rush will soon be on for the Tripp country opening. "13" the railroad is making big preparations to handle the people. CERT. 1353.

Ashland Division-

Our first meeting, after a temporary suspension during the summer months was held at Antigo, Saturday evening, September 19th. Not as large a crowd was present as was expected, but most of the old faithful were very much in evidence. We urge you to remember your duty and turn out better next time, for on the interest taken in your organization depends its success, in more ways than one. Don't leave all the work for a few, but get out and do something yourself.

As far as we know at the present time, things are going nicely on our division, all the men are working, and things in general are in good shape working, and things in general are in good shape. We ask you to do what you can in helping to get new members into the Order. Look around a bit and see if there is not a non working near you who, with a little persuasion, you might induce to join the Order. Blanks and other information can be had from your local chairman on application.

Bro. M. H. Rogers, formerly on second trick at Clintonville, has gone out West and is reported to be working on the Northern Pacific Railway.

Bro. D. R. Treat is at present on a vacation, being relieved by Bro. Quade, who, in turn, is being relieved by Bro. F. Hunt at Hortonville.

Mr. C. W. Lanier, days at Antigo yard office, s off on several weeks' leave of absence. Bro. Frank Bessey will relieve him, and J. W. Lacey relieves Bro. Bessey at Pelican.

Bro. W. H. Drumm and Bro. A. J. Bigford are at present holding down the boards at Rhinelander. Bro. L. G. Montague, formerly at New London.

is now working at Apolo, Pa., on the P. R. R. Ry.

Bro. P. C. Mittnacht is now in the railway
mail service, and has a route passing over the

We wish to thank Bro. W. R. Jones and others for "ems in this write-up.

Ashland and Lake Shore Divisions.

Bro. I. A. Drumm, second trick at Kaukauns, was off for a couple of weeks in September for the purpose of undergoing an operation. He is now back at work again and doing nicely.

We respectfully call the attention of members on this division to the address of the American Federation of Labor to the union men of the United States on the first page of the September journal. Read carefully and vote as your conscience dictates.

The future of organized labor is at stake, and we trust you will leave no stone unturned to do what you can in its behalf. Speak to your neighbors and friends, and ask them to help in this great cause.

Cor.

Peninsula Division-

The ore business has picked up considerably the past month, and the men who were laid off the early part of the summer are again back at work. Offices have been opened up at Antoine. Spread, nights at Stager, and additional men have been put on at several stations. Our last meeting was very well attended, and things are progressing nicely all over the division in O. R. T. circles.

Bro. Craig relieved Bro. Johnson at Iron Mountain for a short time, during which Bro. Johnson worked the message wire in "SC" office.

Bro. and Mrs. Moran spent several days in Chicago and Milwaukee, visiting friends. Bro. Plant relieved Bro. Moran.

Bro. Groeschell, at Stambaugh, has been given a second trick man during the ore season.

Bro. Douglass worked a few days on third trick at Oconto until the bulletin expired. He is at present on the extra list.

Bro. Plant is again back to his mansion of daily toil at Saunders, after a six months' leave of absence, which was partially spent in the West. He was relieved by Bro. Larsen.

Mr. McCarthy, a new man from Escanaba, is now working third trick at Little Lake, relieving Bro. Lewis, who is working at Ispheming during the absence of Bro. Damitz.

Bro. Damitz, of "OB," is spending a couple of weeks in Indiana with the militia.

Bro. Ellington got Carney by bulletin, and is now nicely located there.

Bro. Rochon got Nadeau by bulletin, and was relieved by Bro. Larsen at Foster City.

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Bro. Kennelly, of "MN," was off a week, caused by the death of his grandmother at Escanaba. After resuming work he relieved Bro. Ramile, at Ishpeming, who was off a week on account of the death of a sister.

Bro. C. Hartho, a member of this division. agent at Munising Railway, Carlshend, Mich., enjoyed a ten days' vacation, which was spent in Detroit and cities in the Lower Peninsula. He was relieved by Bro. Lang, formerly of this division.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His Infinite wisdom, to call to the Great Beyond the beloved father of our worthy brother, C. Larsen, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Peninsula Division, No. 76, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend our sincere sympathy to the brother and relatives in their sad bereavement; be it further

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Dakota Division-

W. J. Dickson, of Cavour, has been transferred from Cavour agency to night telegrapher position in Huron during the fall work. Mr. Dickson was relieved by Bro. Holbrook, who has been holding down the pit job. Later, a second trick man was put on at Cavour, Bro. G. C. House, of Chicago Division, being the "lucky" man.

A number of second and third tricks have been opened this month. Balaton is now a three-trick station, Bro. Lowe holding first; M. J. Whalen, second, and John Driscoll, third. The last two named are C. T. U. of A. boys.

I have been informed by good authority that records are being kept of the calls made for stations and length of time taken to raise an operator. A few days ago there were four of our stations on these lists. The object of this record is not known, but the best thing we can do is to play safe.

Bro. E. C. Pennington held the car clerk's position in Huron a few weeks, but preferred Brookings, third trick, to that position, and took the Brookings' trick when that position was opened. Walters and Bro. Kendall moved up a notch, Kendall taking first trick, his hours being 7 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Houghton, Ordway, Ludden and Vilas have been opened as telegraph stations.

Bro. E. Finnerty bid for Hitchcock on the last bulletin, and has been transferred to that station as agent. "FY" is getting to be an old-timer now. Five years' rights will buy a good job almost anywhere.

Centerville is now a two-trick station, Mr. Cowan and Rosenthal being first and second operators, respectively.

Bro. G. J. Jobin returned to work at Lake Benton after a lay-off of a month. Bro. Holmes, who relieved him, was held there as second operator when that position was made.

Sioux Valley Junction is now a three-trick job, with eight-hour tricks. R. F. Deckross, L. J. Miller and W. A. Neikirk are first, second and third operators.

Arlington is now a three-trick station, Mr. Mc-Namara being third man.

Trainmaster W. W. Goodykoontz has been confined to his home for some time. It is rumored that he had appendicitis. He is improving slowly, and should be with us again in the near future. Conductor Elmer Given is keeping things moving during Goody's absence.

A. N. Spradling, of Iroquois, third trick, and E. L. Mentzel, of Manchester, are now wearing the "smile that won't come off," "the reason for why" is that they now have the little pasteboard which says December 31, 1908.

Bro. W. L. Boughner, formerly of this division, but at present cashier at Casper, Wyo., for the W. & N. W., was visiting friends on this division during September.

George Hazen, who will never be forgotten by the boys who worked under him while he was night chief in Huron, was visiting friends on this division this month. George is still with the N. P., and returned to that system after a short visit.

Bro. M. B. Pay returned to his work at Volga. Fillis was sent to Beresford to relieve Bro. Truax. Bros. Daugaard, Nohlgren, Zollar and Wilson contributed notes this month. Thanks.

The north end is feeling swelled up because of the new daily passenger which was put on September 6th. The main feature of this train is that its schedule will permit more of the boys to attend our meetings in Huron without having to trust to extras and way-freights.

Bro. Bert Laity, who was at Hitchcock until a regular man was assigned, has gone to his home in Manchester, Iowa, on a lay-off.

Redfield is a two-man station, R. S. Carpenter holding first and S. J. Julian, a new man, second.

Aberdeen now has two operators. Schlectau first and Story second.

Bro. Barber handled Wolsey during the absence of Bro. Wilson, who was called to attend court at Deadwood, where he was a witness in a case against two men who had been distributing "con" money. Barber was put on as second operator on Wilson's return, later being relieved by Brown, from Miller, Barber going to Miller.

The west end now has a main line appearance, with its new steel and ballast. The boys out there do not care for any more main line now, after being put through the work of handling gravel trains.

The depot at Wolsey is being moved across the track to the town site and rebuilt inside.

Second man at the pit was taken off and Mattis works twelve hours alone.

Wessington has a second-trick operator, a Mr. Brown, from Alabama is the operator.

W. J. Van Derhoof is second man at Highmore. Bro. Daugaard, who held this trick, was transferred to Blunt Pit, where he is at present.

Wessington loaded out sixteen cars of stock for two consecutive Saturdays, and has more in sight.

Gravel work is nearly completed on the west end of this division, but it is rumored that Mr. Dike will use the Pit after the Dakota Division is through, and if he does it will mean cold weather before they finish.

Bro. E. A. Nohlgren, of Estelline, took his wife to Minneapolis Sunday, September 20th, where she will take treatment at one of the hospitals. Bro. W. J. Van Derhoof, of the C., R. I. & P., relieved him.

Kampeska and Elrod have been opened up as telegraph stations.

Bro. Van Derhoof relieved Bro. Moe at Miranda a few days.

Telephones are being installed in a great many of the stations on the Northern Iowa Division, and wages being cut. A great many of the older men are becoming dissatisfied and are going into other lines of business. Most of the telephone jobs are put in the hands of inexperienced men, and it is unnecessary to describe the class of work they put out. The auditor makes their reports out a few times, and then they are relieved, generally by some one no better.

Bro. A. W. Tyner, who has kept us posted on the happenings on this division for the past three years, has resigned from the duties of local correspondent, secretary and treasurer. Bro. Tyner has given us the best of service during his term of service, always giving us a newsy write-up and rarely missing an issue of The Telegrapher Bro. Tyner will still be with us in our work and at our meetings. His resignation was caused by his many duties, both railroad and personal. I have been appointed to take Bro. Tyner's place, and if I keep the Dakota Division as well represented as Bro. Tyner did, I shall be satisfied.

Fraternally,

H. A. STIMSON, De Smet, S. D.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The All-wise Ruler has called Bro. H. W. Porter to duty in a better world, and while we bow in humble submission to Divine Providence, be it

Resolved, By Division No. 76, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that in his death we lose an esteemed and conscientious brother, his wife and children a devoted husband and father, and the community a good citizen; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved our heartfelt sympathy. N. PAULSEN,

J. A. DAWSON, H. A. STIMSON,

Committee.

Northern Wisconsin Division-

A number of changes have taken place the last two months. Local Chairman Hackbert taking Appleton Junction agency. This is a decided promotion, both in salary and position.

Bro. Leether received De Pere, Bro. Gilbert Appleton days, Bro. Bakken Wrightstown, Bro. Bornick second trick at De Pere, Bro. Lindsey third trick at Oshkosh, Bro. Ed. Neitzel the agency at Burnett Junction, Bro. Remmel, who was doing relief work at De Pere for a few weeks, again back at Melton Junction.

Bro. Tiedke, formerly at Appleton Junction, has accepted a position as traveling agent with the Wisconsin & Michigan Railway, with headquarters at Zion Mountain.

All the trick dispatchers have enjoyed their vacations. Mr. Hoffman back on "WA" wire again. Telegraphers should be entitled to receive consideration as dispatchers, and receive a vacation with pay.

Our future success depends greatly on the interest taken at our monthly meeting. We are now up against the proposition of reduction in salaries, and we can not afford to fall by the wayside now.

Everything points to a big movement this fall, and when the railway companies are again doing a normal business, we will no doubt meet the management for a revision of our present schedule.

Several of the brothers have enjoyed vacations. We will look for a box of "smokes" at our next meeting, with card labeled: "Smoke on me."

Bro. A. S. Lacy, formerly of Appleton, writes he is working at Bakersfield, Cal.

We are glad to chronicle the fact that our genial trainmaster, H. D. Pendell, has been appointed assistant superintendent.

Monthly meetings will again be held. We slipped by last month on account of the numerous changes, and allowing all to get settled and acquainted in their new position.

Bro. H. J. Stack visited his brother in Northern Michigan for a few weeks, being relieved by Bro. Bornick. The latter holds regular position now; that of second trick at De Pere. He bucked the extra list a long time.

I wish to again call your attention to the fact that agents located at non-telegraph stations and block telephone men are eligible to membership, and every one should endeavor to induce them to join our ranks. We can but cite them the experience we have had and what the organization has done for us in the way of bettering our working condition and salaries.

Bro. Wm. Jaehuke did relief work at "WA" office for a few weeks.

Bro. Stone is doing a little relief work.

The boys on the south end have had theirs the past week on account of extra service during the Jefferson County Fair.

Have you paid your semi-annual dues? If not, why not? Please give this your undivided attention, and remit to Bro. Kempher. We want to be in the best possible shape when our committee convenes again, as it will no doubt be a long session. and we have several concessions which we expect and hope to get. Above all things give the public and the company our best possible service. In this way we can show we have their interest at heart as well as our own. Mr. Dailey says we can be loyal to our company as well as our organization, as they work hand in hand. During the past year our working this way proves to our management that we can, and have done so, and they will show their appreciation, and grant us concessions.

Commencing at once, let us start a crusade against all non-members, and be in a solid body at the time we meet the company.

Bro. Greerbach, who was off a few months, has returned to work at Glenville. He was relieved by Mr. Krebs, of Oshkosh freight office.

We would like to receive a few items from some of the boys on the east and west ends. Bro. Leether advises he can not handle the correspondence of this division, and a new man will be appointed at next meeting. In the meantime send all items to Local Chairman Bro. Hackbert, at Appleton Junction, who will send them in.

The freight house at Weenoh was destroyed by fire last month, and the freight force is camped in the baggage room. A fine place.

DIV. COR.

Madison Division-

Your correspondent was put hors de combat by coming in contact with poison ivy Labor Day, and had to be relieved, and is at present writing, unable to walk.

Through the kindness of Mr. W. G. Cotton, our section foreman, we got a chance to read the September number of the Northwestern Bulletin, which contains an article entitled: "Train Dispatching by Telephone," by Mr. G. W. Dailey, our superintendent of telegraph. It is a comprehensive description of the method used in dispatching trains on this system in the territory where the telephones have been installed, and if it could be published in The Trlegrapher it would give the brothers on other railroads a clear idea what the telephone is doing in the railroad service.

Mr. Dailey, in his article, says "the change from telegraph to telephone operation on the two divisions mentioned (Madison and Wisconsin Divisions), was made without a hitch. All officers and men concerned are entitled to a great deal of credit for the willing and efficient manner in which they took hold of the matter."

We wish to take this occasion to correct and wipe out an erroneous impression that the telephone may soon supersede and replace the telegraph entirely. This will not happen in your time and mine, unless the future brings forth innovations, improvements or conditions that can not now be foreseen. As an instance of this, on the two districts equipped, while we are using the telephone for train movement business, we have retained the telegraph for ordinary messages, commercial business, etc. Railroads, when needing additional communication facilities, will expand both ways, rather than one way. They will undoubtedly have both for many years to come, and the writer wonders why they did not have both before.

The Bulletin also has a description of the new \$20,000,000 passenger depot that will be erected in Chicago in the near future.

Bro. H. M. Rice is laying off a few days, and Bro. A. E. Mueske is taking his place at Welton, second trick.

Bro. E. C. Bentley, agent at Ablemans, is enjoying a few weeks' vacation. Bro. W. Langenhan is acting agent meanwhile. This is like a vacation to Walter, as it is his home.

P. F. Eberts is working third trick at Reedsburg while Langenhan is at Ablemans.

Bro, G. W. Richardson has resumed his duties as agent at Dane, after an extended trip in the East, and J. H. Meiers, who relieved him, took his second trick at the same place.

W. F. Holden, who relieved Meiers at Dane, went to Evansville, and is relieving Bro. M. H. Keefe, second trick, who is at Trempealeau visiting relatives and friends.

Bro. L. M. Burt, after several weeks' vacation, has taken up his troubles at Brooklyn again. Lester made an extended trip through the Western States to the coast, and returned the lucky possessor of some real estate in California.

Bro. M. M. Zeches, who was acting agent at Brooklyn, is visiting relatives at St. Charles, Minn. Bro. A. E. Johnson, the obliging cashier at Evansville, made Chicago a Sunday visit.

V. R. Harding, of the dispatcher's office, is off on account of sickness. Bro. C. C. Henners is performing his duties.

Bro. J. A. Richardson has resumed work at Tower "EA," after visiting his sister in Chicago, who was sick. E. L. Canney, who relieved Bro. Richardson, went to Dodgeville to relieve Bro. Lynn, who is enjoying a vacation.

Bro. Fred Tomlin got Dodgeville station on the last bulletin, and Bro. C. B. Adams got Beloit, first trick, and R. B. Wood got Wyeville station.

C. L. Cottingham, telegrapher at Benton, is one of our latest new members.

Mr. Thos. Delvin, who was at Benton, has left this division for other fields.

E. Heiner is relieving C. Hansen, first trick at Monona yard, "M," whose experience has taught him to keep away from poison ivy.

With the increase of business we find it hard to keep posted with the doings on this division, and will again ask your co-operation in getting news for the monthly write-up. One of our old stand-bys failed us this month. He is so busy it probably slipped his mind.

DIV. COR.

C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.

Wisconsin Division, Eastern District-

The office of local chairman on the Northern District has changed hands. Bro. Brodt, on account of the scarcity of help at his station, and the additional burdens placed on him by the reduction in force, found that he could not give the time necessary to do justice to the office of local chairman. Bro. L. D. Marquette, of Shell Lake, has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Brodt. Bro. Marquette starts in with a determination to make the Northern District the banner district of the Omaha Road, and with the cooperation of the members he expects to make good.

Business is picking up nicely at the present writing. The grain is moving in good shape, and, with a continuance of the rush for a few months the railroads in this section will have forgotten all about the "business depression."

Bro. Lamm, at Tunnel, second trick, has been laying off visiting in Nebraska at his old home; relieved by Bro. E. W. Quinn.

Bro. Campbell, second trick at Elroy Yard, was off a month visiting his folks in Iowa; relieved by Bro. Brandon.

Bro. N. C. Norby, of Baldwin, is relieving Bro. Kvool, at Woodville for a short time.

Bro. Kanar, who has been holding down East St. Paul, second trick, for the past few months, was relieved by Bro. Fred Goss, the regular assignee. Bro. Kanar is now doing the "hello" stunt at Baldwin, temporarily.

Understand Bro. T. A. Bergh, agent at Deer Park, resigned to take up studies at the River Falls Normal. The vacancy at Deer Park was filled by Bro. E. W. Vinson, from the C. P. Bro. Vinson is an old Omaha man, having worked on the Wisconsin Division for a long time as agent and telegrapher at several different places. He is a son of cur deceased brother, S. R. Vinson, the former agent at Deer Park.

Bro. G. A. Norman, from Woodville, is relieving Bro. Bailey at Hersey.

Bro. Lee Judge is kept going relieving agents along the pike. After relieving at Augusta for some time, he went to Spring Valley for a few weeks, and is now at Burkhardt filling the vacancy during Bro. Otto's absence.

Bro. C. R. Dopkins is holding down Beldenville, relieving Bro. J. M. Locke, who is on the M. & I. Division.

Mr. Tower, from Eau Claire, is working Hudson, second trick. Cantley off sick.

On account of second trick telegrapher being taken suddenly ill, Bros. Van Meter and Hurst were compelled to work the limit of the nine-hour law, doubling, each man working twelve hours for two days. This must have seemed like the good (?) old times.

We are glad to see Bro. Badgely back at his old stand, Roberts, third trick.

Bro. Kavorik is on second trick at Roberts, while Bro. Stricker relieves at Marshfield.

Bro. Vosberg, Northline, has been praying for relief for some time, but he says his prayers have not been answered as yet.

Several of the boys along the line have been taking their well-earned vacations, and several others are only waiting their chance for relief, but it is the same old cry: "We haven't got the men."

An ex-member of this organization who is holding down the side wire job on the main line at Eau Claire, is evidently trying to see how unpopular he can make himself with the telegraphers along the line. His language and actions on the wire will not tend to cement that feeling of harmony which should obtain among telegraphers who are forced to work together on the wire. We are not anxious to register an organized protest against his work, but we can not be expected to stand for this boy's monkey work much longer.

The following are the assignments on the August bulletin: East St. Paul, second trick, E. P. Goss; New Richmond, second trick, J. Siron; Deer Park, agent-telegrapher, E. W. Vinson; Mason, agent-telegrapher, J. C. Wilkins; Radisson, agent-telegrapher, E. W. Otto.

Div. Cor.

Nebraska Division-

Agency at Bloomfield was bid in by Bro. H. C. Peterson, from Laurel, and Laurel vacancy has been filled by Bro. Scrumpf, from Winside. The latter place will be the next one to be filled. Presume there will be plenty of applicants.

Understand the helpers and operators who were taken off last winter are to be put back on again, but, as yet, have seen nothing of them. Hope they soon will be, as they are badly needed. Business is just as good, if not better now, than it was before the so-called "panic." Mr. Derringer, former agent at Bloomfield, has secured a position in a bank in Kansas, and will leave railroad service; lucky man.

Mr. Briggs, agent at Wausa, is taking a thirty days' leave of absence; relieved by Bro. Wallahan, from Wayne. Do not know who relieved Bro. "Wally."

Bro. E. R. Moran, agent at Herman, was off ten days the first of the month, looking after his interests in his claim up in South Dakota; relieved by Bro. Hedges, of Wakefield.

Bro. Johnson, days at Oakland, took a few days off and spent them very pleasantly in the Northern country, around Twin Cities and vicinity. No doubt of his having a good time up there; relieved by Kipp Hamblin, who returned to college at Bellvue, after Bro. J. returned.

Bro. Larson, agent at Nacora, was off a few days, visiting friends; relieved by Bro. Buchanan, who must have felt at home in his old position.

Operator Whitaker relieved G. W. Smith, agent at Fordyce, a few days while the latter took in the sights at the Interstate Fair.

Bro. W. L. Wright has moved his family to Hubbard, and says he is going to make a stay of it.

Several of the boys are going up to make an entry for a claim in the Tripp County land opening soon.

Bro. Jones, agent at Jackson, is booked for a few days off in the near future, going up to his home at Niobrara.

Mr. Smith, agent at Emerson, was called to his home over in Iowa, recently, by the sickness of his father; relieved a few days by Bro. Frost.

Operator Hallisy is working first trick at Emerson, Bro. Snodgrass second, and Bro. Hatcher third.

Bro. Wise is relieving at Winside, pending the bulletin.

Bro. Mike Halpin, agent at Sholes, is taking a much-needed vacation, and is making the fish hunt the deep holes in the northern country, understand up in Wisconsin. He certainly deserves to have a vacation, having been in the collar for four or five years with never a day off; relieved by Bro. Buchanan.

Operator Anderson is back at Bancroft, after relieving at Laurel. Understand Bro. Snodgrass has resigned to take effect the 15th of October.

Thanks to the brothers who contributed. Send in your dues, boys, I am glad to say there are not many who are back. Don't put it off, do it today.

DIV. Cor.

Minnesota Division-

Business, as the old German says, "is getting very flusk" along the old Omaha again. The boys are certainly earning all the wages they again draw, and are feeling good over that fact. Several new positions have been opened and more would be if men were available.

Bro. C. A. Fielder, agent at Merriam, quit the Omaha cold a short time ago. Bro. F. M. Schneiderhan has been acting agent there until the assignments on the vacancy bulletin was made.

The following assignments were made on the September roth bulletin: Merriam, agent-telegrapher, D. J. Vincent; Merriam, third telegrapher, H. F. Hood; Savage, third telegrapher, E. W. Crandall; Le Sueur, third telegrapher, E. T. Ziebarth; St. James, fourth telegrapher, no assignment; St. James, third telegrapher, C. B. Fairfield; Heron Lake, third telegrapher, W. W. Jones: Worthington, third telegrapher, F. H. Spatgen; Sibley, third telegrapher, R. A. Westbrook; Sioux Falls, day telegrapher, F. E. Anderson (eighty days).

Mr. R. S. McDonald, new man, is doing the night stunt at Ottawa. Mr. McDonald has asked for a set of papers, which has been furnished, and before these items are in print it is safe to say he will be a full-fledged union man.

Bro. C. G. Goulter is doing the third shift at Le Sueur until such a time as the regularly assigned man is transferred. Bro. Goulter is a member of the C. T. U. of A., but we hope he will soon transfer to the O. R. T.

Bro. R. W. Walkley is relieving Bro. Frank Morris at Storden. The former has promised to transfer to Division No. 76.



Bro. I. J. Moyer, of Amboy, is taking a short vacation, visiting a day or two at St. James; relieved by Bro. E. W. Crandall.

Bro. L. M. Kilberg, of Minneopa nights, is temporarily relieving at Madelia. Relieved at Minneopa by Bro. Harlan Sheets, new man and a new member.

Bros. G. R. McGinty and L. F. Stuart, of Western avenue, have been filling in at St. James the past couple of weeks. We have been unable to learn who their relief is at Western avenue.

Bro. Zimmerman, of Kasota, relieved Bro. Kehrer, at Mankato, a few days. Upon Bro. Kehrer's return Bro. Zimmerman will take a short vacation. His position at Kasota has been filled by Bro. R. A. Westbrook, late of the C. & N. W. Ry. at Ledyard.

Bro. C. F. Leatherman is relieving Bro. Reed Wilson.

Bro. and Mrs. L. L. Frisby, of Hadley, have returned from an extended trip to the coast, through the Twin Cities and other places of in terest.

Bro. Hale, of Windom, has a short vacation; relieved by Bro. Tabbart.

Bro. and Mrs. A. Backer of Bingham Lake, visited a few days in the Twin Cities. Bro. Backer was relieved by Bro. Cosgrove, of Brewster.

We understand that Bro. Burdick, of Madelia, contemplates a six months' leave of absence. He will spend a portion of this time on the Pacific coast. Bro. Jensen will wear the official cap during Bro. Burdick's absence.

Bro. R. J. Stelter is doing the relief act at Winnebago.

Bro. Feyder, after a few days' visit at the Twin Cities and the head of the Lakes, will take up his assigned position at Mitchell.

Mr. Griffith, of Blue Earth, is temporarily relieving Bro. Segar at Shakopee.

Bro. Tenney, of Lake Crystal, represented the telegraphers and station agents at the meeting of the General Committee of the "Omaha Protective Association," held in St. Paul, Sunday, September 20th. Bro. Glick, of St. Paul, relieved Bro. Tenney. Upon Bro. Tenney's return, Bro. Glick relieved Bro. Brooks for a few days. The latter will try and induce some of the feathery tribe to come within range of his shotgun, but we do not anticipate much of a slaughter.

Bro. West, of Minneopa, was absent a few days the early part of September. Bro. Kilberg was general supervisor at that important station during Bro. West's absence.

On account of Bro. Hamilton, at Belle Plain, being sick, Bro. Glick was sent there to relieve him for a few days.

Bro. F. M. Schneiderhan has severed his connection with the Omaha.

Bro. Sullivan is filling the third position at Western avenue while Bro. McGinty is relieving at St. James.

Bro. and Mrs. Wagoner, of Garden City, have returned from their trip to South Dakota and Duluth Bro. Clark, of the commercial telegraphers, is holding down the position at St. Paul shops, pending the next bulletin.

Bro. Moyer, of Amboy, is enjoying a visit from his brother.

Mr. R. A. Slaker drew the Chicago wire trick in the general office on the late bulletin.

Prior to Bro. Glick's relief on the Omaha, and while laying off, he put in a month or more in the Western Union office at St. Paul.

We understand Bro. D. Fiock, of Mitchell, has resigned, to take up a claim in South Dakota. Bro. Mock, of Sioux Falls, has also filed on a claim in South Dakota, we understand.

Bro. Backer, of Bingham Lake, enjoyed a few days' visit with his brother, who is a telephoner at Wilson, Wis.

Mr. Smith, a brother of Bro. J. E. Smith, of Bingham Lake, has taken up his duties as telephoner at Nicols.

Bro. N. D. Watson has set up bachelor parlors at Fairmont. His wife is visiting at Seattle, Wash.

Bro. Gove, of Sibley, had an operation for appendicitis performed the first part of September. He tells us it was very successful, and he is again at his old stand and feeling fine. CERT. 251.

Wisconsin Division, Northern District-

Bro. L. D. Marquette, agent at Shell Lake, has been appointed local chairman of the Northern District to fill out the unexpired term of Bro. Brodt. Bro. Brodt found that on account of the heavy business at Clear Lake he could not devote the time necessary to the work of local chairman.

Bro. "Mark" is a hustler "for the good of the Order," and will appreciate your hearty co-operation. Help him all you can, boys.

At Chippewa Falls, Bro. Walbridge, first trick; Bro. Ainsworth, second trick.

At Eagle Point, Bro. A. A. Bachman is the whole cheese.

At Bloomer, Bro. C. A. Nielsen, first trick; Bro Eustace Holmes, second trick; Bro. R. F. Biggar, third trick. Ray was off a week on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. R. W. Carry, of Ashland, who went to Neillsville, on Ray's return, to relieve there for a few days.

The fair at Chippewa Falls kept us all on the hump handing out excursion tickets to the bunch.

At Chetek, Bro. N. A. Cowing resigned on account of his health. Have not been informed, as yet, who is relieving him.

Mr. Ilson, of Rice Lake, is no longer in the service.

Bro. McIlree, of Washburn, has made good again. Bro. Liddane, general chairman, was off a couple of weeks on order business.

Bro. Crowel is relieving Mr. McElroy at Bayfield.

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Div. Cos.

Western Maryland Ry.

At this writing we learn there are very few nons left on the Maryland Division. I am very glad I can say this and hope the few that are left will be with us by next month.

Bro. Gardner, first trick at "GR," off on a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. Rose. Bro. Berger was relieved at Emory Grove by Bro. Lewis to give him a chance at the second trick at Gettysburg the two weeks Bro. Gardner was off.

Bro. Kemper, second trick at York, relieved one night by Mr. Sterner.

Bro. Pierson, second vice-president, paid the boys of the Maryland Division a visit last month. We all were glad to see him and are anxious to hear from him again.

Operator Sterner relieved Bro. Dubbs at Porters one night.

Bro. Rose, second trick at "GR," spent several days at the Grangers' picnic.

Bro. Curvin Dubbs, third trick at Porters, has resigned this month to accept a similar position with the Middle Division of the Pennsylvania road.

Operator Law relieved Bro. Harbaugh, second trick at Highfield, who was sick for several days.

Bro. A. J. Hoover, second trick at Thomasville, has resigned his position to go to the High Rock College. He was relieved at Thomasville by Mr. C. S. Dubbs.

Bros. Loose and Mummert, third tricks at "XS" and "SM," respectively, made a trip to the Chesapeake a few days ago.

Bro. Rose once more off two days this month, traveling for a vaudeville show as stage manager. He got as far as New Oxford with them and the show got stranded. Rosie returned and the show people are living in hopes to make enough there to get out of town. Bro. Rose relieved by Mr. Breighner.

Effective September 27th, Mr. Bupp, third trick at Gettysburg, transferred to Porters permanently. Bro. Berger fills the vacancy at "GR" same date.

DIV. COR.

West Virginia Division-

At Ridgeway, regular first trick man, Bro. E. Harrison, is doing the extra work in "GM" office. Bro. Schaff holding down the third trick at "2."

If the boys want a god write-up each month it will be necessary for them to send in notes to the correspondent, as it is impossible for one man to keep in touch with all the changes on the road. While our road is in the hands of a receiver at present, the outlook is good, and there is no reason why, in a course of a few years we may not have as good a schedule as there is east of the Ohio River. We have as good a set of officials to work for as any road in the East. If we do our part, I feel quite sure that they will do theirs. We hope by the time this appears in our journal that our General Committee will have something good to tell us, as we "13" there is going to be something doing before long; while it may not be much, it will be a starter, and like the song, "Every little bit added to what you have makes a little bit more."

So that is what we wan't to do, keep after the little bits, and add them up and they will likely make a big bit to what we have at present.

Now, you nons, you better fall in line, for this is only a starter. Every non's name will be published hereafter. You know in your heart that it is your duty to join us and help to get what we can.

Now, brothers, you that know of a non, try and use your influence and land him on the safe side. Try to show him the right way, and the good there is in it. Treat them right, give them a show, then if they won't come in, give them the cold shoulder, and show them no favors whatever. Stick to the old saying, "No cards, no favors." You have no right to show them any favors at all. There is too much of this done now by some of our brothers. I know it is hard to be selfish, it is hard for me to do, but when we look on the other side is it not more selfish in the nons taking what we get for them and gloating over it? It certainly looks that way to me, and I trust that every other brother will see it in the same light, and treat them that way. With best wishes to all, DIV. COR.

Bangor & Aroostook Ry.

Bro. Thorpe enjoying a two weeks' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Connelly.

Bro. Keniston, of Guilford, recently took a vacation, being relieved by Bro. Kearney, of "WB" office. Bro. J. H. Curtis, of "WB" office, relieving Mr. D. H. Buckley at "MR," at this time.

Miss M. L. Dyer, operator at La Grainge, relieved by Mr. Wilson for two weeks.

Mr. E. N. Herrick, who has been holding down third trick at "MK," is away on vacation, being relieved by Bro. M. N. Flynt.

"13" a Mr. Hall relieving Bro. Marshall at Brownville Junction while Andy is taking his vacation. Mr. Hall is a new man. May hold an upto-date card.

Mr. Reynolds, recently at Leasport, is doing the second trick at Northern Maine Junction. Bro. Barrows, who has been ill for the last six months, has resumed his duties at Winterport.

Bro. C. S. Burfee, recently at Fort Fairfield Junction, has left the road, and has a good position with the American Express Company at Fort Fairfield.

Bro. Williamson got Norcross on bulletin.

Bro. Kearney, of "WB" office, doing first trick at Northern Main Junction at present writing.

Bro. Matthews, who recently relieved Agent Farnham at Shirley, is now holding down the third trick at West Seboois.

Burglars visited Bros. Mooney and Brooks at Island Falls station recently and obtained a little cash and a few money orders.

Bro. Caron, from Jemptland to South Sebro. Brothers, I want to call your attention to the fact that there were some brothers who went to Houlton, August 16th, to attend meeting, but

when they got there they didn't care enough about the welfare of the Order to attend, and instead, took in the town. Then, again, there has been some kicking about the committee. Now, brothers, this is not right, and I am glad to say that there were only a few of these knockers who stayed away from the meeting. If every member could have been there and heard what our worthy Bro. Pierson had to say they could and would understand what the grand old Order really is, how it has grown up from infancy to its present membership of approximately 46,000 members, what it has had to contend with, and also what our System Division General Committees are up against. There is a lot of it that you do not understand, but could if you had only been on deck. If we all knew and understood it as Bro. Pierson explained it, we would not have these so-called "knockers" forever knocking the committee. There were a lot of cases like ours in the fall of 1907. Lots of larger committees (but not any better or any stronger men), that represented big divisions had to return to their homes without getting what they went after. They could not get it. Why? Simply because conditions were not right. It was the same all over the country. Our local committees are not powers supreme; you must bear that in mind, and I am confident that just as soon as conditions allow they will again make an effort and get us all they can. It is up to you to back them up good and strong. The boys that missed hearing Bro. Pierson can not realize their loss. It was his first visit with us, and what he said was all good. The only fault to be found was that we did not have more time to hear him. Let us all hope that Bro. Pierson is to be with us for keeps. Every condition throughout the country is familiar to him; so, boys, stick by Bro. "Tom" Pierson, and stick by your committee. Do not knock them.

Everybody cheer up, and when things look brighter and better, our committee will hit the "trail" for an increase and better working conditions. So let's ring off with three cheers for Bro. Pierson, our committee and the O. R. T. at large.

Chicago, Indiana & Southern Ry.

This is the time to get out and get every nonmember into the fold so we can make a stand for the rights that all other roads are giving their telegraphers since the nine-hour law went into effect.

It sure makes me disgusted with life to read the letters from members on other roads telling about their nine-hour tricks, while we over here are still working any old hours, about the same as before the law went into effect.

It would be a good idea for us to all make up a statement of the conditions we are laboring under and send to Mr. Perham, and see if something can not be done. There are a number of places that should be investigated, when it will be discovered we are not getting anything near our rights under the law.

Further, I wish to say that we are too far from our division headquarters. Some arrangement should be made so that we could get together once in a while. Some central point chosen so that the boys on the K. K. and Danville Divisions can get together for our common interests.

Don't let's admit being "buffaloed," but make up our minds to fight it out with the only instrument we have—the good old O. R. T. If we get after the nons and put up a solid front, they will have to give us the consideration we deserve.

Would like to hear from other members on the line as to what they think of the situation.

CERT. 321.

Illinois Central Ry.

Honor Role I. C. System Division No. 93-

Telegraphers on seniority list entering the service prior to 1880:

- 1. C. St. John, Louisiana Division, entered service 1862; in service 46 years.
- 2. P. S. Cummings, Louisiana Division, entered service 1863; in service 45 years.
- 3. Oraville Ross, St. Louis Division, entered service July 12, 1872; in service 36 years.
- 4. P. M. Poynter, Tennessee Division, entered service September 22, 1872; in service 36 years.
- 5. C. Galvani, Louisiana Division, entered service October, 1872; in service 36 years.
- 6. A. W. Mitchell, Tennessee Division, entered service February 25, 1873; in service 35 years.
- 7. K. I. Alexander, Cherokee Division, entered service March, 1874; in service 34 years.
- 8. W. C. Harris, Springfield Division, entered service April, 1874; in service 34 years.
- 9. E. B. Huntington, St. Louis Division, entered service September 1, 1874; in service 34 years.
- 10. P. A. Dulin, Mississippi Division, entered service October 16, 1874; in service 34 years.
- 11. W. H. Dickens, St. Louis Division, entered service January 1, 1875; in service 33 years.
- 12. Mary M. Gilliland, Springfield Division, entered service June 17, 1875; in service 33 years.
- 13. E. J. Wolfe, Chicago Division, entered service July 10, 1875; in service 33 years.
- 14. W. A. House, Tennessee Division, entered service November 1, 1877; in service 31 years.
- 15. W. S. Smith, Freeport Division, entered service November, 1877; in service 31 years.
- 16. W. Delano, Freeport Division, entered service May 1, 1878; in service 30 years.
- 17. J. B. Fuller, Dubuque Division, entered service January 1, 1879; in service 29 years.
- 18. C. Sisson, Chicago Division, entered service January, 1897; in service 29 years.
- 19. S. R. Lentz, Chicago Division, entered service March 1, 1879; in service 29 years.
- 20. Mrs. A. M. Mayes, Louisiana Division, entered service September 1, 1879; in service 29 years.
- 21. E. Dobbins, Chicago Division, entered service November 1, 1879; in service 29 years.

If any system division can beat this for old heads, we would like to hear from them through

the journal. The Louisiana Division easily takes the lead, having four out of the twenty-one; the two oldest and three out of the five oldest—all upto-date members of the O. R. T.

The sisters whose names appear in the list, and who, I understand, are both up-to-date, will please take no exceptions to these figures, which refer only to their seniority, and not their ages. It is quite probable they entered the service very young.

"Yzzy."

New Orleans Division-

Although we have not literary geniuses, we can boast of some of the staunchest brothers who are battling for the cause of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers in the land. Like the Roman mother, when twitted for appearing at the emperor's court without decoration of jewels, exclaimed, pointing to her two noble sons, who were destined to be at once the future strength and support of Rome: "These are my jewels;" so we, when confronted with the paucity of jewels- literati, can point to our true brothers and exclaim these are our jewels.

Bro. Charley Lumbly has given up his position, third trick at "XN," Vicksburg, and gone back to his first love, the A. & V., and been succeeded by a new man, not yet known to the writer.

Agent B. F. Graves, of Yokena, has come over on the Lord's side, and is now a full-fledged brother, being the last of the family of five Graves boys, all good men and true, to possess himself of the one thing needful.

Bro. Jim McGlathery has just returned from an extended trip to the West, taking in El Paso, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Salt Lake City, and various other cities and points and places of interest. Bro. Collins relieved Bro. McGlathery as agent, and Bro. Cooper relieved Collins. Mr. H. C. Badgely filling the position of night ticket clerk.

Miss Annett Dobrowolski is gracing the agency at Russum, and promises that we can say sister after next pay-car.

Bro. B. L. Harper, the pioneer member of the New Orleans Division, who has been with the K. C. S. for some time, is again with us, relieving Bro. Dromgoo as agent at Lorman, while Bro. Dromgoo is enjoying his vacation.

Bro. W. H. Graves is now holding down the fighting town of Knoxville, relieving Bro. Levi, who goes to Centerville days.

Bro. W. E. Daugherty is off on vacation in Virginia, with his wife and the little ones, and is relieved by Bro. J. H. Robinson as agent. Bro. Anderson filling first trick, Sister Owen second trick, and Bro. Graves third trick during the temporary disarrangement of positions. The very air of "GC" is enough to make a new man out of a non. The station force dwells upon such a high plane of O. R. T. principles that the atmosphere has become rarified, and the non who breathes in this life-giving oxygen becomes purified, and remains a non no longer.

The smiling face of Mr. J. A. Antimarchi still greets you at Norwood with a promise of some-

thing better, but the days go by, and so does Joe's little remittance, although he is shoving \$5.00 per month in his pants from our exertions.

Bro. Charley Thompson has been promoted to third trick on south end, in dispatcher's office at Wilson.

Bro. Hardesty, first trick at Baton Rouge, is after the maverick nons who frequently come strolling into an O. R. T. job at "BR." He is very much inclined to put an O. R. T. brand on them, so that they might consort with decent stags of "Fraternity" ranch, and enjoy the pastures thereof in amity, and helpfulness.

Bro. Heydel, of La Place, La., had the misfortune to fall on the zinc plate around his stove and break his leg; a very serious injury, from which he has suffered for some months.

Local Chairman R. L. Montgomery was over the division a few weeks since talking things over with the boys, and was delighted to be able to turn over to Bro. Shannon eight new applications. It is passing strange, indeed, that any man can not recognize the justice of our contention that no selfrespecting telegrapher cans remain out of the organization. A mere casual retrospection of the telegraphers' past should convince any fair-minded man or woman that the beneficent influence of our Order has been exerted with tremendous power for our good, if, in that retrospection, a comparison is made between our past and present conditions. By the power of organization we have been lifted from the positions of mere serfs, banded about from pillar to post at the whim, and very often at the evil whim of any petty division official, to positions of respect and immeasurably greater emolument. All the tendency of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers is for the good of the individual member, and for the advancement and uplifting of the craft. If we were impelled by sordid reasons alone, the proposition to become a member would be a good one; but when it is coupled with a cleansing and purifying of our physical and moral atmospheres, which possesses us of that esprit du corps necessary to place us in the forefront of battle in the struggle for our industrial emancipation, then to any one it would seem irresistible. Perhaps it has never occurred to you nons that he who is not with us is against us. Because the non-member who enjoys the benefit of our money, our brains and our industry, expended for the advancement of us all, is a dead weight. He retards by his example the solidification of our organization upon the division he works, and renders more difficult our efforts for advancement. He is a sponger, a deadbeat; yea, a leech who sucks our lifeblood, furnishing all the while no constituent, nourishment to its vivifying stream.

Now, brothers, let's have no nons. Let us unite in our efforts for the good of the non as well as ourselves, and with a good pull, a long pull, and a pull altogether, we can accomplish wonders. Do not fail to notify your local chairman of any thing that can be done to bring in a new member, or renew an old one. Keep him posted on everything

for the good of the organization, so that he can intelligently handle your interests.

Send any news items to Bro. Montgomery, and he will consolidate them and have some brother send them in. CERT. 459.

Tennessee Division-

On account of lack of interest in some of our members to send in notes, we find it quite difficult to give a decent write-up on this division.

Those who have not paid dues for the term ending December 31st are reminded that they are certainly expected to pay dues more promptly. We will never arrive at 100 per cent strong, a condition which every telegrapher should try and attain unless we set good example by paying dues promptly, try and bring back those who have fallen away, and bring the two or three nons now on this division under the protecting arm. To avoid personalities, the names of those who have become delinquent have been withheld, but there are a few who are over a year in arrears, and it we are ever fortunate enough to secure a revision of the schedule those members who are behind in dues and are holding scheduled positions regular will very likely be allowed to look to some other support besides the O. R. T., when the matter of more money is involved, their places of business should certainly be passed up. The Order of Railroad Telegraphers is just as grand, uplifting and ennobling as any organization under the sun. We therefore all be proud of it, keep our standing up, and do not be backward in wearing the laurel wreath and sounder where it can be observed.

Now, brothers, it is drawing near election. Before casting your ballot consider well your man. Read and reread Bro. Quick's able editorial on the first page of September journal, and vote for the man that will prove loyal to labor's cause.

Business is increasing gradually on this division, and all hope for a continued increase in tonnage so that it will be necessary to increase the telegraph force.

Just as soon as the members get hungry for monthly meetings same will be in order during the winter months, as heretofore.

E. Cosgrove.

Louisiana Division-

During the month of September business on the I. C. increased considerably owing to the lumber mills resuming operations, beginning of the cotton crop movement; also considerable grain being moved, which has necessitated a number of additional telegraph offices being opened, and already the scarcity of competent telegraphers is noticeable. A small number of commercial operators still on the non list. They seem to take it for granted that it is all right to allow the railroad operators to pay the freight while they look wise and take the money, but they are mistaken. It is up to them to do the necessary.

A large and enthusiastic O. R. T. meeting was held at McComb, Miss., September 13th. About thirty-five members present, including several of the sisters. Local Chairman Bro. Rehorst presided. Several applications for membership were acted upon; important matters discussed and disposed of. Meetings will be held at McComb the second Sunday in each month in the future, and we trust the members will attend and help make them a success.

Bro. A. M. Smith, after being out of the service for several years, is relieving Bro. Hoyr as agent at Roseland, La., while "H." is taking his vacation.

Mr. Jno. J. Ott, "OT," a non, continues to do the extra work at McComb, "MO," which has been quite regular. John says an O. R. T. card is not a necessary adjunct.

Bro. S. A. Holt, first trick at Harahan Yards, is back after an extended vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Fitzgerald. Also Bro. W. D. Stanley, third trick at Manchac, has returned from a trip East.

When will T. S. Akers, nights at Frenier, get that card is a question that is being asked by several. One year at one place, and no card is an enviable (?) record.

Joe Fitzgerald has done the needful, and it is now Bro. Joseph.

Geo. Muller, telephone operator and extra telegraph operator in "BD," New Orleans, is proud of his new card. "SA" is young in years, but he can give some of the old-timers pointers on unionism. Mr. C. S. Kleppinger, "KR," an operator in "BD," is still without a card, and says he is not going to get one, either.

Harahan Junction, "HN," has the "Kandy Kids" in Messrs, Ed. Dunning and J. L. Phillips. They practice what they preach, "take everything you can get, and let the O. R. T. boys pay for the increases." Wonder who is operating the private (student) line from "HN?"

Bro. H. C. Smith, third trick at "UD," Mc-Comb, has resigned and gone West. Bro. W. J. Thompson, "GD," falls heir to the vacancy.

Mr. G. N. Arnold, second trick at Kenner Junction, has promised to get that card so long until he has just passed it up.

Bro. W. B. Sanders, agent at Pocahontas, Miss., and assistant local chairman for the Yazoo District, reports his district solid. Nons get a chilly reception on the Yazoo.

Bro. Hiram Allen, agent at Amite, La., has returned from a trip visiting relatives (?) in Lake Arthur, La. "HA" was relieved by Bro. D. D. Hungate. Bro. Hungate also relieved J. B. Magee at Osyka, Miss., for two weeks.

Bro. W. L. Meredith has resigned as agent at Hammond, La. Bro. Wolf, who has been cashier, is filling the vacancy, temporarily, until regular assignment is made.

It is now Bro. W. E. Kelley, agent at Arcola, La. He has done the proper thing, and promises to get in the game, after the nons, also attend meetings regularly.

Bro. C. W. Floyd, "O," late of "FX" office, Jackson, Miss., has left the service of the company. Gone West to grow up with the country. The company has completed the telephone from New Orleans to Canton, Miss., a distance of over 200 miles; cut in at all offices. It was given out when first installed, that train orders would be handled exclusively, but later would be handled only when the telegraph wire was in trouble; also would handle the telegraphic car report on it. Nothing doing as yet. Talk about your gold bricks, but this is the biggest one of the season. Spending a few thousand dollars is nothing, especially during these hard times.

Are you living up to it: "No card, no favors?"

Dry. Con.

Springfield Division-

Bro. C. W. Seimers, agent at Buffalo Hart, taking a few days off, being relieved by Mr. O. A. Phillips, former agent at "BH."

Bro. J. A. Vallow, "CO," Clinton, is taking his vacation, being relieved by Bro. H. S. Macon. Bro. Macon, in turn relieved by M. R. E. Lewis, of "B," East Grand avenue.

Bro. A. Lankford, our hustling local chairman, of "K," Mt. Pulaski, spent three days at Mt. Olive visiting his parents, being relieved by Bro. J. C. Brown.

Bro. E. Meliza, second trick at "DZ," Decatur, off three days on account of sickness, being relieved by Bro. I. P. Davenport.

Bro. Davenport relieved Mr. Longbrake at Maroa a short time, and is now doing a twelve-hour stunt at "K," Mt. Pulaski. Bro. Davenport being relieved at Maroa by Bro. W. L. Baker.

Bro. Lankford, of "K," Mt. Pulaski, relieving Bro. Cooper at Ramsey, who has been granted two or three weeks' leave of absence.

Bro. T. A. Gillaland, first trick at South Junction, Decatur, trying to get relief for a few days so he can take in the State Fair.

Bro. Wright, agent at Toronto, has left the service, and has taken up farming. J. C. W.

Birmingham Division-

Bro. A. B. Faucett had the misfortune of falling and spraining his ankle a few days ago. He was off about ten days. He was relieved by Bro. Jack Monk, of Haleyville.

Bro. B. A. Nesmith, of Hackleburg, has been off on a few days' vacation. He was examined by the company's physician while off, and passed O. K.

Some of the boys were a little scared up when they learned that they would be required to stand an examination. So far all that have been examined are O. K.

Bro. T. S. Smith is back at his old position, clerk at Haleyville.

Engineer J. L. Stephenson is an old operator, and always has an up-to-date card. Don't forget to show John special favors.

The Birmingham Division now about eight months old, is practically solid. The boys have very kindly joined in with Bro. Wood, local chairman, and are striving to make this one of the very best divisions on the I. C. We pull together like an

old yoke of oxen. Watch us come to the front.

Next year is convention year, and we should make it a point to get our next card on time.

CERT. 2683.

Freeport Division-

Bro. H. B. Stocks was successful applicant for East Junction, first trick, for thirty days; reliering Bro. H. E. Keister, who is enjoying a thirtyday vacation in South Dakota.

Bro. R. Tooms is enjoying a twenty-five days' vacation in the West. Bro. G. E. Cox is filling Bro. Toombs' place, nights in "DR" office, Freeport, and Bro. John Hayes is filling Bro. Cox's place at Freeport yard office, third trick.

Bro. M. J. Madden is filling W. M. Lane's place as second trick dispatcher in "DR" office, Freeport, while Lane is filling L. S. Taylor's place as third trick dispatcher, east end. Taylor is enjoying a thirty-day vacation.

Bro. B. E. Melloan relieved Bro. Harrington at C. G. W. Crossing for a few weeks. Bro. Harrington is enjoying a vacation.

Tonica agency is the only bulletin, excepting thirty-day bulletins, that we have had for some time. Later, Munger was also just bulletined.

The monthly meetings are held for our benefit, and it should be known that the more that manages to attend the more ginger there is to the meeting. Now let us all that can possibly get away be at the next meeting, no matter when it is held. Be there!

On looking over Bro. Quick's roll of honor the only name that I find from the Freeport Division is Bro. Kelly's. Well, that is somewhat better than some of our sister divisions did. Let use see if some one of our names can not appear each month in the roll of honor column.

Bro. B. E. Melloan relieved Bro. Owens at Dixon for a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. A. E. Norvell relieved Sister Walthon at Rockford for a few weeks, Sister Walthon enjoying a vacation at her old home.

Bro. Norvell also relieved Bro. Wm. Powers on the third trick at Rockford for thirty days.

Bro. A. E. Norvell, after the return of Sister Walthon, went to Dixon to relieve Bro. Owens, on third trick, for a few weeks, while Owens 12 away on vacation.

About 11 a. m., July 31st, fire was discovered in the roof of Munger depot. Word was sent at once to neighbors, who responded quickly with buckets and ladders. Water seemed to be the most important thing needed, but none was available, except a fire barrel full in the freight room. No. 32 was stopped and water taken from their tank until some water was hauled from a nearby well. The dispatcher sent No. 52s engine and crew, with our trainmaster, Mr. Duckwitz, to the fire from Coleman, and they succeeded in putting the fire out in about thirty minutes, the damage amounting to about \$20.

Bro. Bobbitt was relieved for two weeks at Munger by Bro. R. J. Steele. Bro. Bobbitt enjoyed a few weeks' vacation in Southern Illinois.



Bro. Chas. Peterson, second trick at Cloverdale, spent a two weeks' vacation at his home in Bloomington. He was relieved by Bro. F. B. Schlaff.

Bro. H. Steele enjoyed a few days in St. Louis. His son, Bro. R. J. Steele, relieved him at Addison.

Bro. J. J. McGinty just called me up and called my attention to the note made in last month's journal of J. V. McGinty, of Irene, being a non. This man may be a non, but he is not our Mc-Ginty at Irene, for he is always up-to-date, so if any one is of that opinion lose it at once.

SHORTY.

Dubuque Division-

Did you notice that the Dubuque Division was represented in the journal last month. It looked pretty good to us after all these months we have waited to see something from our own district, and revived an interest again among a lot who had actually began to think that the O. R. T. had ceased to be, on this division, at least. The "telephone scare" and the wails from the calamity howlers had some of the weak-kneed fraternity guessing, all right, but now business is picking up again, and there are but few operators out of work in this section of the country. Men wanting vacations are being stood off by the chief, and, in one instance, the division agent had to relieve an agent-operator for ten days on account of no available operator for the place.

Understand that the commercial telegraph companies are doing a heavy business, and an idle commercial telegrapher is hard to find at the present time.

Quite a few changes over the division, and several of the boys have resigned to accept service with other roads.

One operator taken off at Glenville, Minn., and the remaining two men working split tricks. Bro. E. L. Hamblin, the genial agent, is working first trick, and H. G. Farley, ex-agent at Mona, working second trick.

Mona station closed at the time of the general reduction.

Mr. E. Parkhurst, agent at Lyle, Minn., has just returned from his vacation. He was relieved by Bro. C. C. Yoder.

A Bro. Kilgore acting as relief agent at Toeterville, Iowa; effective September 7th. Toeterville closed as a telegraph office.

Mr. W. R. Turner, an old-timer, who dates in the service since November 1, 1891, is agent at St. Ansgar, and is the only agent-operator who still remains a non, in spite of all the benefits he has received as a result of the work of the O. R. T. Understand the only excuse he has for not being a member is that at one time there was a fellow in the Order that he did not like, and so he never joined. What do you think of that? The man he referred to is not now a member, so it is up to Mr. Turner to do something.

Mr. W. H. Weaver, agent at Osage, called to Ohio by the serious illness of his mother. Bro. L. J. Dodge is acting as his relief, and Bro. S. V. Norman fills Bro. Dodge's place as day operator.

Bro. J. H. Wixstead, at Charles City, has resigned, and is being relieved by Bro. L. J. Smith until bulletin bids are filed. He expects to return to the dispatcher's office at Dubuque, to take the trick on Albert Lee District, when Bro. Stickney leaves the service.

Bro. F. E. Conca is relieving Bro. L. McCwe. agent at Nashua.

Bro. J. E. Davis, agent at Waverly.

Next month we will devote a little space to each non and backslider, in seperate paragraphs, giving each man's excuse for not showing appreciation of a good thing to the extent of keeping an up-to-date card in his possession. There are some fellows who are great on the "stall" act. They always have a new one handy. One man has been deriving benefits for the past four years and we have been very patient with him, but there are times, and it will come in the near future, when "patience ceases to be a virtue."

Bro. C. H. Hall, a 310-pounder, is still relieving Bro. H. F. Reigel as agent at Raymond.

Bro. H. F. Reigel is on a six months' vacation.

Bro. H. A. Mead, agent at Jesup, taking a six weeks' vacation, and a trip over the new extension of the Milwaukee; relieved by Bro. C. C. Yoder.

Bro. B. H. Clark was off ten days on account of sickness; relieved by the division agent.

Bro. I. L. Hobson won third trick at Dyersville.

Same old bunch at Manchester, with the exception of Bro. Benda, working second trick.

Bro. Geo. Cummings, agent at Peosta, resigned; relieved by Bro. J. P. Gafney.

Bro. M. E. Stoefel, first trick at South Junction, Dubuque, is taking a vacation up in Michigan; relieved by Bro. P. D. Bechely.

Our old chief dispatcher, Mr. W. Atwill, officially known as "WA," promoted to trainmaster of the Omaha Division, with headquarters at Fort Dodge, vice Mr. F. M. Jones, resigned.

Mr. W. W. Blasier succeeds Mr. Atwill as chief dispatcher.

Mr. C. H. Harris succeeds Mr. Blasier as trick dispatcher.

Bro. K. J. Morrison, the genial third trick dispatcher, has resigned and is relieved by Bro. D. A. Stickney. Bro. Stickney also has his resignation in, and will leave the service to go into the elevator and grain business.

Mr. F. Fuller is relieving Bro. Brown at Dubuque Junction.

There are several who are in arrears, and we hope that it will not be necessary to hold them up for the bunch to look at next month. Do it now. "Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today."

Bros. J. H. Wells and C. S. Davis, working first and second tricks at East Cabin, Ill.

Bro. H. C. Kelly resigned and has accepted service with the Chicago Great Western, now

working second trick at Fair Grounds yard office at Dubuque.

Bro. W. T. Conklin, formerly at Law, resigned several months ago and is now located at Bellevue, Iowa, engaged in selling land.

Bro. J. A. Trice is working first trick at Center Grove.

Bro. A. Miller, first trick at Dyersville, off on vacation, and is relieved by Bro. J. C. Freyhage.

Carrville station closed at the time of the general reduction. Sister Ethel Resor is now relieving the manager of the Western Union at Charles

City. She was formerly agent at Carrville.

Bro. Martin Houlihan is all alone at East Dubuque.

When are we going to have another meeting, brothers. Don'e see why we can't have monthly meetings at Dubuque and get together and get acquainted. Let's talk this thing up and get started.

Everybody get busy now and make it a point to try and bring at least one new member into the organization, and see if we can't have the division 100 per cent strong by the 1st of January. Now, don't simply pass over this without giving it a moment's thought. Where would we be today if it were not for thorough organization? How would it seem to go back on a twelve-hour scale at a salary of about \$40 or \$45 per montin now? Compare working conditions now with what we were up against a few years ago. Quite a contrast, eh?

Eight years ago I held an agency on a small road at town of about 600 population, had fourteen regular trains a day, hours 6:25 a. m. until the dispatcher saw fit to say good night, no extra pay for overtime, had to hang the switch lights, scrub the waiting rooms and shovel show off the platform in the winter time, and some nights was on duty until as late as 3 a. m. to meet a late passenger train and throw on a sack of mail, and if I happened to oversleep the next morning and miss meeting the 6:25 a. m. local, I was threatened with dismissal if it ever occurred again. The salary that I received from the railroad company was \$35 per month. We all hated it, but what could we do?

Finally, it was heralded that the Illinois Central operators had organized and secured a schedule; then the C., M. & St. P., and then the C. & N. W. followed suit, and then we began to set up and take notice. We wrote to Bro. Perham and requested him to send us an organizer, and while waiting for his reply we got busy ourselves, and had almost everybody lined up for business by the time the organizer reached us. In one month after the organizer reached our road we had the desired percentage of membership, and were ready to send in a committee. It took three months for our committee to secure a hearing from the officials, but they were finally successful, and, after a hard battle, they agreed upon a wagescale and signed up the schedule. Since then they have secured two revisions, and now the station that I handled for \$35 per month is good

for \$65, and the section men handle the switchlights and do the scrubbing, etc.

Since that time I have done considerable moving around the country, and have worked for various large systems, and have always found that a member of the Order is always received as a friend by the fraternity wherever he goes, while the average non (as soon as he is found out) does not receive the attention and courtesies that a man with an up-to-date card has extended to him. Some of these home-guard nons ought to get out and try it and see for themselves.

Now, brothers of the Dubuque Division, wake up, don't get weak in the knees and throw up the sponge, just because the company is experimenting with a telephone. That telephone is not going to hurt us if we stick together, but if we all throw up our hands and dropp out of the Order, just mark my words, we will have it handed to us like the commercial operators did after the recent big strike. They lost the fight because they did not stick, and now they are working for from \$5 to \$15 per month less than they did when they had a working agreement.

Next month we will hold up the backsliders for the good, loyal brothers to look at and then all will know who the "razor backs" are, and be governed accordingly. "No card, no favors."

OLD HOOK AND EYE.

Chicago District-

Division No. 93 held their regular monthly meeting at Kankakee, Ill., Friday evening, September 11th. Bro. Morrison acted as chief telegrapher on account of Bro. Walters being absent.

Bro. Searle, of Savoy, was appointed to act as assistant local chairman on the Champaign District. This is a good move and we are sure it will help the local chairman to a great extent in keeping in touch with the brothers. Bro. Searle is a hustler and we hope he will make good in his new position.

As cold weather is about here we hope that all of the brothers that can possibly get away will attend this meeting and show that they are interested in the good work we are doing.

Bro. Boyle, of Gibson City, is on the sick list. "13" he is improving. Hope to see him out in a few days.

Bro. Deitweiller, on extra list, is relieving Bro. Boyle. Bro. Deitweiler comes to us from the C. I. & S. well recommended as a good O. R. T.

Bro. Balfe, second trick at Farmer City, is taking a vacation. Can't say who is relieving him. "13" Bro. Balfe has gone to Mud Springs, Ind., for his health.

First trick operator at "KJ" tower, Kinmundy, was opened permanently during August.

Bro. Bradbury, nights at Tuscola, laid off a week during August; relieved by Mr. Pelstring.

Bro. McNeill, of "HA," Champaign office, has returned from a two weeks' vacation.

Alma was bulletined in August. Several of the boys on the Champaign District were disappointed in not getting the bulletin. Bro. J. A. Brown run in the job.

"KN," Kinmundy night office, was open for applications the latter part of August.

Third trick at Tolono was open for applications, August 31st to September 9th.

Bro. Gilman, of Thomasboro, has applied for a sixty-day lay-off, but "13" he is not going to come back to work. Thomasboro was open for applications until September 6th.

Third trick in dispatcher's office at Champaign was open for applications, September 1st to September 11th, giving Mr. Parnell, a non, a hike for the tall grass. It is true, "There is no rest for the wicked."

A couple of intruders entered the station at Galton and proceeded to help themselves, but they found only Bro. Zimmerman's tobacco to welcome them. Bro. Z. says they can have the tobacco, but he hopes it makes them sick.

Neogo night office was open for applications, September 11th to September 21st.

Bro. Zimmerman, of Galton, has run in the third trick stunt at "HA," Champaign office.

It was thought a good plan to send a copy of your applications to your local chairman, when applying for positions.

Bro. Edwards, of "HA," Champaign office, is off for another trip to the Sunny Southwest.

DIV. COR.

The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Ry.

Memphis Division-

Through the medium of the journal I would like to ask the brothers on this division to be more liberal with notes so we can have a good write-up every month. It is very discouraging to a division correspondent when the time comes to send his notes to the journal, to find there is not a single note on hand from any of the brothers or sisters, so let us get together and have each and every member appoint him or herself as assistant correspondent, and forward your notes to the operator at Clarksdale so he can make a good showing in the journal every month.

A meeting is called for September 27th at Clarksdale. I am sorry it will not be represented in this number, but will endeavor to give it in the next for the benefit of those who were unable

Bro. J. H. Arrington, the genial ticket agent at Clarksdale, was off for ten days eating cornbread and hominy in his old favorite stamping ground, Kentucky. Bro. Furlong relieved him during his absence.

Bro. F. W. Stewart, Jonestown, has returned after being away for six or seven weeks chasing wolves in the State of Michigan. Mr. Singleton relieved him while he was away.

Sister White has been off on account of sickness, but glad to see she is back with us again.

Bro. (Col.) White has been acting agent at Mound Bayou for about three weeks.

Bro. Keltner, agent at "MA," was off a few days on account of chills. Bro. Furlong relieved him. Bro. Lindsay, at "CD" about fifteen days, and now at "YD." Do not know who is laying off there.

Bro. Moore, our local chairman, has returned, and is now back at the old stand.

Bro. Herbert, formerly agent at Dublin, has been transferred as agent to Holcomb.

Bro. Mielke, "DR," at "GO," has returned from his vacation. He has been up home in the country filling up on his favorite diet, "pies."

Mr. A. T. King, first trick dispatcher, is away on a well-earned vacation; relieved by Mr. J. H. Bull, who, in turn, is relieved by Mr. J. B. Tippler, a new comer.

There seems to be a scarcity of operators down this way at present. The majority of the boys give this neck of the woods a wide berth, as this is not the healthiest part of the world to live in.

Night Chief Dispatcher, F. H. Anderson took a run over the Clarksdale District last Sunday on a motor car, accompanied by Superintendent J. F. Porterfield and Roadmaster D. W. Thrower.

Mr. F. D. Munson, our chief dispatcher, is off for a few days.

Div. Cor.

Indianapolis Southern Ry.

Indianapelis Division-

General Chairman Mullhall out over the line a few days ago. Most important thing he did was to appoint Brc. Clements, of "BE," local chairman, as the management required a chairman on the I. S. separate from Peoria Division, I. C. We all think Bro. Clements the man for the place.

Bro. C. G. Ault, of Robinson, laying off on account of sickness.

Bro. H. H. Howard bid in Linton, second trick. He was relieved at Bloomington by Bro. E. W. Barrett.

Bro. I. E. Merrick, who has been sick, has returned to work; his regular third trick at Dugger, relieving Mr. Guthrie, who was doing the stunt at Dugger during Bro. Merrick's absence.

Bro. M. D. Renfroe, of Stanford, off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. L. E. Weed.

Mr. W. B. Church off a few days at home visiting; relieved by Mr. R. C. Reynolds, of Palestine.

Bro. C. A. Keene, third trick dispatcher, taking three weeks' vacation. Gives Bro. Bean third trick and Bro. A. L. Young "Q" days.

Mr. R. C. Reynolds, who has been relieving Bro. Sherrill at "MN," has left the service.

Bro. I. L. Draper, former local chairman, was in Indianapolis recently making the purchase of a new automobile. We understand he had a rough time getting it over the hills of Brown County on his way to Bloomington.

Bro. C. A. Keene was out over the line on local shortly before he took his vacation. First time out over the I. S. since he went to work in September, 1907.

Mr. J. J. O'Neill resigned at Stoy to accept a pension job with the S. I. at Sullivan, Ind. Mr.

O. R. Guthrie has left the service, but do not know what he has in sight.

Bro. C. D. Sherrill, from Morgantown, sent to Sullivan to help out there for a few nights on account of Mr. Guthrie leaving us. This leaves Morgantown closed for a few nights.

Mr. L. E. Weed, from "Q," Indianapolis, goes to Stoy for a few days on account of Mr. O'Neill leaving, and from Stoy he goes to Solsberry, exchanging with Bro. E. H. James, who has been at Solsberry for a few days relieving Bro. J. F. Glass, who is off on his vacation.

Bro. H. O. Bean returned to work at "Q," Indianapolis, dispatcher's office, and Bro. A. L. Young goes back on nights at that office.

Bro. C. A. Keene just returned to third trick at "CD," from a fishing trip up at his old home in Michigan.

Bro. R. E. Billings, of Wheeler, was off for a few days; relieved by Mr. J. J. O'Neill, from Stoy, who, in turn, was relieved by Mr. H. F. Noe

Peoria Division-

Bro. Jerry Robertson, first trick at Olney, off on a two weeks' vacation, being relieved by Operator Key. Have not learned whether he carries an up-to-date or not.

Bro. J. T. Caster, third trick at Newton, took a two weeks' vacation, being relieved by Operator Sayrs, from the Pan Handle.

Considerable bumping going on lately owing to the fact that several offices have been cut out for the time being.

Bro. Gallagher, formerly night operator at Toledo, taking second trick at Olney, relieving Mr. Heuring.

Bro. Bennie Knight, Harwood days, bumped by Mr. Webb, from Franklin street, the third trick being cut off.

Bro. C. J. Walker, our local chairman, spent Sunday, September 16th, with his mother in Decatur.

Bro. Billy McClure, agent at Bonegap, off on a vacation, being relieved by Bro. Johnson.

Operator Sayrs, working third trick at Newton, extra, bumped by Operator Huering, who was working third trick at Olney.

Bro. Gladville, agent at Stewartsville, off on about three months' vacation; relieved by Operator Hardwick.

Dispatcher working second trick at "Z," spent a few weeks in the wild and woolly West among the grizzlies.

Bro. McGinnis, agent at Latham, off on a months' vacation at Hot Springs and other Southern points; relieved by Operator Whitson.

Bro. Frego, second trick dispatcher at "Z," Mattoon, spent a few days off, taking life easy and resting up; relieved by Bro. Bridges, extra trick dispatcher.

Items scarce again this month; not a single item received from the north end, and none from the south end, except what we happened to pick up. Come on, brothers, and help us out on the items, and try to have a big write-up next month.

CERT. 1315.

Chicago Great Western Ry.

Eastern Division-

Since the last write-up we have received several letters from our brothers on the Third District. We hope you will keep the good work going, and make our space in The Telegrapher look lively.

Business seems to be getting better on the pike. That's what we want to see. Maybe they will make three-men stations out of these one-man joints.

We notice they have made a one-man job out of South Elmhurst, and cut the block in at the Illinois Central crossing, "CX."

Mr. Kelly is doing the second trick stunt at "RH."

Bro. Semper, of "RH," is taking a lay-off. Do not know how long.

Mr. H. L. Crawford is working third trick at "RH," relieving Bro. Lawrence, who is taking a vacation

Mr. Norris is working third trick at "DA," and Bro. "MY," formerly working third trick at "DA," is relieving Bro. Pentecoff, who is doing the agent stunt.

"13" Bro. Anderson is back working the third trick at Byron.

Bro. Trezona, agent at "FY," has asked for two months' leave of absence.

Bro. Borchad, agent at "GR," has asked for three months' leave of absence.

Some of the boys that came out from Chicago during the strike, are unable to furnish bonds with the new bonding company, and are being discharged until bonds can be furnished.

Bro. Borchard, agent at "GR," was out this month three days on account of death of a relative; was relieved by Bro. Lewis, second trick operator at this place. Operator Fitzgerold doing the second stunt until the agent resumes work.

Operator Fitzgerold is working third trick at Farley at present.

Operator La Moreaux was successful applicant for second trick at Farley.

We notice that trains are being delayed by the non-telegraph stations. This looks very encouraging for a few more operators.

CERT. 211.

Northwest Division-

We hope to be more fortunate with this write-up than we were with the last one. If there are any who failed to locate the write-up in last month's issue they will find it printed in with the write-up of the C. & N. W. This was a slight error in printing.

Business in general is improving quite noticeably on this division and the prospects are that it will continue to increase.

Bro. W. F. Smith agent at Coates is taking another vacation and is relieved by Mr. J. C. Henderson.

Agent Talstad is back at Stanton after a two weeks' vacation. Operator Luscombe relieved him during his absence. Mr. Liscombe was transferred to West Concord and later left the service.

Bro. F. F. Farshbarger of Bailey, secured the McIntire agency on bulletin.

Bro. P. Stensleon is back at his old stand at Randolph, after doing the agent stunt at McIntire a few weeks.

Mr. W. J. Boyle, relief agent, has been relieving Bro. I. S. Duncan, of Riceville, for a few weeks.

Bro. H. E. Peterson, of Rich Valley, has left the service. Operator J. C. Henderson is working there at present.

Bro. L. G. Meek, agent at Skyburg, is spending a few months on his claim in North Dakota. A Mr. Thompson is doing the station duties at Skyburg.

Local Chairman H. R. Grannis is taking a few weeks' vacation. We are unable to say who is relieving him.

Bro. T. A. Larson, formerly first trick operator at Randolph, is now busy pulling levers at Taopi.

Two operators on the south end have been discharged recently for unsatisfactory service.

Bro. McElrath, after taking a few weeks' vacation, is back in the chair at Randolph, third trick.

There is talk of another meeting to be held soon. Now, boys, if you are the union men you pretend to be; if you have any interest in the O. R. T. and organized labor in general; if you desire to stand by us in demanding our rights, and thereby creating a more secure and permanent protection and benefit for your wife and children in the future, then make an effort to attend the next meeting. Come with the intention of making your presence felt, and we promise that you will not go away dissatisfied. Randolph seems to be the preference for holding the meeting, but each one of you think the matter over and advise Bro. Grannis, at Westgate, what point on the division you can reach most conveniently, and we will try to accommodate everybody.

CERT. 194, North End. CERT. 273, South End.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

Second Division-

On the 24th of September I read the appeal of Bro. Coggin, our agent at Branchville, Va. In his letter it seems that he is under the impression that we all knew of the circumstances leading to the cause of his son being setn to prison. I, for one, had not heard, and on doubt a good many others do not know. The same day I saw this notice I wrote our Bro. Cumming, and requested him to give me the circumstances. His reply reached me this evening. I wish to appeal to the membership and, especially to the brethren on the Second Division, in our brother's behalf. Bro. Coggin is now an old man, has been with the Seaboard Air Line for years, and what should appeal to our reason is the fact that he has held an upto-date card in our grand Order since the 8os.

His son, about twenty years of age, had a dispute with another man and slayed him in self-defense. It seems that the feeling was bitter against the young man at the county seat, and the father, Bro. Coggin, had to mortgage his home for money to defend the boy and save his life. He was sentenced to the State prison for a number of

years. The cause of our brother is just and deserving of sympathy. It is a fellow-feeling with me, and I believe all of us have the quality of being affected with feelings of sympathy. Therefore, it is a duty to help the brother in his hour of need, so far as your savings will permit. Send him as much as you can and ask your neighbor brother to do likewise. None of us can tell at what time we may need the same assistance, and a cheerful giver never regrets. Don't let us be behind the amount given by the conductors and engineers, who also love and sympathize with our brother.

N. C. Hines.

Second Division-

Our members are taking on more new life every month, and we are very glad to be able to say that the nons are very few. While there are a few left unconverted, we are in hopes of their applications in the near future. Our meetings at Hamlet are creating a great spirit in the interest of the division, and we hope to see a splendid attendance at all of them.

By the time this issue is read election day will be near. Candidates for the different offices will have unloaded their biggest gun. Members all over the country will have heard many things said in behalf of organized labor and, perhaps, the majority will have made up their minds as to what man they will vote for. Right there the writer will ask his readers of this division to stop and consider. Consider a few things regarding the man, and not the party. For Congress, House of Representatives and others I am going to judge the candidate's future in some sense by his past. I am going to vote for the man in sympathy and favor of organized labor, the man that loves to see labor prosper and not depressed. What are you going to do? Have you thought? Well, by the time you read this it will be time to think. The thinking operators are waiting patiently to see what those State operators are going to do for Littlefield and Aldrich. Speak out, you know what they did for you. North Carolina don't send such men to Congress. I read with much interest the report in regard to the great Cheraw Hamilton. I had heard a great deal against this young fellow that I have not had the misfortune to meet, but I did not know before that he was really so dirty that quiet citizens, such as Cheraw, could not live in peace with him. Oh, well, such fellows will fool the people for a while, but not long at the time. It was reported by one of the extra operators that he was trying to swap with Mr. Bevery as agent at Apex, but the people at Apex gave notice that he could not get boarding room there, and certainly the D. & S. would get the business if the Seaboard could not furnish any better representative than Scab Hamilton. That's enough for this end. At this date the washouts have been repaired, and all trains are running on very good time. Our division was crippled very much during the heavy rains. Our officials had their hands full for awhile.

Get to work, boys, and let us have a solid front when election comes. By that time our committee will be on their way to Portsmouth.

Regular meeting at Hamlet, Saturday night, September 19th, called to order by Bro. W. L. Moore, of Lemon Springs, acting chief. A splendid attendance and especially from the R. & A. Bros. Pepper, Causey and Moore made good talks, and their advice was enjoyed very much by the meeting. Committees reported a good spirit all along the lines, and all members seem to be active. Local Chairman Booker was kept away on account of his wife being sick, however, we expect him at the next meeting. Several were disappointed by Bro. Cumming's absence, as it had been reported that he would certainly be with us in September. Our membership is very anxious to meet Bro. Cumming, and especially anxious to have him attend one of our meetings.

We would like to know why a man working on this division keeps up-to-date in the C. T. U. of A. and remains in the railroad service. If he expects to railroad, the O. R. T. card is the right color for benefits and not the C. T. U. of A.

Big crowd going to Hamlet for the regular meeting in October.

Keep Bro. W. L. Moore, at Lemon Springs, posted as to changes, and also give him any notes that you wish printed.

Bro. Fitzgerald has resigned to go to school, and Bro. Farrall is working first trick at Apex now, Pointer taking third.

Man by the name of J. F. Hughes turned up at Hamlet this week; no card. Anybody know him?

Wish some member on the C. C. and C. & K. would let us hear from them. A HELPER.

First Division-

There is no excuse for men on the R. P. & C. not attending our meetings. All you have to do is to ask for a pass a week or ten days ahead of time, and make up your mind to give one evening to the cause that helps keep your job, increases your pay, shortens working hours, and gives better working conditions every way. We must wake up and get down to business.

Bro. R. S. Spiers, at Granite, and Bro. W. T. Perkinson, at McKenney, joined the ranks last month.

Bro. Morris transferred to Creedmore.

Bro. Patterson transferred to Holdsworth.

Mr. Wood given the agency at Dinwiddie.

I understand Mr. F. W. Veto, agent at La Crosse, has been retired for a serious charge. We are proud to know that he did not carry an upto-date card.

It will not take many cases of this kind to show the company that union men are the best.

Now, boys, remember there will be a monthly meeting held at Richmond on arrival of No. 36, the first Sunday after each pay-day, rain or shine. How many will promise to attend and keep the promise after making it?

Cor.

Fifth Division-

Bro. A. F. Fannin, agent at Abbeville, v Savannah on September 21st.

Bro. D. C. Smith and wife enjoyed the st Tybee for a week or two in August.

Bro. Paul LeGrande has resigned as age Manassas. Unable to say where he will locate

Mr. J. E. Goodman, agent at Lumpkin, to with his wife, recently visited Chattanooga, out Mountain, and other points of interes cluding his old home at Chipley, Ga. Re by Bro. J. C. Smith, of Ocilla.

Bro. J. C. Sikes, of "UD," Cordele, is stup the nons and delinquents in that town ardoubt, will soon have that point solid again.

It is understood that the present agents amo, Daisy and (as before stated in these coll Hagan, are in the "professor" business up to eyes, and their students have progressed s that they now venture to call up the dispatch appears that the ham business is looking up what on the Fifth Division, and it behoove member to get right in behind this matter either make it so warm for the "professors they will get rid of their students, or refe extend them the slightest favor or courtesy. man or woman who will go to work and cut own throats by teaching Tom, Dick and telegraphy is not worthy of the slightest con ation from any one, and it is earnestly d and requested that all our members will post selves as to who are and are not up-to-date apply the motto, "No card, no favor," in

We can not afford to tolerate the student ness under any circumstances, and it shot discouraged by every legitimate means. It down real hard on the "professors" immed and do not let up until something is accomp

Atlanta & Birmingham Air Line Rai

Our division is still infected with a fethose scaly creatures called nons, professors agent at Taylorsville, Ga., Prof. McGinnis two very (?) promising young gentlemen office learning telegraphy. They do say the "Professor" is hard up for some "dough," a feel inclined to believe it, else how in the of common decency could he or any one stoop to the detestable job of manufact "hams" to compete with an honest brother atter.

Now for a "pot shot" at the nons. What we say for them. I do not like to think of as being in the same class with the profes but do you know it is a hard job to get very well established in a class above them? mitting, for the sake of argument, that the occupy the class just above the professor, how much more do you imagine he is wor the common cause of our poor, benighted raphers? Will some brother please figure out and let us know in the next issue of

TELEGRAPHER? So far as I am individually concerned I am of the opinion they all need "flaying."

Bro. Ewing, at "O" office, Atlanta, has been appointed local chairman for our division. Now, all shoulders to the wheel and let's help Bro. Ewing make the division solid.

Do you know some one out in the cold? See if you can't induce him to come in and get warm. Are you up-to-date yourself? If not, do pray line up to your conscience and get right.

Did you ever notice how much closer to the brotherhood the engineers and and conductors live than we telegraphers, and how much better their condition is than ours? Have you caught on to the cause and effect of the whole thing? We can do the same thing for ourselves that they have done for themselves. Get fixed with an upto-date card, brothers.

A telegrapher on the A. B. O. L. Branch was heard to remark a few days ago, "I see no reason why I should join the O. R. T. to better my condition as long as I get my raise along with the rest of the boys." Brothers, how would you like to sleep with that fellow with as much as a dime in your breeches pocket under your head?

This same fellow is the conductor of a "ham shop." Don't you see the point? A decent man would hold his nose when passing him.

Over two years ago a telegraph operator said to me, "Oh, I would join the O. R. T. if I intended to stay in the business long." That same fellow is at that same place which he bid in under a union man at the time he secured the place, and he is scared half to death for fear some one will roll him. How would you like to get out of sight of the police with him?

Another fellow said, "I expect to come in as soon as I can meet another pay-day." He has met exactly twenty-two since that time. If you see you are about to meet him, be sure a constable is in sight, or go around him.

We hope to have some new brothers to mention in another write-up. Get busy, brothers, and let's see if we can't induce some one to join in the fight for our rights.

CERT. 646.

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.

Wisconsin Division-

Several have neglected to send in their dues. Keep the Secretary and Treasurer advised as to any change in your address.

The news items are not coming in very fast. Wish that the boys would take a little more interest in this so as to enable us to have a good write-up every month.

If there are any of the boys that would like to have a meeting, I wish that you would just drop me a note saying you will attend this meeting, and just as soon as we get enough we will call a meeting.

The following changes have recently taken place:

Bro. F. R. Ritchie has left Manistique, going to work for the N. P. out on the coast; relieved by Bro. L. A. Bronoel, from the D. S. S. & A. Operator Fraser relieved by M. P. Porkle, formerly helper at Paona.

Bro. F. Rose is back again working second trick at Rhinelander, after spending a couple of weeks on vacation.

There has been a recent change of operators at Trout Lake, but have been unable to find out who they are.

Bro. Griffin, of Cooks Mills, spent Sunday in Manistique.

Bro. Mickelson, agent at Bunbar, has returned to work after laying off for three weeks. Mr. McCue, who relieved Bro. Mickelson, is now working for the N. P. at Atkin, Minn.

Operator McCorkle got Armstrong Creek nights on bulletin. He was formerly helper at Cavour. Operator Fraser, who has been working nights

at Armstrong Creek, has returned to Prentice.

All regular men at Rhinelander now back to work again.

The operator that did the relieving at Rhinelander, has gone to Ladysmith to relieve Bro. Lija, who is off on his summer vacation.

Bro. Durage spent a day in Masonville last week.

Bro. Messenger made a trip to Manistique from White Dale last week.

Bro. Gerow, of Nahma Junction, spent last Sunday in Nahma City.

The agent at Rexton went to St. Ignace last week to attend a trial there as a witness.

Bro. Sheehan, ex-operator at "UD" Soo, is now train dispatching at Winnipeg for the C. P.

North Escanaba is on the bulletin as a night position for bids.

Don't forget your news Items. "PI."

W. & P. Division, West End-

We want a write-up of our division every month, so please don't forget to send me not later than the 20th of each month all the news you can scare up. It is not necessary that we have flowery speeches—good old plain talk and your opinions on different subjects for the good of the Order.

It is impossible for the correspondent to keep in touch with it all, and therefore I ask you once more, come acress with all the news you can.

Bro. Lund has relinquished the agency at Milltown and gone back to the farm.

H. J. Hildahl, a non, is now agent at Milltown. Brothers, what are you doing to get these nons in line? In looking over the list, I find a few who are still holding back and have promised, "would come in next pay-day," but it appears that pay-day has not arrived. Some are going to build new houses and can not see their way to pay for something that is getting them their bread and butter Others have an excuse that the Order does not do them any good, and do not need to belong, as they get the same pay as we that are keeping it up.

It is desired that a meeting be held at Dresser Junction in the near future, and we want you all to be present. Do not be afraid to ask the division superintendent for transportation as he will grant it if he sees any possible way to let you go.

We want to get together and let each and every one of you have your say. Now, do not forget after you get the notice from our division chairman, but make up your mind and show yourself.

Third trick operator, Mr. Shigly, of Prentice, has joined the O. R. T. and we can now call him brother.

Operator Smith, formerly of the C. G. W., is the new agent at Pennington.

Bro. C. M. Gelzer is now back at Cardigan Junction, second trick, after two weeks among the trout streams of Upper Michigan. Reports fine luck.

Bro. Mathews resigned third trick to accept dispatcher's office job with the C. & N. at Winnipeg. He was relieved by Bro. Lux, of Hermansville.

Bro. Frye, who relieved Bro. Gelzer during his vacation, has returned to the G. N. as operator at Jackson Street,

Bro. E. L. Bell, of the C., B. & Q., is spending a few days with our agent, Bro. Bradshaw.

We need all the members we can get, and no man on the Soo Line should be allowed to rest in peace until he has affiliated with the O. R. T., which is trying to better our condition.

DIV. COR.

Wis. & Penn, Division, First and Second Dist.—
Much apprehension has been felt by the people at Rennan owing to the surrounding forest fires the past four weeks.

Bro. Sangshaxe, at Ingram, says fighting fire is the hardest and hottest work ever, but that little home which we "13" he helped to save is well worth the effort.

Bro. Kobliska, agent at Weyerhausen, is back, doing business at the old stand, after a six weeks' vacation. A Mr. Holmes, from Minneapolis, who relieved Bro. Kobliska, has gone back to the city.

A change has been made in the agency at Nye. Bro. McGreary intends to go West, being relieved by Mr. Stowel, formerly with M. & St. L. Ry.

Bro. Gelzer, second trick at Cardigan Junction, contemplates going to "NA" office soon as he can get relief.

Bro. Anderson, agent at Bald Eagle, is back in the harness after an enforced vacation on account of his health. We are in hopes that the needed rest has benefited him.

Frederic Line-

At Luck, R. F. Thompson is doing relief work while Agent Hall is off on a vacation. Understand Mr. Hall may not return to the Soo Line.

On account of the short illness and sudden death of Bro. W. R. Bratton, but few of the boys were able to attend the funeral; then the late announcement that it was to be held off the line, at Grand Rapids, Wis., made it very inconvenient for but few, if any, of us, to attend, especially on such short notice.

The local board, through the assistance of various brothers, were enabled to procure a very appropriate floral offering, in the form of a wreath, bearing the initials of the Order and division number, and had it expressed from Minneapolis to Mrs. Bratton, at Grand Rapids, Wis., in time for the funeral. Our general and local chairman were intending to pay for the same out of our general fund, but so many of the boys requested to be permitted to contribute towards paying for the same, that it was decided to accept a5 cents from each member in payment thereof, and the prompt response is a glowing tribute to the high esteem in which our departed brother was held by all.

Mr. Herman, who had first trick at Osceola, has been checked in at Heafford Junction. Do not know who relieved Mr. Herman. DIV. Cos.

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler to call from this earth our loyal brother and coworker, W. R. Bratton, and while we bow in humble submission to Divine Providence; be it

Resolved, By the members of Wis. & Pen. Dist., "Soo" Line, System Division No. 119, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved wife and child our most sincere sympathy in this, their hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved wife, a copy spread on the records of the Division and a copy furnished The Telegrapher for publication therein.

M. S. DEUEL, F. W. LOUES,

W. C. GEROW.

C. H. THOMAS.

Local Board, Wis. & Pen. Dist., "Soo" Line System Div., No. 119.

Wisconsin Central Ry.

Southern Division-

Quite a number have not paid their dues for the last half of 1908. What's wrong, brothers? Don't lose interest and drop out. Division 121 needs your support, and you need the support of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, unless you are satisfied with your present condition. Anything that is worth doing at all is worth doing well, and who can say the Order has not done the operators good? What wages would you be getting now, and what hours would you be working if there was no such thing as the Order of Railroad Telegraphers? If you want more salary now, can you get it by going individually to the officials and asking them for more pay? No. But if we all go in a bunch, or send a committee representing all the operators, then the officials will give us audience, and if our demands are reasonable we

can expect some results; so, then, organization is worth while, "and we want to do it well." We are not in the thing for fun, but we are in it for dollars and cents, reasonable working hours, reasonable service and reasonable pay. In times past salaries have been decidedly increased, and in the last year hours have been shortened, and on most roads the old salaries were maintained, and what we want on the Wisconsin Central is the old salaries for the shorter hours, and every operator on this division that is in favor of this move please signify it by sending in your ducs to the secretary and treasurer as evidence of good faith, and if you are already paid up try and get next to some non, and send the secretary names of any that you can not reach.

Some brother has said that a backslider was our worst enemy, and it is a fact. The fellow that pays in his dues once or twice and lays low and lets the rest carry the burden is a man of small principle, and does far more injury to the Order than does the non. The non is out and out just what he is, and we know what to depend on, but the backslider has not enough backbone or manhood about him to appreciate anything excepting, perhaps, the fact that he has had an increase in salary, and thinks there is no use in contributing more, since he is sure of the increase. Now, this is all wrong, brothers. There is no such thing as stopping and resting. Do you think organized capital is allowing any opportunities to pass? Guess not; and we must be in arms and ready to act whenever the opportunity occurs.

Now, brothers, above all, don't allow your dues to go unpaid, and become backsliders.

Kindly contribute a few items for the journal as often as you can.

O. R. BARBER.

M. & St. L. Ry.

Bro. Murphy, Cedar Lake, resigned; relieved by Operator Kidd.

Bro. Barry and Bro. Roth, who have been working extra in "GO" office, have returned to Albert Lea.

Bro. Nasey, who worked first trick at Hopkins, now agent at Lafayette.

Bro. Perkins, from Winthrop, now working second trick at Hopkins.

Bro. J. P. Martinson, who has been West for his health, has returned, and is now working as operator at Chaska.

Agent Keohn, Montgomery, off on vacation, being relieved by Extra Agent Mapes.

Bro. Seberson doing extra work at Otisco.

Bro. Rist doing extra work at Livermore, relieving Agent Cooper.

Remember regular meetings are held the third Sunday of each month at Hopkins, and as many as possible should arrange to be present at each meeting. Ask for your transportation and permission to be away as early as possible.

Am glad to see so many of the brothers taking an interest in the work, and hope all will keep after the few nons we have left, and get them into the fold. I can not understand how any man who is telegraphing for a living can be so blind to his own interests as to remain outside of the Order. I would ask them if it was not for the Order where would the telegraphers on the "Sankey" be today? Do you not remember the time when you sat up until the early hours of the morning waiting for the way-freight, and then was expected to be on hand at 7 a. m., and no overtime, either. How about the long walks with switch lamps and the gasoline pumps? I would be a man among men, or get off the earth. It is a wonder how some of them have the nerve to sign the pay-roll and take the extra money they get at the expense of others. It is to be hoped they will soon arouse themselves, and see the error of their ways.

Don't forget to send your items of interest to the division correspondent. Div. Cor.

Rock Island Ry.

Colorado Division-

Everything rushing on this end of the line. Boys all busy billing grain, livestock, etc., and helping dispatchers in rushing fruit and stock specials over the division.

Bro. W. L. Woods, who has served us so faithfully as local chairman for the last eighteeen months, has resigned the chairmanship for the Colorado Division on account of having so much station work, etc. We are all sorry to lose him, as he was certainly the right man in the right place, and the showing our division had made during his term is one to be proud of. Bro. R. D. Garber succeeds Bro. Woods as local chairman.

Understand Bro. Barry, of Stuttgart, has bid in Brewster, Bro. Rabourn going to Gem. Bro. Koontz has finally made up his mind to go to farming.

Understand that Bro. Widmoyer, now relieving at Kanorado, has bid in Stuttgart. Guy certainly deserves a permanent job, as he has been going from one station to the other for the last six months; but how about those awful hours?

We are hardly able to keep a record as to changing in dispatcher's office. Mr. J. E. Drummond, an old-time dispatcher from Trenton, Mo., working second trick, temporarily, W. H. C. on sick list, and C. O. Kallestad working third trick until Mr. Creighton returns. Mr. Inwood back as night chief, and Mr. Hagelbarges, our trainmaster, is working as day chief in addition to his own duties,

Mr. Ellis, our chief, is expected back in a few days, then the boys in "GD" office expect their vacations.

Bro. Krouse, operator at Limon, goes to "KN" office, Denver, in the near future.

Bro. Fletcher, in "GD" office, is working overtime on account of some of the other boys being

We find that we still have a few nons on the line. Boys, just call your next door neighbor's attention to this, and if in need of blanks, see that they are furnished. Your local chairman will gladly furnish these blanks. The third man has been put on at Flagler. Bro. Hanse working first trick, Mr. H. Pence second, and Miss Swindell third trick.

Bro. Franklin, at Kanorado, is off for thirty days, visiting in Missouri and Eastern Kansas.

Bro. Hanse, at Flagler, evpects to leave for thirty days in the near future.

Sister Horton working nights at Kanorado, and is true blue, too, and hope all the boys on the line will make it as pleasant for her as they can, for this sister is certainly worthy of the name.

Boys, send your items to the correspondent, and let us try and get a good line-up for next month, as we are all interested in our work.

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Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts, Missouri Di-

Bro. L. L. Stewart, Udell nights, off to the mountains for thirty days. Relieved by Bro. J. l'. Miller, late from the Southern.

Bro. J. L. Hawn, Centerville, third trick, visiting St. Joe and Atchison for a couple of weeks. Relieved by Operator Wallingford, who hails from the "Q." Two nights at Centerville gave Wallingsford the boomer fever, blowing toward Gallatin. Relieved by Operator J. C. Stewart late from "GO," Chicago.

Bro. A. B. Waits, Laddsdale nights, has been off quite a while.

Operator C. H. Epperson relieved Bro. Miller, Seymour, third trick. I left in such a hurry last month that I didn't know who relieved me. Epperson just out of army and says its F. B. nit. Went from Seymour to Beverly, Mo.

Bro. J. F. Stewart, agent at Harvard, off a few days getting some "country eatins." Says it is "shore good." Relieved by Bro. C. W. Hollis.

Montpelier closed as train order and block office. Former Dispatcher J. E. Drummond, Eldon, Iowa, has accepted regular trick on St. Louis lines at Eldon, Mo. Relieved as operator at Eldon by Bro. C. A. Lind.

Bro. V. H. Byrd is back at his old stamping grounds, Princeton, second trick.

Former Dispatcher F. H. Doman, Eldon, third trick, has resigned, being relieved by Operator O. J. Glaze. Glaze couldn't quite handle the "biz" and Doman was called back. Glaze had a stab at Udell also.

Sister Blanche Pierce has returned to her old stand, Howard, nights. She was relieved by Bro. Hollis.

Bro. C. W. Hollis goes from Harvard to west end, as relief agent.

Bro. J. E. McColloch relieved Bro. Carson, County Line, a few nights, then laid off on account of sickness. At present working Culver, third trick.

Have heard quite a few brothers remark that Bro. Tracy, Mercer, is conducting a ham factory. This is wrong, as Bro. Tracy is one of the "loyal," and has permission to do as he is doing. Everything can be explained if you will take it up with Bro. Tracy personally.

Agent Fox, Clio, seems to have things coming his way. Are we going to let him keep it up? The way things look now he won't "get his good job" for some time.

Just a word to brothers at coupon stations. As a rule, nine out of every ten do not handle coupons and coupon cases are closed when the agent goes home. On this division six of the eight passenger trains run at night, and if every one would land all the foreign sales it would increase the ticket returns at least one-half. If you do not "know how" it is very simple to learn, as there is no agent who will refuse to put you next, for it increases his station receipts and makes a better showing for him. Put in some of the time you devote to hay, studying tariff sheets and routes, and benefit yourself as well as the company.

Bro. B. C. Wells back at Culver after a short vacation; was relieved by J. E. McColloch.

Bro. E. M. Smith, Columbus Junction, first trick, has purchased a store at that point; capital stock, \$5,000. Bro. Smith's motto is, "No card, no cut."

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Bro. F. P. Carson appointed agent at Fairport, relieving Bro. J. H. McCulley.

Bro. E. E. Wells is back at Brighton again, relieving the agent during his vacation.

Bro. C. E. Porter, late from the U. P., Columbus Junction, second trick.

Bro. B. H. Carson is working second trick at Brighton, relieving Bro. Stewart.

Thanks to Bro. Hughes, Paris, and Bro. Wilson, Cotter, for items. Wish more of the brothers would donate. "TM."

Arkansas Division-

If the brothers and sisters on the Arkansas Division will kindly furnish me with what news they can obtain on our division, we will have a write-up each month.

Agent W. S. Gaunt has lost out at Benton. Mr. Gaunt was not a member of the O. R. T. and, therefore, has no chance for reinstatement. Such is the life of the non.

Mr. A. T. Holland is doing the owl stunt at Germania now. Mr. Holland was formerly with the I. M. & S. at Benton, Ark.

Bro. D. H. Nelms has been transferred to Bellville, temporarily, Bro. Sangster going to Danville to relieve Bro. Pace, who has resigned.

Operator N. G. Williams is working nights at Havana.

Boys, we should be more careful about leaving our stations when not on duty, and not go so far that we can't get back in time to go to work, for it is impossible to get a man reinstated who is neglectful of his duty and leaves without permission. It is not much trouble to ask for relief, and as operators have been so plentiful I suppose you can get off most any time you like.

You know the Interstate Commerce Commission settled our schedule agreement for us. Don't think that the committee would have given in so easily had the commission not taken a hand. I have heard some say that they go up at the wrong

time of the year to get a schedule, but if you remember, they were called up this time.

Now, boys, come across with the dues, and if you don't think they benefited you that time you know the O. R. T. has done you good in many other ways. I have heard some say they were not going to pay up any more because our schedule is no good and the officials don't live up to it. But you must remember that it is not the fault of the O. R. T. that the officials don't live up to it, it is your own fault for not staying up-to-date and reporting cases to the local chairman where the company violates the contract, and if you don't hear from him in reasonable time write the general chairman.

I hope to have the application of every non on this division by next month and to hear of all the old members being paid up, and then we will be ready for business. If any member on this division has any complaint to make against the O. R. T. don't be talking to outsiders about it, just write me, and if it is beyond my jurisdiction I will take it to higher authority. I hope to hear something good from every member on the Arkansas Division before another month passes, and if any complaints are to be made hope to hear them also, so that we can get things straightened out and all work together.

T. M. NELMS, Local Chairman.

Des Moines Valley Division-

The boys employed on the Rock Island lines, in general, and those on this division in particular, will be pleased to hear of the success that has attended Bro. Charles W. McCarty, of Ottumwa, Wapello County, Iowa.

Bro. McCarty is now County Auditor of Wapello County, Iowa, having been elected to that office on November 6, 1906.

His splendid, clean-cut campaign against the strongest candidate of the opposition that ever aspired for the auditorship, coupled with his immense popularity, especially among the railroad boys, and union labor of all classes, won him the election over a normal Republican majority of 600.

At the time of his nomination and election, Bro. McCarty was employed at Ottumwa, on the Rock Island. His railroad career dates from 1884, at which time he was employed west of the Missouri River, under Superintendent W. I. Allen. East of the Missouri River he was employed under Superintendent Given, of Des Moines.

Bro. McCarty was one of the charter members of the old Order of telegraphers, organized at Vinton, Iowa, in the 80s.

Auditor McCarty is again a candidate for election. He will poll a tremendous vote this year. His ability is of a high character, and his personal qualities are such as to make him everybody's favorite, if not their political choice. His first nomination was by acclamation; his second under the new primary law, he having no opposition.

Strong anti-Taft sentiment is rife in this country among the telegraphers, as with other railroad

men, and scores of Roosevelt Republicans will turn to the Democratic ticket this year in preference to such a man as Taft, and more particularly Sherman, the acknowledged foe of union organizations. Out of these conditions Bro. Mc-Carty will be a conspicuous beneficiary when the votes are counted.

Vote and boost for Bro. McCarty.

I. H. BROKAW.

Des Moines Valley Division-

Trains Nos. 49 and 50 put back into service again, August 10, 1908. These trains are generally known as the Fire-fly, between Evans and Rock Island.

The Evans station has been repaired lately. New brick platform, station reshingled, new railroad scales, also a number of other repairs.

Mr. C. B. Needles, formerly of the Sheridan Division of the C., B. & Q. System, from the State of Wyoming, relieved Mr. Glaze, of Evans, third trick.

Pella station in charge of Mr. J. M. Cox, with Bro. C. F. Dykstra, Mr. Myers and Mr. C. Muntighn, is preparing for the rush this fall on account of the Pella fair.

Otley station is in charge of Bro. F. E. Warren, extra. Bro. W. P. Creger has not yet returned from his vacation.

Royal station has been bulletined. Am unable to find out where Bro. Chas. Copp is going.

There is no use wasting postage writing to the brothers down on the branch, east line; they have not got time to answer any letters or think of any news.

Mr. H. D. Gibney, our chief, took a week off the latter part of August.

Bro. Tazewell, our first trick dispatcher, took a turn at the chief's work. Bro. C. E. Overturff took a turn at the first trick dispatcher's table during Bro. Tazewell's term at the chief's desk.

Bro. Welsh, our second trick dispatcher, has been laying off the last week of August on account of sickness.

Boys in "DM," Evans office, are having a hard time to keep the repeaters adjusted. It seems like all the trouble comes from the branch east wires. Nos. 3 and 4. If the boys down on branch east wires only knew the trouble we have, and the remarks we get from "MS" office, they would assist us to adjust them and keep them in repair and working order.

Quite a few changes on the Des Moines Valley Division the past few weeks, but not many of the boys are lucky in getting stations; mostly new men are put in them.

Douds station has been bulletined. Am unable to find out where Bro. Cheeney is going.

Palmer station has been bulletined. Bro. Brown will go to the Nebraska Division to work for Superintendent C. L. Brown.

Our former correspondent, Bro. Ramsey, of Melvin, resigned as correspondent of the Des Moines Valley Division. Bro. Ramsey is mayor of the city of Melvin, and is quite prominent in lodge

duties, and, coupled with his station duties, he is kept quite busy; and seeing that he could not render good services in the capacity as correspondent, he therefore tendered his resignation. We owe Bro. Ramsey thanks for the assistance he has given.

Where are the notes that you boys are going to send me? Will I have to write another dozen letters to the boys? Come up with the goods. Would like to get news off the lines from Knoxville to Washington, and from Keokuk to Altoona, including all the branches between these points.

Bro. J. S. Kinsey, Altoona, third trick, laying off, taking in the sights in the Rockies; relieved by Operator T. M. Longwell.

Bro. J. A. Moore is down at Topeka, Kan., visiting relatives.

Will take it all back. That man at Fairmount has no wires in his office, nor is he teaching any students. He is simply working there for the purpose of taking care of his aged father-in-law.

Now, get after the nons and see your name in the journal. There are but a few left.

In a short time our local chairman will go over the division and work for the interests of the Order. Later on he will furnish us a list of the nons on this division, with their excuses (or lack of excuses) for remaining nons, which will be published each month hereafter. There are but a few regular men who are not members, and we feel that it is about time to show them up in the same light. We have been sowing seed for years, while they have been receiving the benefits of our labor, now we are going to call them members. No nons on the division will be the order of the day.

Bro. Brown got Royal station on bulletin.

Bro. Lewis got Palmer station on bulletin.

Mrs. Georgia Hanley, who carries an up-to-date card, is working second trick at Evans. Bro. C. F. Ream goes from second trick to first trick. Bro. E. E. Blythen, first trick, is taking a trip up in Wisconsin visiting his father.

Bro. Boling intends to take a trip, too, to the southern part of Iowa on the return of Bro. E. E. Blythen.

Understand that Bro. Fowler, Harvey station, has sent in his resignation.

Mr. O. J. Glaze, formerly of Evans, third trick, is now working at Eldon, third trick. Mr. Glaze made matters plain to the "MS," Des Moines, office boys that he does not intend to get a card.

Marion Myers can now be called a brother. He has an up-to-date.

Bro. Ferriter, formerly of Beacon days (ten years ago), is now working a trick in Des Moines office.

Bro. C. E. Overturff has left for Cedar Rapids to work for the R. I. there.

Trains Nos. 473 and 472 will be put back on, effective Sunday, September 13th, at 12:01 a.m.. These trains are known as an accommodation to the traveling public.

Understand that Bro. Warner, Monroe, gets a new depot. Contractors are making preparations for work.

Every one of you dig in and scare up a line or two and forward it to Bro. Ream, and we will show the rest of the boys what we can do.

The depots at Atwood, Delta and Sigourney were robbed a while back, during the night.

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Cedar Rapids Division-

Bro. W. Z. Zbornik, second trick at Yard Office, Cedar Rapids, has resigned.

Bro. H. M. Fox, agent at Ely, got Bro. Zbornik's place in Yard Office. Have not heard who gets Ely.

C. E. Fitzsimmons, who comes off Iowa Central. was checked in at Morse, the first, to relieve Agent Zbornik, who resigned. Have not heard where Z. goes.

Bro. Hibbs, formerly at Station No. 2, Iowa City, but now at No. 1, Iowa City, was held up by two masked men the night of the 18th, who secured his watch and \$85.00 of railroad money. They overlooked a sum in the safe. Last reports no trace of the hold-ups.

Relief Agent H. E. Cover was assistant at What Cheer during fair week. Mr. Cover is now at Mediapolis relieving Mr. Cocayne, who is on a three weeks' vacation.

The oatmeal mill at Riverside, which went under last spring, has reorganized, and is now again in operation, making more work at that point.

General Superintendent Hubbell and Superintendent Merrill made us a visit in their private carthe 16th.

Bro. Brown has written us requesting us to appoint each member as assistant for the balance of this year in order to make the division solid. Now we urge on each one of you to get busy and keep after the nons, and get things in No. 1 shape by December 31st. Let each one make an effort to get at least one new member, and we will be glad to list you in the roll of honor. Please give us your support, and see what a help you can give us.

Our main line, "BU" to "CR," Assistant Local Chairman Bro. Willem reports an unusual amount of changing in the last four weeks. H. A. Sweigard resigned to accept a position with the N. P., and is now located at Belgrade, Mont., as agent. He was relieved by C. C. Delong, from the west branch, who, after ten days, resigned to try the N. P. also, but "13" he went to Trenton, Mo. Delong was relieved by Mr. Conrad Shultz, recently from the C., M. & St. P.

H. J. Moregson has third trick a West Branch.

We are pleased to get a few items from Assistant Bro. Willem, and want to urge on each member to try and get us at least one item for the next issue.

J. A. Gunderson.



Chicago Terminal & Illinois Division-

No meeting of Division No. 126 last month on account of the extremely hot weather. Our next meeting will be held October 10.

Quite a number of new nons on the line. Some of them very obstinate when they are approached regarding their holding an up-to-date card. I hope we can say in the near future that they have all come in out of the cold. Let every brother on this division that is near these nons do what he can to get them to file their applications.

Bro. W. Brannon, first trick at Morris, was called to his home at Chillicothe by the serious illness of his mother. We hope by the time The Telegrapher reaches us that she has fully recovered.

Bro. J. C. Peterson was off duty several days, attending the funeral of a cousin, who died from an operation, at that point. Bro. Diefendorf held down second trick during his absence.

Bro. F. Dewey, formerly of this division, is now working for the Western Union in Chicago.

Bro. W. J. Herald, our genial agent at Blue Island, is off duty, enjoying a two weeks' vacation. Bro. R. A. Lynch, third trick operator at that point, is holding down the position as agent. We did not learn who is holding down the third trick, but understand he has an up-to-date card.

Bro. Harvey Hill is now working days at "RK," in place of Extra Train Dispatcher Teeters, who is holding down second trick in the absence of H. A. Thayer and A. E. Murphy, who are off on vacations.

Bro. W. F. Kay, who has been our local chairman for the past year, has resigned his position as local chairman for Division No. 126, and is now connected with the Adams Hall Skating Rink Co., at Joliet. Bro. Kay is off on sixty days' leave of absence, but will be back on duty Oct. 1, to act as ticket agent, relieving Agent C. O. Hasey, who leaves Oct. 5 for a month's vacation with his brother in Oklahoma.

Bro. Wagoner is now working the day trick at Joliet in the absence of Bro. Kay. Bro. P. D. Marshall is on second trick and the third trick is being filled by Bro. C. J. Breen, a new man from the C. & A.

Bro. J. Sumner is with us again, working third trick at Mo. Div. Junction.

Bro. Girl, of Davenport office, is off on a va-

Bro. L. C. Albright is again on duty at Dispatcher's office at Rock Island. Some of the boys are laying off.

Bro. Carmichael is working second trick at Mo. Division Junction, on account of M. R. Wilson going to Des Moines to help out in the dispatcher's office.

The new automatic block signals between Rock Island and Muscatine went into effect September 8 and are working fine.

Mr. Gale Simpson is relieving Bro. Albright at West Davenport. Another operator who is still out of the fold, Another new switching crew and engine in service at West Davenport. This looks as though business was picking up.

Bro. Hammel, from Geneseo, is now third trick at Bureau, in place of C. G. Craig, who has gone back to the Commercial. Craig holds a card in the C. T. U. A.

Mr. A. C. Stage is working the second trick at Bureau.

We understand from good authority that Bro. Butterfield, who is now working at Ottawa, third trick, is soon to resign to take up his practice as a doctor.

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Iowa Division-

Bro. R. C. McWilliams, recently from the Burlington, is working third trick at Stuart until a regular man is appointed.

W. H. Byrnes, who has worked on this line for several years, is now working for the Northern Pacific.

Bro. Marshall, for several years agent at Marne, has been assigned to Lewis station, relieving Bro. Irwin, who was obliged to go to California on account of the poor health of his wife.

Bro. D. D. Kaley, second trick at Colfax, is away on a vacation.

Did you get that bunch of bulletins of Sept. 8? You ought to pick something out of that bunch to suit you.

Bro. E. A. Chittenden, agent at Altoona, is away on a vacation. Understand he is down in Texas, farming.

General Chairman Brown is taking a vacation for awhile. Guess he must be down on his plantation in Texas. He swears by Texas.

Bro. C. Kinyon, who has been working at Newton, has resigned his position to again attend school at Ames, Iowa.

Turnout block station has been reopened nights only. Here's a place to save your money. Don't all apply for it at once,

You boys are playing smash sending me news. Never hear anything from any of you unless I get after you with a Gatling gun. I am just as dodgasted busy as you are—don't forget that.

Bro. C. D. Oberturff is working a trick as extra dispatcher at Cedar Rapids for awhile.

Bro. Bowman, in "MS" office, Des Moines, is on the sick list. Hope to see him on deck again before long.

Bro. H. S. Clow, of the "MS" office, has gone to the Isle of Pines where, we understand, he is interested in some land. He says it is the greatest little place on earth.

The new men in "MS" office are A. S. Wilson, C. J. Ferriter and A. B. Lykes. Split trick man goes on at noon and works until 10 p. m. on account of rush of business in that office,

Effective October 15, the new rule providing that all passengers must have tickets before they will be allowed to board any train will be observed. This may be all right, but I see no end of trouble connected with this ruling.

G. H. M.

St. Louis Division-

K. A. Harris has resigned position as night operator at Belle, Mo., and we understand he has gone to New Mexico to engage in farming.

Bro. G. C. Russler, relieved days at Forsyth Junction in September, is again at home at Beaufort.

Louis Middleton relieved days at Pleasant Hill about three weeks in August and September.

Bro. J. B. Lakin relieved at Bowen in September while Mr. Holloway was sick.

Bro. J. D. Edwards relieved Bro. Geo. F. Reinhardt, who took a three weeks' vacation during August and September. Understand Bro. Edwards has resigned and moved to Kirksville, Mo., where he is studying osteopathy.

Operator Taylor relieved Mr. Hutchison nights at Union for a few days in September.

Bro. Chalfont was off duty a few days in August, relieved by Operator Franse, who in turn was relieved by a "shy" boy.

Bro. Jim Son was off a couple of days in September to play in the band at Owensville Fair; relieved by A. G. Douglas.

Bro. Henry Son is again pounding brass nights at Belle.

Bro. F. A. Schroeder has resigned from the non-telegraphic \$30.00 agency at Nay and has entered the real estate business.

Bro. Slagle, of Ionia, has resigned and entered the hotel business at Brownwood, Mo.

Mr. Martin was off two days in September, as a witness in the Tevis case in Clinton, Mo. He was relieved by Bro. Geo. F. Reinhardt, while A. G. Douglas relieved Bro. Reinhardt.

Mr. Norton, agent at Windsor, Mo., was in Chicago on a ten days' vacation in August; relieved by Bro. Geo. F. Reinhardt.

DIV. COR.

L. S. & M. S. Ry.

Michigan Division-

Business is picking up some and I "13" a number of the offices will soon be put on straight nine-hour basis. This will give employment to ten or fifteen extra men, and we hope they will all be up-to-date.

I would suggest that all the brothers see that our present schedule is lived up to. We are living in hopes of a new schedule in the near future, and ask the earnest support of all telegraphers.

Bro. Zook, at Ft. Wayne Junction, took a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Mr. O'Hara, of Vickers Tower.

The interlocker at Vickers Tower has been overhauled and put in much beteer condition. Bro. Welsh is kept busy on first trick and Bro. Hood is kept on the jump answering 'phones, throwing levers and doing the wire work.

Our former brother, Mr. Benedict, of Jonesville, has returned from Oklahoma; relieved by Bro. Donahue.

Bro. Gangwer, at Coldwater, now works a split trick to help out Bro. Battershall. The old road is badly hampered between midnight and 7 a. m. on account of the offices being closed.

Ex-Bro. Pat Keefe, of "Z" tower, has gone to Ireland.

Mr. R. M. Waite is relieving at "CX" tower, Goshen, during the absence of Bro. Shrimplin and Bro. Conklin, who are spending their vacations in the Buckeye State.

Bro. Gillis, of Kendallville, is away on ten days' vacation.

Bro. E. J. Boylan, of Findley, spent a few days in Detroit last week.

Mr. G. E. Fritz is running the job at Kalamazoo, Main Street, for two hours each day in connection with the cashier job.

Bro. N. J. Beebe is working days at Schoolcraft, as operator and helper, in place of Mr. Fairey, who went to Ottawa Lake as agent and operator.

Bro. C. H. Bell, regular day operator, from Kalamazoo, Main Street, is relieving Mr. Groble as agent at Schoolcraft during the sickness of Mr. Groble, and Mr. G. W. Brunning is working in Mr. Bell's place at Kalamazoo.

H. M. Adams, night operator at Main Street, Kalamazoo, now holds au np-to-date card and is very proud of it.

Understand Mike McGuire's ham factory at Edgerton, is almost a thing of the past, the hams he has been turning out proving to be too rank.

Now, brothers, get in line and help to get the nons in line and send in all the items you can. Send items to the local chairman and he will see that they reach the division correspondent.

"Sox."

C., B. & Q. Ry.

I want to thank the brothers for the magnificent write-ups we are able to muster up from month to month, but still there are some divisions which often fail to have any items in The Telegrapher.

I see no reason why every division on the system should not have a write-up every month. Brothers, do not overlook this, see that your division is represented every month or know the reason why. It shows that you are up and doing things when you are heard from each month.

Some few have not paid their dues for the current term for the reason that sickness has overtaken them, others have debts contracted, and various other reasons. Sickness and matters of an unavoidable nature can not be prevented, but some brothers say they have just bought some property and it has taken every cent to meet the debt. or they have just got married and spent all their money. Now, brothers, why should it not be one of our first considerations to pay up our dues? It was through the Order that you are enjoying your present salary and a reduced number of hours which you have to work; should this not be a first thought? If we are to retain what we have now we must either meet these things promptly or we must all throw up the sponge and settle down and take just what is handed us and say nothing. We must awaken to the fact that

to support our organization is of first consideration. The idea of men thinking that when they have supported the organization for a year or two they should then drop out and let the other fellow support it, is too unreasonable to think of and is not the manner in which men of business transact their affairs, neither does it ever spell success. Our organization must be kept up, the same as any other business, if we wish to accomplish greater things. On the other hand if every man thinks he is getting all he is entitled to, all he is worth, all he ever expects he will get, or is getting too much, then he is doing the proper thing to drop out and assist as much as possible to kill the organization.

It does not take a very great amount of figuring to be able to keep an up-to-date card. Let us do a little figuring right here: A great many men smoke from two to seven cigars a day, say an average of five a day at five cents each, which means twenty-five cents per day, or about \$7.50 per month. Now for six months this means \$45, or \$90 per year. Your dues are \$10 per year. Now let us cut out just one cigar per day; this will mean \$18 per year; pay your dues and have \$7 left. Some may say I do not smoke to exceed four per day, may be three; cut out one and the problem is solved.

It is estimated that about 75 per cent of the boys smoke, so it can readily be seen how easy it is to meet these little matters, if we only will. None of us would miss this, and it would bring us up to a standard where we could look every man square in the face and say, "I have an up-to-date card."

Now, look here, brothers, many of you are getting from \$2.50 to \$10 per month more now than you did previous to the time our present schedule was made; now then, if you can not break even now, or can just break even, what in the name of common sense would you have done had you not got the increase?

Our dues are very small, compared to what other organizations pay, and I feel that every man should be willing to help the good cause along that much.

Some say, "There are some who are getting just as much as I do who never have contributed one cent to the cause. That is all true enough, brothers, but "we thank God that we are not as other men are;" we are built up of a different caliber, and perhaps a little wiser than some of our nons who are reaping the benefit at the rate of from \$5 to \$10 per month, and some as high as \$15 to \$19 per month; still they say they have never received any benefit or they can not join us and help along the good work. Others are afraid that they might incur the displeasure of some railroad official and lose their "pull," still others bring up some strike that is past and gone, or in fact they bring up any old excuse to avert joining the Order, then, when the man has left, they will boast of how easy it was to bluff that organizer.

I would not bear the "littleness" of some of these men for the best job on the road. I believe in being frank in these matters. If a man has no other excuse than to tell that he can not seany benefit that could be derived or any good that the Order has received, then he should keep that to himself; nobody will believe him.

We notice some of our nons who are greedy enough to take half of the Western Union commission that is earned by the operator in charge. The operator handles all the business and makes all the reports, and the agent takes half the commission. It is not done by any one who is a member of the Order; thus it is to be seen how little and contemptible some nons can be, always reaching out for something they never helped to get. How easy it is for some men to reach out and take everything that they can, that others get for them. These very men will usually squeeze a cent until the eagle screeches because it looks like a \$20 gold piece to them. This world always did have men who were of this type and I presume it always will have.

Men who will not help out in a cause that has always benefited them are certainly playing for a stand in. There is not a man but whom can join our Order and be just as loyal to the company as he who does not, and then be able to look you square in the face and tell you that he is with you to the end. I would not for one moment associate myself with men who would not at all times work to their employer's interest, if I knew it, because if a man desires to be and is the servant of others he must harken to his command in the performance of the duties incumbent on him, and make it a profitable business, or there is no need of his hire. This does not mean that he can not justly associate himself with our Order and work for his own welfare. Railroad officials are organized, the general managers have their organization, and the superintendents theirs, and they do not ask you if they will be permitted to join such an organization, and we have not been trying to dictate to them in this regard, but, on the other hand, they say to the operators and, especially those now working in our relay and general telegraph offices, that they will not be permitted to be members of our Order. There is only one way in which railroad officials can get closer to their men and get their men closer to the company, and that is through just and intelligent treatment. They can talk as much as they please about how well they treat their employes, that they get more than is given by any other railroad company in the country. It is not true and they know it. When their attention is called to the unfair usage of the men, their first cry is that they have "always been fair in their treatment of the men in the past and the men have no reason for complaint."

I do not lay this at the door of the higher, officials. I believe the most of them are quite sincere, but the lower officials, the chief dispatchers and the superintendents, take every advantage to make it disagreeable for the men. There are some

exceptions to be made in this respect, but very few. There seems to be so many of the lower officials who do not seem to know how the higher officials desire these matters handled, and are so set in their way that they do not want to know.

The cry of the lower officials is that the operators are getting worse every day. That railroad official does not live who is perfect, any more than all employes are perfect. We do not claim, but I say without fear of successful contradiction, that there are some railroad officials who are just as stubborn as their men.

I am not hostile to any man who tries to do right and will do right at all times, and will treat his men properly, but a man who pretends to be perfect in his dealings with his men and says he wants to be fair with them when it is known that he cares mighty little about their conditions, is not a proper man to handle men.

Let the railroads be sincere in what they say about getting closer to the employes and having the employes closer to them, and they will have no trouble in accomplishing something never yet attained.

Some roads will do all within their power to see that the men are permitted to hold meetings and get together, even going so far as to run special trains and stopping their fastest trains at small stations to permit their men to return home after the meetings. These are some of the things that make men feel good toward their employer, and creates in them a desire to go a long ways out of their usual course to do a good turn for them.

A great amount of the adverse railroad legislation of this country has been fired by the manner in which the employes have been treated.

I shall not contend that the agents and operators have no faults and that none are bad. I know they are, but in our endeavors to develop a better class of men, what have the railroads done to assist us? They have absolutely done nothing, neither have they shown a willingness to get together with us on these things. One superintendent told me he would have his chief dispatcher give me a list of the men on his division who were not giving satisfactory service. As yet I have not received the list. This illustrates the manner in which they desire to help make a better and more desirable class of men.

On one part of the Burlington road the express company has taken it upon themselves to raise the bond of the agents; in many cases double it up, where a man had \$500 bonds he would have to now give \$1,000. There is no cause for this. If the express company desires a higher bond let them pay the premium themselves, as they rightly should. I understand this same thing was tried on the Iowa Central and the men would not stand for it.

In many instances the railroads are splitting up the hours of the men who are working nine hours, then they give them that one hour for dinner when they get ready; another way to keep the men on friendly terms with the company.

Commerce Commission will require the railroads

to keep an up-to-date set of freight tar passenger tariffs on file in each station. offices will not all be furnished with compl but sufficient for nearly all purposes. The iffs must be checked up once every six months are realroad company, so that they can be order and up-to-date.

I notice a great many agents are wortheir station work after their nine hours mostly, as they claim, on account of the ienced men furnished them to work the tricks. It seems that when good men inshed they will not be permitted to rema. As soon as a man gets used to his work of some help to the agent, he is taken to place where, it is claimed, he is badly. This is a system whereby an agent has to tinually educating men and they have to the law to do it. I see no necessity for longer than the assigned hours.

I believe in being liberal, but I do not reason why men should work longer the assigned hours.

I wish the brothers would bear in mi the next session of the Grand Division held in Atlanta, Ga., the second Monday 1909. Each division of the O. R. T. is to one delegate for every 100 members; of a hundred are not counted. These will be elected during the months of Febru March, 1909. There is one alternate ele each delegate, but the alternate is not en a seat unless the delegate fails to show up inations for delegates will be asked for secretary in February next, each nomina delegate and alternate must be signed l members in good standing, and such i must be actually employed on railroad elected, and must have been so employed days past, and must also have been mer the division for sixty days.

Each division on the Burlington, during and March, 1909, will elect a loc man. This will be handled at the same the delegates are elected. Please bear the ters in mind.

As our representation at the Grand depends on the number of members we December 31, 1908, let every brother should up the division with as large a mas possible, also see that the delinquent pay their dues before they are dropped who have not paid for the term ending I 31, 1908, will be dropped on that day.

The following is a new and up-to-date local chairmen on the system:

- E. F. Todd, Sandwich, Ill., Aurora Div
- F. W. Lane, Clyde, Ill., Chicago Divisi G. W. Malone, Galesburg, Ill., Galesbu
- sion. G. A. Shields, Indianola, Iowa, Ottum
- sion.

Edw. Stout, Martinsburg, Iowa, Burlin vision.

- J. H. Rogers, Jr., Victory, Wis., La Crosse Division.
- J. A. Bollman, Stanton, Iowa, Creston Division.
- J. D. Morgan, Forbes, Mo., St. Joseph Division.
- A. F. Ritter, Hunnewell, Mo., Brookfield Division.
 - J. T. Cole, Girard, Ill., Beardstown Division.
- J. F. Carder, Promise City, Iowa, Centerville Division.
- D. C. McCall, Saverton, Mo., Hannibal Division.
- G. W. Holt, Rosalie, Neb., Ashland Division.
- F. F. Miles, Germantown, Neb., Lincoln Division.
- W. F. Denton, Sterling, Neb., Wymore Division.
- E. G. Carter, Naponee, Neb., McCook Division.
- J. T. Maddox, Sidney, Neb., Sterling Division. C. C. Campbell, Hazard, Neb., Alliance Division.
- J. P. Meehan, Ulm, Wyo., Sheridan Division.

Get in touch with your local chairman and assist to your utmost in building up the membership. This is essential. Do not think that when you have paid dues that is all there is to be done. We must get closer together on these matters. If you have no local blanks ask your local chairman for them. Will you assist us? Your work will be the answer.

M. J. JOHNSON, G. C.

Alliance Division-

C. A. Albers, from Seneca to Edgemont. Bro. A. A. Spradling from Crawford to Seneca. Wonder what there is in the air of Edgemont that makes all the men there antagonistic to the Order. Is it the hope of a future job in "J" that turns them against the O. R. T., or is it because the O. R. T. raised the pay of that place some 25 per cent, and added more men and shorter hours. Will some one answer why?

Bro. Ralph Reyman, cashier of the Deadwood local freight office, shortly expects to take a trip to the Pacific Coast, and other incidental points before returning. He will be relieved by Mr. Hollenbeck of that office.

Roubaix station was closed the last of August. Mr. Ellsbury will take a trip for a month or so, and then we "13" will be assigned to some main line station east of Alliance.

Mr. Sidney Parkison, night agent at Englewood, has successfully passed the telegrapher's examination and been assigned third trick at Ardmore. "Sid" will wear one of the buttons as soon as eligible.

Mr. Robertson, of the Deadwood ticket office, is on his annual vacation. Bro. Charley Triplett, extra agent, is doing the stunt during his absence. Bro. "CF" says this, perhaps, is my last position with the Burlington: I expect to bend my steps where the silvery Colorado wends its way, or to points beyond.

The High Line boys seem to be enjoying a period of peace and harmony under the present force of dispatchers. The same with the boys on the main line. "Everything is lovely, and the goose hangs high." It is said that almost any animal will yield to good treatment; so to speak, will an

agent or operator, who are no exception to this rule.

In conversation with a non-member he informed me that the epithet, "scab" had been applied to him over the wire a day or two ago. While we should exert every effort to bring non-members into the fold, yet we should remember that this kind of treatment will never do it. There is a vast difference between the terms "non" and "scab," and I don't know of any prohibition of applying the latter where justly deserved. Possibly the case referred to is the work of some helper who has advanced along the lines of telegraphy enough to be smart. But if the work of a member, we should favor severe discipline, same as for any other offense.

Superintendent Birdsell was in Deadwood recently, also Paymaster Beans. Railroad men were all glad to see them, especially the latter.

Bro. Reed, formerly of Hill City, now with the Northwestern at Sturgis.

Bro. Perrin, agent at Mystic, is figuring on a month's vacation.

Bro. A. D. Williams was home at Hildreth on a ten-day vacation. Then third trick at Ansley for a while. A man from the Frisco relieved Bro. Williams at Ansley, and Williams back to Halsey. Bro. C. B. Chester, from the Sheridan Division, to third trick at Halsey. Bro. Fred Sanderson, agent at Halsey, still laid up with eczema.

The boys east of Edgemont and Alliance should bear in mind that the dispatchers are now working one of the worst roasts in the history of the division, having to handle three train-sheets and 350 miles of road. This is not of their own choosing, and we trust that all operators and agents, and especially members of this organization, will do their utmost to be prompt in answering their calls, and do all within their power to assist the trick men. Of course, this does not mean that we should put up with abuse, such as we have had to in the past.

Bro. C. O. Jones, agent at Litchfield, enjoying a month's lay-off while he visits in the East. Bro. Smith, extra agent, relieving him.

Second 46. Conductor Moore, coming through Perwyn at the average rate of stock trains, struck a loose spring-rail on a frog which the section foreman had been changing. After half the train went over all right, the balance of the train took across the flats, put about twenty-five cars of stock in the ditch. No one injured. Quite a number of cattle and horses were killed, and tied the road up for about eight hours. The section foreman had out a green caution flag, and no torpedoes, while he was changing the rail.

Conductor Bennett, of the local, spent a three weeks' vacation in Michigan, where he done some tall (?) fishing.

It is rumored the C., M. & St. P. is seeking an entrance to the Black Hills from Rapid City. This will be a good move in the right direction. While making competition stronger the business will be greatly increased, especially the passenger business. This is much in evidence, since the lines

were completed to the Missouri River. On account of this the Hills are rapidly becoming one of the pleasure and summer resorts of the Northwest.

In a letter from Mrs. C. L. Foster to General Chairman Johnson, we are apprised of the death of Mr. C. L. Foster, who will be remembered as agent at Dunning; leaving that point the forepart of last July.

Election is almost here, and we trust every agent and operator has already made up his mind which side his bread is buttered on, and will go to the polls and act accordingly. Do not pledge yourself to any one, but act as your own mind dictates. It is easy to see which way to vote if you have given the matter any reflection.

Our shortage of a division correspondent was filled. The one going astray returning with this bunch of notes. Contributions from all are welcome. Don't be "tight." Take three minutes off, waste a postal card, send your local chairman a couple of items, and we'll have the banner write-up of the division. Would like to hear from some of the Alliance boys. Would like to see a couple of paragraphs from that office each month. But as none of us on the road are mind readers, will have to leave the biggest office on the division out of the write-up.

Baldy Brown, of Hecla, who will be remembered as getting off a moving engine at Mullen quite a while ago, and having his leg sprained, is in the hospital having leg rebroke. His son, Bro. Harry, of Lakeside, is running the "home" joint, and Len Adams, of Alliance office, is taking care of the stock shipments out of Lakeside.

"KINKAIDER."

Wymore Division-

September pay-day has rolled by, and still we find several who have not paid dues for the present term. Brothers, this is not using the Order or yourselves right, and I trust you will one and all come across with the money, and get in line without further delay.

It will not be long until it will be time to again pay dues on the coming term, and then some of you will feel that you must drop out rather than to part with \$10.00 in order that you may be upto-date. Let me say right now that it is just this kind of work that is holding the Order of Railroad Telegraphers back. If each and every member would pay dues promptly at the time they should be paid, we would have an entirely different organization. How many train men or engine men do you find lagging behind all the time? Not many, I assure you, and that is the reason they have the organizations they have. If you fellows who persist in being tardy each time, and always excuse yourselves by the statement that you soon expect to leave the road anyway, would only do a little something for your brother telegrapher, who is compelled to drill right along at this business, you would have a clearer conscience, and the man you help would certainly appreciate your assistance. If I should leave the road tomorrow

I would keep an up-to-date card as long as I could scrape a paltry \$10.00 per year together in order to help out the coming generation, if nothing else.

Bro. Harry Harper has been holding down Bro. Craig's trick at Superior while Bro. Craig was absent.

Bro. C. D. Wyatt, recently with this division, but now of the Union Pacific, was recently visiting friends at Cheneys.

Some half dozen of the brothers took enough interest to send us a few items this month. We can assure them that their thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated, and trust they will not forget us in the future.

Recently one of the boys out on the road called up "SN," Wymore office, and asked if he could use a good telegrapher. Female? was the query. No; but he is a good man. Can't use him, was the verdict. Looks like "SN" was going to be turned into a retreat for female telegraphers. This is some more of the square deal for relay offices.

Bro. C. M. Devitt, agent at Filley, has been on a short vacation; relieved by Bro. Hartzell.

C. D. Bowers, who has been relieving Bro. Allsman at Falls City, has made good, and will be wearing the wreath and sounder ere this appears in print.

W. S. Barnhouse, recently a member of Division 130, committed suicide by shooting himself at a Lincoln hotel.

Bro. Cowles, agent at Unadilla, who recently returned from a hunting trip in the Northwest, has been trying to make the boys believe that he shot a bear.

Bro. Stasenka has resigned as agent at Rosemont, and will take a law course at the State University.

Mr. Birch transferred from Superior to Rosemont as agent.

Pay your dues. No card, no favors.

DIV. COR.

Galesburg Division-

Bro. Harlan, of Oak Hill, is on a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. German, at "PX" office, Galesburg, is relieved by Ray Newland, a check boy in "GT" office, Galesburg. Mr. German is one of those men who states that he wouldn't join the O. R. T. as long as he could hold a \$50.00 'phone job.

Mr. German relieved Mr. D. West at Santa Fe Crossing, Galesburg, and Mr. West relieved Mr. Baker at Saluda.

Bro. D. C. Root, of Knoxville, enjoyed a week's vacation the latter part of September; relieved by Mr. J. W. Debree.

Bro. O. J. Errickson worked a few days during September at Terminal Junction; also relieved Mr. Hasselbacker at Yates City. Mr. Hasselbacker is attending Knox College and doing "hot-footing" around "GT" office. We failed to get any of his support, but he seemed to always be willing to take a raise when we got it for him.

We have received the seniority list from Bro. Johnson, and as far as we could learn it is O. K.,

and all the boys are well pleased with it. I wonder why we did not get such information a few years ago; can you answer?

G. W. MALONE, L. C.

Mr. A. H. Robertson, a former brother, relieved Bro. Botkins at Abingdon for a couple of weeks during August. Mr. Robertson then relieved the agent at Norris.

Bro. Norcross, of St. Augustine is off on his vacation for a week or two, relieved by Mr. F. Tonkin, whose home is in Colchester, but he has been working so many different places he isn't just sure where he lives.

Bro. Swisegood, of Prairie City, relieved on his vacation by Mr. O. G. Chinn, of Golden, Ill. Mr. Chinn is not like some; he wants to join, but lacks some time before he is eligible to membership. Please treat him as such.

Bro. Graves, of Camp Point was relieved by Bro. R. R. Farrell, of Fowler. Bro. Graves is on the sick list, threatened with typhoid fever, but I am glad to say he escaped with only six days' light sickness.

Bro. Farrell formerly worked at Terminal Junction, Rock Island, and was relieved on his vacation, returning to his home in Fowler, where he spent a few days in peace; but as "Dick" is not satisfied to keep among the old folks, he tried to jump over a fence, but the fence was just a little bit too high and Mr. "Dick" received a sprained ankle, that put him on crutches for a week or two. When he reported for work again he relieved Bro. Graves, as above, then to relieve Bro. Ward, at Augusta, who is suffering from a severe case of typhoid fever. Bro. Farrell has now resigned and is staying at home in Fowler and is thinking of following the carpenter trade.

Bro. Farrell was relieved by Mr. Pugh, who had just returned to his home in "GT" a few days before, from Augusta, where he was relieving Bro. Whrey on account of three weeks' sickness.

Bro. Ward, of Augusta, is off on account of a bad case of sickness, and will be back again as soon as he is able to take up his duties.

The sick list is plenty large enough and I am sorry to see so many brothers on this list.

Bro. Flack, of Colchester, is relieved by Mr. Dubree, a new man, hailing from St. Davids, Ill. It is a fact easy to be seen that Mr. Dubree has lots to learn, and one main thing is not to tell him any more than he knows. For explanation please ask him and he can tell you why.

Bro. Flack says he didn't like his vacation for it was spent in bed with a case of malaria fever, due to too much cleanliness and the swimming holes being rather stagnant.

Bro. W. R. Miner, of Bardolph, was relieved a week by Bro. Harris, also of Bardolph. Bro. Miner just returned today, Sept. 13.

Bro. E. C. Smith, of Bardolph, will leave for Pennsylvania about the 17th, for a visit with relatives. Relieved by Bro. Harris also.

Bro. A. J. Peterson, of Macomb, will go to Niagara Falls, sight-seeing, accompanied by his

friend, Mr. J. A. Atherton, messenger at Macomb passenger station, as soon as he can get a man to relieve him.

Bro. G. C. Maxwell has been appointed traveling inspector of tariffs for the Galesburg Division, and has been relieved at Macomb by Mr. Work, our former train dispatcher, from Galesburg.

Mr. W. A. Work expects to go West before many months, and this will leave a vacant place in the Macomb passenger office for some one that likes to work. About a thousand words, press, more or less, and chances for more, if you feel like you haven't about all you care to handle, be sides the rest of the work.

We expect to be able to say brother again to Mr. Omer, of Camp Point, at an early date, also quite a few of the brothers who have been slow in sending in their dues and who have not been entitled to the name, will again be in good standing. When you receive a letter and an answer should be sent in return, please send it—don't wait for another letter, for postage costs money, and we are as busy as some of the rest, or maybe a little more so. Please be prompt—"Johnny on the spot."

There are quite a few nons on this branch, I am sorry to say, and I can see no reason why they can't have their names, all in a line, printed in big letters, in the write-up of the journal. Why should they care if we thought enough of them to take the space? If they are ashamed to have us know that they are nons, get in the wagon and ride, and quit hanging on. If they are not ashamed that they are nons, then we will write

The C., B. & Q. has another scheme in the shape of a telephone at stations closed for the night, fixed in a box with a switch lock, so the train men can use them when they get stuck at a closed station. What else will we have before long? Looks as though they won't need any men at all after awhile. Don't let this scare you and cause you to drop out of the Order. Don't try to do as others do, but do as you know you should do. "I would rather be right than president." Isn't that a good motto? Try it awhile.

"13" Mr. A. N. Clayton has given up Colmar station and has moved to Quincy, Ill.

Say! How many of you men ever think to get your wife interested in your O. R. T. work? If not your wife, then your sweetheart. You don't know how much good it would do you and all the rest of us. Try it, and then get her after some non's wife and see if they together can't make a change in the atmosphere about that home. What made me think of this? Why, I got a setter today in answer to one of my own from an O. R. T.'s wife, saying her husband was away, but as she was interested in the O. R. T., and as she could see no necessity for delay, she answered it just like I wanted it. Some of you fellows that never pretend to answer a letter, please turn them over to your wife and maybe she can tell us if you are still alive or not. I think it is a great scheme and wish you would try it a little. Take your

journal home and all of you read it together and you will soon have the nicest O. R. T. family you could dream of.

Another thing that makes you glad you are an O. R. T.: Get acquainted with the other men on the line and you feel like you can work for others as well as yourself when you know what a man has to do and how he is doing it. Wouldn't you feel fine to go along the line getting acquainted and not even so much as own a card? Eh? Now, wouldn't you? I would, but one sure thing, I've got a card and one to stay until the last ditch.

The other day a young man came to me and asked a few questions regarding the requirements of the O. R. T. when a man has had three years' experience on a railroad, and if he could join and still be not working for the company. Yes, he can, and, furthermore, this man is going to join and be a brother and maybe be among us in a month or so. Would I welcome a man that comes to the front without being tagged all the time? Would you? You will have a chance before long, and I'll tell you who it is when the proper time comes, and I want you to show him that you appreciate his act of good judgment.

"Everybody pull!" We will have the Quincy Branch where we want it in a very few weeks if we will all work and help the officers as we should.

DIV. COR.

Sheridan Division-

Mr. H. Ramsdell, first trick at Newcastle, has tendered his resignation and was relieved by R. L. Miller, from the S. P.

Bro. Hazlett never neglects to send a few notes every month. If every brother and sister would do likewise we would have a decent write-up.

Bro. Whitelock, formerly local chairman of the Ashland Division, is on the extra list. Bro. Whitelock will combine with us and try and keep the work up, as he has been doing on the Ashland Division.

Echeta station has opened up with Bro. Garwood as night operator, Bro. Kesinger, formerly of Rozet relieving Bro. Garwood at Oriva.

We were under the impression that E. M. Holcomb, the man that was worked over and over and could not be convinced, was agent at Lowell. Bro. E. C. Mangrum has corrected this report, as he is agent.

Bro. E. M. Richardson, who has been on a furlough, was relieved by Bro. Avery, at Moorcroft nights.

Bro. R. W. Maris has resigned as operator at Toluca.

Bro. J. E. Smith also handed in his resignation, and understand he was relieved by Bro. Mc-Pherron at Toluca,

Mr. White, formerly bill clerk at Deitz, was appointed agent at Cowley. The telegraph instruments have been done away with at that point, as Mr. White is not an operator.

J. F. Mills secured a trick in Sheridan relay office.

Mr. H. O. Pugh is working Bro. Carpetrick at Gillette while Bro. Carpenter is back

By the time this is in print Mr. E. N. Ru agent at Arvada, will have filled the nece blanks, and says that no one will get him again. He can not afford to be without the pasteboard. Who can?

Local Chairman Meehan received a letter Bro. J. E. Smith, formerly agent at Toluca says that he is located at Fremont, Neb., fc C. & N. W., and working an eight-hour trick says he likes it much better than Wy country. His P. O. address is No. 688.

Bro. E. E. Law is laying off a couple of and is visiting Lincoln and nearby towns. Whitelock is doing the relief stunt.

Bro. R. P. Ross has returned from his va and resumed duties as agent at his old Basin, relieving Extra Agent Bro. Vacek, goes to the Billings ticket office.

At one-man stations there are some ope inclined to answer the 'phone at all hours, who on duty or not. Of course, it is your du answer the 'phone when you are on duty there is no ruling that you should answe 'phone or permit your wife or children to a it when you are not on duty. My understate that you should cut out all your instruand also your 'phone when not on duty.

Take the Verona station, for instance; the not an hour in the day but you can get eith operator or his wife, and get any information ask for about trains, etc. Of course, Mr. Roode, who is the operator there, is excusal he is a non. This is a night telegraph of 8 p. m. till 8 a. m.

Now let us not do this unless we have understanding that we should do it or a made to that effect. You don't get any than doing it, and I don't see where there is any due to the one that does it. There is some about handling trains by 'phone alone. Of cwe know that this will be next to impossible when they do, you will get enough practice there is no need of hurting yourselves before

Eight good positions on bulletin No. 11 month. You will note there are two newly-copositions on this bulletin—Echeta nights and lantine Pit days.

Osage has opened up again with J. L. E doing the owl act. It is only a night office,

Mr. W. S. Sutley has been checked is cashier at the local freight house at Sherida lieving Mr. R. H. Wilson, who has accepposition with the Adams Express Co., and as liminary work will take an express run of Toluca Branch.

On account of Mr. Robbins, assistant trainm being promoted to trainmaster on the Gale Division, the Ballantine Pit has a regular opnow. A. Gaylord is the lucky one.

Mr. Harry Moxon, night chief at Sherida laying off a few weeks. He was relieved b A. Kimball, an old-timer. Bro. C. B. Needles, who worked on this division a while back, has entered the telegraph service again on the C., R. I. & P. and is located at Evans, Iowa. Can't keep a good man down.

Those that have not already received a seniority list will receive one by notifying your local chairman to that effect

We are promised five applications for this month. It is a shame the way nons are creeping in on us, and every brother should lend a helping hand and of all he can to line them up. Application blanks are plentiful and can be had for the mere asking. Some brothers are under the impression that all they have to do is pay their dues and sit back in their arm chair. This is not so, brothers. Supposing we should all do this; where would we be? You know this is not right and you should try and aid those that are trying to make our membership one to be proud of.

Bro. Dodge, nights at Deitz, has taken a muchneeded vacation, and was relieved by Bro. J. S. Garieghty. The latter was with this division a year ago.

Burlington Division-

Bro. L. F. Gaibel, of Pilot Grove, is still hammering brass in the old narrow-gauge box-car on account of his new depot failed so far to materialize.

Bro. R. H. Stout is doing relief stunt at Ursa, Ill., relieving Bro. J. McAndrews, who is off on a vacation.

Bro. Dale, Ellis, is doing relief work at Pleasantville, Iowa, for a short time. He reports State Fair business as being rushing.

I would suppose that all our brothers on the Albia Branch have had plenty to do the past week, from the amount of traffic that has been going their way.

Bro. Ellis, Hillsboro, says that he would not sell his card for three or four times its cost price.

Conductor F. W. Jones, conductor Fort Madison and Ottumwa Branch, Nos. 91 and 92, is taking a vacation, and is visiting the sights of the mountains with his family. Conductor Hanna (a brother of \$ Mark's), is doing the regular hog business now.

Conductor Wm. Moore of trains Nos. 9 and 10, is taking a leave of absence for two or three weeks. Conductor Rukman is doing the regular stunt now.

Bro. M. C. Motts reports a good business at his station on account of the State Fair at Des Moines.

Mr. J. C. McKay, of Packwood, Iowa, is visiting and seeing the sights in Colorado. Bro. Otler, extra agent, is relieving him.

Bro. Alston, of Noble, Iowa, is off on a two months' vacation in the West, and Bro. R. H. Stout, extra agent, is attending to the Dutch for him.

We are sorry to hear that our local chairman, Bro. G. A. Oliver, is intending to leave us some time soon, and go West. This will call for another local chairman for this division, and I am

at a loss to know where we can find his equal to fill the local chairman's position.

Those who have not written to their choice of the candidates for State Legislator should not put it off any longer, and find out if they are in favor of something for us in the way of putting the telephone business in the clear for handling train orders. Get busy.

To those who like to read a nice lot of items in each TRLEGRAPHER, you will be somewhat disappointed this month in that respect, for the reason that you have not contributed any items, and, of course, they are scarce, when it has to be gathered from one or two members, especially when a division is made up of so many branches as this one is. Come on, some of you good fellows down on the Carthage Branch, with some news for the next time; no difference if you all send some, so much the better.

DIV. Cor.

Ashland Division-

This is a queer world, and full of funny people, said some wise gazabo, and I am convinced that this section is not exempt from the meaning of the proverb.

We have a man on our division who was on the non list for a long time. Some fortunate operator succeeded in landing him about the time the committee were busily engaged drawing up improved schedule negotiations. Through some oversight or error on the part of the committee, the gentleman in question was not favored with a raise.

Did he holler? Well, I guess, and the Order was not long in effecting an adjustment for him.

When the little notices came out he did not liquidate for the renewal of his card. Now, what do you know about this guy? I suppose when the time comes for a new schedule he will expect to be represented. It is also fresh in our memory that the said gentleman exerted every effort to promote the general welfare of the Western Union Company during the recent strike of the commercial operators.

Boys, remember our motto, "No card, no favors," and when this stripe applies for favors, just give them a reminder of the past.

It is a pleasure to report that the Ashland Division is solid except three men, Ashland to Dakota City, inclusive.

At this writing I am unable to say just how the O'Neil line stands, although we know that we have some good members on that line. Our local chairman has been trying to get a line-up of the O'Neil line for some time. Our last line-up got into the hands of the non at Randolph, and he ditched it.

Members on the O'Neil line will confer a personal favor upon their local chairman by mailing him a card giving their name, addresses and certificate number.

Now, here is another funny thing. The National Telegraph Institute are advertising for young men and young ladies to learn telegraphy. They quote that the nine-hour law has created a

demand for 10,000 operators, and we believe that there is in the neighborhood of the said number of telegraphers rambling around the States looking for work. They also ask, in big letters: "Are you earning seventy dollars, or more?" Now, how many of us that have been working from one to ten years, are earning that amount? I believe I will quit the "Q." and go and flag as a student, and get one of those \$70.00 jobs. As a further inducement, they are sending out cards with the Morse alphabet printed thereon so you can memorize them, and have a good start when you reach the factory.

We hear that the Burlington is installing the phone system on the Lincoln Division for the purpose of dispatching trains. We can not think that it is anticipated by the management that the installation of this system will prove to be more satisfactory, more safe, or more accurate than the present system of telegraphing. Unless the company have in their possession a more modern system of telephoning than has yet been placed upon the market we can only believe that they do not expect the telephone to excel, or even equal the present system of telegraphing.

La Platte and Pappio, which were formerly telegraph offices, have been closed, and phones installed for the purpose of conductors securing their own orders from the operator at Oreopolis. La Platte and Pappio would, therefore, come under the head of offices operated continuously, as orders may be received from these offices at any time. Taking these facts into consideration, we believe that any conductor accepting telephone orders after being on duty nine hours or over, would be violating the nine-hour law, as in this instance they are operators, receiving orders affecting the movements of trains.

We have been advised that some operators failed to send in overtime slips for extra service rendered, in ticketing passengers for the speciaal trains, account of the Nebraska State Fair at Lincoln. Any operator or agent who reported for duty early, or was held late, was justly entitled to extra compensation for same. See Article II. in our last schedule with the company.

We regret to relate that there are several of the boys on this division who have not paid their dues for the period ending December 31st. Now, boys, get you a dime bank and cut out a few of those Robert Burns', and you will have no trouble in raising the necessaries to secure a new card. Do not only keep up-to-date yourself, but it is your business to see that your neighbor is in line.

Our local chairman will be among you with information blanks in the near future. Give him the required information, and return the blanks promptly to him. It is very necessary that the local chairman have this information from each station, so the committee will know the existing conditions at each station. This is essential to bring about an improvement at the respective stations.

Bro. Coleman, who has been on a thirty-day vacation, is back at the old stand at Walthill. Bro.

Gordon, who has been officiating during sence, went to Wahoo.

Bro. F. R. Hubble, of Yutan, taking a vacation. Bro. G. A. Hart relieving him.

Temporary transfer at Fremont. Cash Mitchel to "LO," Tiner. Have not been learn their standing.

Bro. F. F. Miles, of Germantown, is back the natives, after an extensive trip throu Western States.

The Mr. G. S. Fairchild, agent at Randolphe don't care to belong to our Order, and stroy all papers pertaining to same that are to him. They must have made a mistake in him. It should have been "Unfairchild." Johnson, general chairman, visited with Br of Rosedale, recently, starting him out a chairman in place of Bro. Whitelock.

Bro. W. J. Ran, who worked for the number of years on this division, writes us is now cashier of the Manly State Bank of Neb. Every brother is glad to note that B has something better than railroading. Thi what persistent effort will do.

It is even a splendid thing to carry a car on a farm. Bro. J. G. Hutchinson, former at Edholm, is out on his farm this year. He a good thing, and carries an up-to-date alw:

We hope the boys will give Bro. Ho support, and assist him as much as possible new duties as local chairman.

Several of the boys have not paid their of the coming term. What's wrong, boys? have a kick to register, let us hear fro That's what we are here for.

Who has been hitting that non at Rand hard? He is fighting mad about something

Bro. J. L. Bloss, who resigned at Ravel March, is now working at Beach, "WN," lumber mills.

We are indebted to Bro. W. D. Glock, of mouth, for the efforts he has put forth in in securing notes, and keeping the corres posted on the changes taking place in his

Bro. E. A. McKee, from Spring Ranch, Bro. Karn at Winnebago. Bro. Karn went Lean for a few days. He contemplates a into Tripp Country when relieved at I where he hopes to draw a farm.

Bro. Wagner, of Oakland, was a Sioux (itor September 9th; returning with the jo mont Commercial Club.

The phones have been put in at Bellevi Platts. They have not been connected as y ever.

Operator Goldsberry, of Waverly, off fo weeks; relieved by Mr. Howerter.

Bro. and Mrs. A. B. Hass, of Oreapolis, with relatives in Lincoln one night the lat of the month.

Bro. W. E. Aultz, second trick man at Orback at work after a month's vacation, w spent with relatives and friends in and Chicago.

Bro. Harry Likewise, third trick at Platts, off for a few nights on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. H. Howerter.

How many of the boys have made any effort to win one of the prizes offered for securing members?

La Platte station is again open, with R. C. Coffield as agent.

By the time this reaches you Bro. Puryear will have graduated from Winslow, and will be bound West.

Send your notes to Bro. A. E. McKee, at Winnebago, who will do the correspondent act in the future.

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McCook Division-

R. L. Berger, third trick at Minden, is off thirty days; relieved by Bro. P. A. Gram, of Grand Division.

Bro. W. H. Harris, of Danbury, off on a ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. A. C. Hugg, late of Lincoln Division.

J. F. Edwards seems to be on the toboggan. He lately being transferred from Red Cloud to Oberlin. Jack is an old-time has been. Cor.

Aurora Division-

The meeting that was to be held at Aurora, Ill., September 19th, was postponed until next month.

We are somewhat lost on this division at present, our local chairman, Bro. E. F. Todd, and assistant local chairman, Bro. James, both resigning as L. C. and A. L. C. Bro. James quit the service of the company. Bro. Todd has made one of the best local chairmen we ever had on this division.

Now, brothers, the office has been vacated. Try your luck; some of you thought you would like it.

Bro. Dillon, of "SN," has just returned from a two weeks' vacation, but was somewhat disappointed to find that he had lost the day trick (second) to Bro. Stoneburg, who had been working the third trick at the cabin. The change was made on account of Bro. Stoneburg being the oldest in the service.

Ex-Bro. Nuckley, of Mendota depot, is taking a three weeks' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Higman, who has been working the third trick.

Bro. Pratt, formerly agent at Sandwich, Ill., has been appointed as cashier at Peru, Ill.

Bro. Nelson, agent at Montgomery, Ill., has returned from his two weeks' vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Johnson, first trick operator. We did not hear who relieved Bro. Johnson while he was doing the agent's stunt.

Bro. Ranger was an eastbound passenger last week. We have heard, later, that he went to Chicago to meet his old friend, W. J. Brine, who was doing some talking at one of the parks.

Bro. Carley, of Bristol tower, was in Aurora last week, Saturday, September 19th.

At Flag Center, ex-Bro. McDowell was relieved by Mr. Watson, formerly of Harmon, Ill. We understand that Mr. McDowell is about to open a general merchandise store at Flag Center.

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Sterling Division-

Come on with your new members. Some of us are getting the idea that we are on easy street. That we can quit the game and some one else will take our place. No doubt they will, but not to help us in any respect. Keep yourself up to date, show others the way it is done. We have two or three good nons that have "promised" about long enough. Our strength is rated by the number of paid-up members, not by "promises" and "back-sliders." Boys, there is much to do yet. Everybody knows the pay on the Sterling Division is too low to keep good men. Come across and see that something is doing.

Bro. W. S. Morrow, formerly agent at Angora, recently called on old friends on this division. He is now in the service of the Northern Pacific in Montana.

Bro. A. L. Johnson, from Bridgeport, is seeing the sights in the vicinity of Deadwood and Hot Springs, being relieved by a Mr. Mensell, a new man on the division.

Bro. D. O. Boyd, agent at Dalton, is laying off. Bro. D. O. is being relieved by Bro. D. A. Boyd. from Bridgeport.

Bro. A. L. Sowers, of Guernsey, is spending his vacation in the South, his last address being Galleys, N. M.

Before this reaches your gaze there will probably be an agent in charge at Carpenter, a new town on the Cheyenne line. If it is bulletined at \$65 there may be some bidders for the job.

Bro. F. A. Bullock, our worthy assistant on the "High Line," reports from Holyoke, where he is relieving Bro. H. L. Colver while he enjoys a thirty-day rest.

Bro. Bullock was relieved at Wellfleet by Bro. Enlow, from the C. & S.

Bro. Armitake said to be still at Bertrand.

Say! Why is it our membershipp seems to increase only as the information blanks are circulated. Are we like the tired horse that needed a bunch of hay held before him to induce him to act. Are you waiting for some one else to start the wheel of progress? Why not get behind the movement and give us a boost?

Let us make the pay-roll of the Sterling Division in our next schedule something more attractive, so that a better class of help can be drawn to the division and retained here.

Fraternally.

J. T. MADDOX.

La Crosse Division-

We trust all the boys are carrying an up-to-date card by this time, as it is just as easy to pay up now as to wait until later on.

Bro. M. A. Griffin, of Malden Rock, spent a few days last month visiting with home folks in Dakota; relieved by Operator Dederick.

Bro. W. A. Henry, our loyal grand secretary, is now settled at Fairfield, Iowa, and is devoting his full time to his work.

The following boys can now be called brothers: Wm. Bright, third trick, Lynxville; H. G. Sahlstrom, Hanover, Ill.; W. J. Burns and S. A. Fleming, Bay City, Wis.; O. E. Rediske, Stockholm; W. J. Reber, Wyalausing, and Wm. Goldeberg, Rusk, Wis. This is a fine showing and we trust that the good work will keep going.

The stock and grain rush has now commenced, and we trust that all the boys and, especially the brothers, are giving the company their best services.

We are at a loss to understand why some of our old men will stand out in the cold and refuse to give us a helping hand, when they look back for just one year and see what the good O. R. T. has done for us, but they never refuse to accept all the benefits that has been obtained for them.

We wish the boys would endeavor to write a few notes and send to the local chairman, who will see that they fall into the proper hands.

Bro. A. H. Gibbons is back at his old post at South Junction, after a few weeks lay-off. A new man, third trick, who has promised to come in after pay-day.

What is the matter with the boys on the north end. We would be pleased if some good brother up that way would let us know what is doing, as we have a lot of good brothers working on that end.

Those who have failed to receive a copy of the seniority list should write their local chairman, who will be pleased to supply them with a copy.

Bro. A. D. Clark, who accepted the agency at Cassville, writes that he has his hands full now, as the canning factory has started to do business again, but says he has two good men, and they are solid.

Bro. Harrison, of the city office at Dubuque, is having a lot of trouble with his eyes, and that is the reason we have not heard so much from him. Sorry to hear of his affliction and trust he will get along O. K.

UNION MADE.

St. Joseph Division-

Transferred to this division, Bro. C. Ewington, from Frisco Division No. 32.

It is now Bro. J. E. Wood, at Mt. Ayr, boys. Information blanks will be sent you soon. When they arrive see that they are filled out properly and save us considerable work getting them in.

Several of the boys on this division have not paid up yet. Come on, boys. It takes cash to keep things moving. If you don't wake up and help along with the business, you may wake up some day and find yourself working longer hours for less money.

H. B. Timberlake resumes work at Block 31 after being off on a three weeks' vacation.

H. A. Dunlap, relieved by Operator H. B. Timberlake, at Block 31, has gone to his home to await further instructions.

Agent Walters, of Beverley, has asked to be transferred to Quitman, on the branch. Have not heard who is the lucky man for Beverley vacancy.

The new semi-automatic block system was placed in operation between Armour and Block 36, also Block 31 and Beverly. It certainly does away with the train orders and other telegraphic All trains are cleared by dispatcher in add clear block,

Operator G. E. Morris, of Armour, while in the sights of Atchison the other evening mysteriously relieved of \$35.00 and several

Operator H. L. Spalding, Rushville to I to relieve night operator there.

Mr. Robt. Rice and W. H. Brown we the South End several times last week, ex and reading over the new block rules to us say that whenever we have them set into or in right order they intend calling us up carpet and explaining them in full—our ow ing of them..

J. R. Walters was off two weeks in At account of sickness, being relieved by Bra Baird, who is now at Napier.

Bro. Roe is off at present on account ness, being relieved by Bro. Wigingto the Frisco.

Mr. Naylor is off on account of sickne relieved by Bro. Timberlake, from Block

Mr. S. V. Dooley, agent at Parkville, a vacation, being relieved by Mr. Chas... Double track again in operation, Be Kansas City,

A. C. L. Rv.

To all Members A. C. L .:

As several changes have been made chairmen, and perhaps notice of the char reaching every member, I give below the na addresses of all local chairmen on the A together with the districts which they r Bulletins for all vacancies are issued by chairmen on their respective districts, and tions for such vacancies must be mailed local chairmen bulletining the positions cancies are not filled until applications are the superintendent by the local chairmen plaints or grievances of any nature sl handled with the local chairman, of the di which it occurs, and copies of all papers the general chairman as well as myself. feel that an injustice has been done you, an official of the road or the Order, yo not resign, as you there and then fort rights, but keep on appealing your case t official to another until it reaches the authority. It is not expected of any one mit to an injustice because the first or sequent person turns him down. But h use every means to get justice. In ma appeal from one official to another, all should consult with the division officers Order, so they can have the benefit of the and experience. If your case does not a be a just one, they will tell you so.

The following are the names, etc., chairmen:

Richmond District North, C. W. Peebl ter, Va.

Richmond District South, F. A. Boswe Creek, N. C. (P. O.)

Norfolk District, E. L. Brown, Kinston, N. C. Wilmington District, I. W. Lane, Faison, N. C. Columbia District, J. R. Patrick, Bennettsville, C.

Charleston District, C. W. Boswell, Salters Depot, S. C.

Savannah District, E. L. Porter, Blackshear, Ga. Waycross District, Thos. Sasser, Waycross, Ga. Montgomery District, W. L. Grissette, Brinson,

Jacksonville District, T. J. Tedder, Seffner, Fla. Gainesville District, C. J. Thompson, Clearwater, Fla.

Wakeland District, W. Brantley, Dunnellon, Fla. Yours fraternally,

J. H. WILLIAMS, G. S. & T.

Notice to all Members Savannah District:

Bro. E. L. Porter, local chairman, has been transferred to Blackshear, Ga., and all communications should now be sent to him there instead of to Patterson, his former address.

Yours fraternally,

J. H. WILLIAMS, G. S. & T.

Savannah District-

Everything to the good over here; just short a few operators, but think the snow birds will begin to show up soon.

Local Chairman E. L. Porter spent a week in Savannah; relieved by Mr. O. R. Hull.

Bro. Harvey, of Hortense, is sending in initiation fees for Mr. J. E. Harvey, Jr., and Mr. Snyder, second and third trick, and hope we can call them brothers by the time this appears in print.

Look out for nons. We still have several, but expect to get them soon; at least we are going after them, and, of course, they can't turn us down.

Some changes made at Pesup "AG" office, but can't say just what they are.

If we expect to have a write-up of interest we will certainly have to give notes to that effect. Just mail them to our local chairman and he will fix it. Give us any old thing you can get and it certainly will be appreciated.

Bro. R. F. Donaldson is now holding the third trick at Offerman "K" office, vice Bro. C. L. Allender, who has returned to his home in Hundred, W. Va. Bro. G. G. Nichols was advanced to second trick.

Superintendent G. D. Pugh and Bro. E. F. Hull spent a day on the banks of the river a few days since and report several "bites" and a few fine catches. They returned with a fine lot of grapes and a good "string" of fish.

We understand that Mr. J. O. Tillery, agent at Blackshear, is to be given a clerk not later than the 15th inst., on account of an increase in business at his station since the movement of cotton commenced.

Bro. Hatchel, first trick at Folkston, has left our district. Did not learn where he went. Bro. Featherston is now on first trick, with Bro. J. T. Tyler second. Have not learned who third trick man is,

Bro. Clark, formerly at Folkston, is at present in "CN" Jacksonville.

Bro. B. M. McGowan, second trick at McIntosh, is sick in Waycross hospital. A Mr. Edwards is working second trick.

Bro. Cox, at Burroughs, has accepted the agency at that point, with Bro. Shuping holding down a trick.

Bro. Chapman, third at "AG" Jesup, has been transferred to "SF" Savannah, being relieved by Mr. Davis, of Blackshear. "13" he will be regular at Jesup.

By the time this is in print there will be a clerk put on at Blackshear, and as I "13" it, Bro. E. L. Porter, from Patterson agency will return to Blackshear and live with the family, while Bro. R. F. Donaldson will again be installed at Patterson.

It was indeed with regret that I read the closing paragraph in "Cracker Joe's" write-up from this district for September, in which he states that he is leaving the service of the company on account of being rejected by the relief department. An efficient telegrapher, a reliable and good man let out because of a physical defect which in no wise interferes with or lessens his ability as an operator.

A few months ago orders were issued from headquarters to the effect that all employes failing to pass the required medical examination by a certain date must be relieved. The result was that not a few good men—men who are reliable operators—had to seek positions elsewhere; in many instances because of some very slight physical defect,

When the committee again goes before our general manager—than whom there is none fairer or better—I would be glad to see them take up the matter of compulsory membership in the relief department. I never have and never will believe in compulsory insurance and a system that brings unnecessary hardship upon one should not be tolerated. If the relief department is a necessity—to give some doctors a living—it should at least be made voluntary.

Let the committee insist upon an amendment to the present rules to the effect that if for some slight defect one shall fail to come up to the required standard, it shall not debar him from entering or remaining in the telegraph service, but that he shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of the relief department; or upon payment of the required fee he shall be accepted as a member of the relief department, but shall be entitled to only one-half the accident, sick and death benefits.

I am sure the majority of operators would rather enter the relief department under some such proviso than float around hunting another job.

As a rule the A. C. L. is very fair to their employes, much more so than some roads I have worked for, and I feel sure that if this matter is taken up in the right way that some relief will be granted,

Scooter.

Waycross District-

We are still in the lead on the honor rolls of the July TELEGRAPHER. It will not be long before there will not be enough material on this district to get our names on the honor roll. Then we will have to get out on some of the lines that run into the Coast Line and work them a few.

Bro. A. P. Fowler lost out at Alexanderville; now working for the A., B. & A. He was succeeded by Bro. C. C. English.

Bro. J. H. Malphurs leaves Hardaway to take a position at Wauchula, Fla., on Lakeland District. Mr. C. W. Wilson, of Waynesville, bid in Hardaway.

Bro. II. E. Pearce leaves Manor nights to accept a position with the W. U. at Albany, being succeeded by Mr. Lorraine Murray, who has been working at various places on the B. & W.

Bro. J. S. Summersill bid in second trick at Jasper, and Bro. H. E. Harrell has also been assigned a trick at Jasper. Unable to say who was relieved there, or who takes McAlpin, which was made vacant by transfer of Bro. Harrell.

Last month Millwood was bulletined on account of the dismissal of J. W. Murray, but later reinstated.

Mr. D. R. Hays, another new man, gets Fair-fax agency.

Mr. G. S. Perry, well known on this district, is again with us, being at present at Hildreth nights.

Referring again to promises made by men to send in their applications, I wonder how many men have started their souls to perdition by making promises of this kind, without the least intention of keeping them. Would it not be much more manly, and certainly less sinful, to give some reason, rather than a promise that they knew absolutely would not be kept. Does a non think that a promise made in regard to making application for membership is any less sacred than a promise to pay doctor's bill or a grocer's account? We do not. Perhaps telegraphers will, after a while, become as truthful as most other people. We refer to the nons now.

Lakeland District-

Glad to see so many of the districts of the A. C. L. represented in the September journal; only four out, and hope those will have something in this month's issue. We Florida Crackers would like to know what the Virginia Sorebacks, Tarheels and Sand-lappers of South Carolina, who are working for the same line as ourselves, are doing. While we may not know many of them personally, still we like to hear of them, and to see so many of the personal mentions are prefixed with Bro.

We welcome back to our district Bro. E. A. White, who has been with a fish company on Useppa Island. Bro. White is now working at Fort Myers, is there only temporarily, so his family remains at Punta Gorda, his old home.

Bro. T. B. Campbell, formerly at Trilby, is now with the A., B. & A. at Thomasville, Ga., we understand. We are the loser and the A., B. & A.

the gainer in this transaction, as Bro. Campbell is right up-to-date in every respect.

Mr. W. J. Weathers has lost out at Hernando, and has been relieved by J. W. Hogan, formerly at Fort Myers. This seems to be one of the toughest agencies on the West Coast, and since Bro. Fortson left there, no one can be found who can handle it satisfactorily. This speaks volumes for Bro. Fortson's capacity for work. Our worthy local chairman, Bro. Brantley, went there, but refused to be checked in after seeing the amount of work expected of one man.

We are sorry to say there does not appear a single name on the honor roll from the Lakeland District in the last issue, but our sister district, Jacksonville, is represented, both in the August and September issues. Let's have some names on the roll in the next journal, and keep some there each month as long as the roll is published, or until there are no more nons in sight.

Yours fraternally,

DIV. COR.

Montgomery District-

Old Montgomery District unrepresented in the September TELEGRAPHER, but there is still a working majority on this end of the line, even if we don't work much and are in such bad company, being in close touch with the L. & N., and the A. & W. P. and W. of A., three of the hardest lines in the South, or I should say two, for the latter are one line, and is practically owned by the L. & N. Our district is not as well organized as it should be, but we are improving slowly. We expect to be heard from yet, so you can look out for us.

Bro. A. E. Mathis has been appointed agent at Waterford, vice Bro. W. F. Thames, transferred to Climax, Ga.

Mr. J. C. Clark goes from Newton, Ala., nights, to Bainbridge, relieving Bro. Truesdell.

Bro. W. P. Garlington, from Sprague to Ausley, Ala., Bro. Garlington being succeeded at Sprague by Mr. S. C. Moseley.

Bro. Almon Strain has been transferred from Sprague to Bainbridge ticket office.

Mr. E. M. Brown, formerly in dispatcher's office, Dotham, has been transferred to Fort Myers, Fla., on the Lakeland District. He was relieved in dispatcher's office by A. W. Lawson.

Bro. S. E. Jones is holding down one of the tricks in Clay street yard office, Montgomery. Bro. Jones comes to us with an up-to-date from Division No. 46.

Richmond District, North-

Bro. E. Battaile, from Dunlop to Collier.

Bro. D. B. Davis, of Weldon, succeeded by Mr. W. B. Chalkley.

Bro. H. W. Brandt, of Weldon, succeeded by Mr. E. G. Cheatham, who is a member of the C. T. U. of A.

Bro. E. P. Kuper, of Emporia, succeeded by Mr. A. H. Russell.



Messrs. D. D. and L. Clemmer appointed second and third at Dunlop.

Mr. S. D. Worsham succeeds Bro. J. D. Dixon at Carson.

Bro. W. E. Luther, formerly of Drewrys Bluff, transferred to Centralia; night office being moved. Mr. J. B. Clark being the other man.

We notice that Mr. A. A. Todd is back on the district; now at Stony Creek. When he left us he was Bro. Todd. We hope to soon have the pleasure of calling him brother again.

It is reported that Bro. Williams, general secretary and treasurer, is coming over this district this month, and we hope every non will be ready for him and have a wreath and sounder on their coats when this appears in print.

Let us hear from the Richmond District each month.

D. C.

Richmond District, Between Fayetteville and Florence—

In spite of the heavy rains recently, we are railroading in the jungles again. The situation of late having been that of a serious nature. It looked at one time as if everything would go to destruction.

Boys, it looks as if we have no correspondent from our end. Let's start the ball rolling in some way. If the ones along the line will furnish me with little scraps of anything of interest and value I will endeavor to have something come out in every issue. There is lots of good reading in the journal. August issue has several pieces which can not be surpassed. For its truth and elevating powers, if one would take heed from it, refer to that issue and read "A Preacher's Faith in the Union Label," "Labor Song," "Make Your Mark," "Lack of Sound Consensus," and "Man's Inhumanity." Whether it is known among all of us or not, I can not say, but we should realize it requires a man of brains to compose and write such as these pieces, and we ought to appreciate them enough to read and pass them along for others to read them.

"Fate of a Strike-Breaker, Who Put Gold Above Manhood." What did he gain? is a question to be considered also. Take warning from this poor devil, and if there has ever existed in you an unloyal attitude towards your fellowman, free yourself from such before it is too late. Whenever that hadge of shame called "scab," fastens around your neck, it will not vanish like the close of a stormy day, but will remain with you wherever you may go, because an appeal to your own reason will tell you it is wrong, and that little spark of celestial fire called conscience, will never cease to burn. There is no use in thinking you can go into sin and no one will know it. You will know it yourself; that's sufficient, and a stronger cord to carry you to ruin than if others knew it only.

We have on our line lots of good men, and a few that do not amount to much, either to themselves, the road or their associated brothers. We must either make good ones out of the bad ones or let them out, for it is necessary that we have all men instead of imitations. Hesitators, hypocrites and backsliders are no good. They are detrimental to humanity's duty.

Referring to the many remarks regarding "boomers" in recent issues of THE TELEGRAPHER, I desire to say experience has taught me that socalled "booming" is a very poor profession. I have "boomed" all the way between the Atlantic and Pacific Coast, Chicago, New York and the Gulf of Mexico, and through Mexico also. I've worked positions paying as high as any railroad or commercial operator receives, and today I am working for just \$6.00 per month more than I started in what I once dreamed the fascinating telegraph business eight years ago. Eight long years I have practicably thrown away; eight years I've gained nothing more than a yearning desire to drift from place to place; to throw away what money I earned here and there in trifling things that are valueless to any one. Cut out "booming" and go to work for an honest, straightforward living, and be a CERT. 381, "A-RN."

Jacksonville District-

Bro. M. M. Drawdy is holding down the Oviedo agency during Bro. Wheeler's absence.

Mr. W. S. Evans has returned to Orange Park, after a few days' vacation.

Bro. C. D. Goodwin, second trick operator and weighmaster at Port Tampa scales, has resigned and accepted a position with the Western Union Telegraph Company at Tampa.

Bro. T. C. Mask is working nights at De Land Junction, relieving Mr. Stanford Jackson, who, we understand, was called away on account of sickness.

After several weeks' vacation, Bro. L. H. Brockman has assumed the duties as regular agent at Altoona, relieving M. J. K. Glisson, who is now holding down the third trick at Port Tampa scales.

The ticket agency at Orlando has been transferred from Mr. J. R. Yearby to Mr. D. W. Sasser, regular agent returning to duty.

Mr. J. R. Yearby is now relieving Mr. T. J. Perkins, the ticket agent at Sanford. Mr. Perkins is off for a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. H. D. Corbet, agent at Carters, is off on a three weeks' vacation, while Bro. B. C. Hartley is relieving him and fighting mosquitoes.

Would be glad to see several names from this district on the honor roll, and any one that wants to try to get a new member can get a list of the nons from our local chairman. There are several nons on the district that would make desirable members.

"Florida Cracker."

Montgomery District-

Bro. W. F. Thames has taken the Climax agency, vice Mr. Brown, gone out of the service at present.

Bro. Mathis, of Ansley, succeeds Bro. Thames at Waterford, and Bro. Garlington, of Sprague, in turn, succeeds Bro. Mathis at Ansley. Mr. Mosely now has the Sprague agency.

The Abbeville agency was on bulletin for a few days, but was withdrawn by our superintendent.

I was pleased to see Bro. W. T. Mathis filling a position with the Seaboard at Savannah.

Bro. Jones, of Clay street yard, transferred to our division.

We have a few new members and a few more prospective ones. Brothers, punch the nons under the fifth rib at every opportunity. W. L. G.

Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

Cincinnati Division-

Bro. Edwards, of Ivorydale, has returned to his duties on first trick, after having enjoyed a two weeks' vacation.

"GR," gravel pit office at Middletown, has again been temporarily opened up on account of gravel service being put on for the purpose of completing the new extension of double track between Kyles and "BM," which they expect to have ready for service before many weeks.

Quite a number of the extra men are being kept busy on account of the boys taking their vacations.

Bro. Delp, first trick at "MX," enjoyed a two weeks' vacation in July with his relations in the East, and taking in the sights around Washington and Baltimore.

Bro. Keever, second trick at "MX," upon the return of Bro. Delp, departed, August 1st, for Baltimore and Gettysburg, where he expects to spend two or three weeks.

Bro. McNutt is doing relief at "MX" during the absence of Bros. Delp and Keever.

B. Dimory, of "MX," and J. W. Lemon, of "BM," handed in their applications this month, and are the possessors of up-to-date cards.

Bro. Hildebrandt, of "FA," has resumed work on first trick, after having enjoyed a pleasant two weeks' vacation with his relations in Toledo last month.

Bro. Welsh, second trick at Middletown depot, left September 1st for Mackinac and Northern Michigan.

It was decided by the members present at the meeting held in Springfield, Ohio, September 3d, that future meetings would be held in the Trades and Labor Assembly Hall, Springfield, Ohio, the third Tuesday of each month, at 8 p. m., instead of at Dayton, in order that members from the Sandusky and Columbus Branch could be offered a better opportunity to attend, on account of being more centrally located for those on the Sandusky and Cincinnati Divisions, and do away with the necessity of holding two meetings each month. The latter place offering better train service. While on the other hand, members located at Dayton and Middletown would be deprived of their opportunity to return home the same evening, have shown a willingness to sacrifice that privilege for the future welfare, and to make these meetings a success. It is hoped that the brothers will avail themselves of these arrangements, and show their appreciation by being present.

The second and third man has been put on at Myers. Bro. Barber getting the second trick, and a Mr. McCleary the third trick.

The third man was also put on at Dover. Bro. P. R. Smith doing the stunt.

Bro. Sidener, at London, is doing the double stunt at London during the absence of Mr. Winship, the agent, who is on an Eastern trip.

Bro. Hickman, at Brooks, had for his guests a few days ago, his wife and son from Piqua.

Bro. Rogers, at "YK," has resumed work, after a pleasant two weeks' vacation with relatives at Jackson Center, where he broke in his father's new auto.

An enthusiastic meeting was held at the lodge room in the Johnston Building, Springfield, Ohio. September 15th, at 8 p. m., there being about seventy-five brothers present from the Cincinnati Division, also a number present from the D., T. & I. and Erie; but the Sandusky Division failed to have a member present. There must be interest lacking, or they would make an attempt to attend, having fairly good train accommodation. However, a bouncing meeting was held, and those who failed to attend were the losers. At least, the brothers present think so. Meeting called to order by Assistant Local Chairman Stabler at 9 p. m. The principal business of the evening being the nominations for local chairman, after which Bro. Ferguson was persuaded to ride the goat, and then an elaborate supper prepared by Bros. Berry. Rogers and Weber at 10 p. m. The brothers present felt that they had enjoyed a pleasant evening. and after being royally entertained by the Dutch band for an hour, the boys adjourned to their homes, hoping that they will be given the opportunity to meet together again on many more such occasions, and to the brothers that were not present, you missed the time of your life, as these meetings are becoming more interesting and a source of pleasure, and it is a noticeable fact that when a brother attends once, he rarely fails to come back again.

Indianapolis Division-

Business is getting better, and during the rush at Ft. Harrison it has been necessary to establish a dispatcher's office there, Messrs. Shuyler and Dunham keeping them moving.

It is with pleasure we received the announcement of the promotion of Chief Dispatcher Buchanan to trainmaster. G. F. David transferred.

Mr. W. H. Miller, who got his start on this end, but lately has been acting chief dispatcher on the Cleveland Division, succeeds Mr. Buchanan as chief dispatcher.

There are quite a number of nons showing up over here, which does not look good. Get busy, boys, and keep up our average.

September r the first division meeting was held at Anderson for several years, while the day meeting was lightly attended owing to poor train service and many being unable to get off the night the meeting was better. All enjoyed the talk from General Chairman Whallen.

Talk of opening up some more offices soon. Vote right, boys. Fraternally,

GEE WHIZ.

St. Louis Division, East-

We understand our chief is having trouble in finding operators to relieve the sick.

Bro. Tincher, at Hauley, has been waiting on relief for some time. He contemplates taking a trip West when relieved.

Bro. Baker, agent at Avon, is off on vacation; relieved by his son, Ed, who in turn was relieved on second trick by Mr. Hartman.

Operator Winkler got third trick on bulletin.

Bro. W. O. Setty, "NA," got third trick "JR," Terre Haute passenger station, on bulletin.

Bro. L. C. Adams, of "JR," second trick, has left the service. Unable to find out where he went.

"13" Bro. Magee, first trick at Sunnyside, has resigned and is going to school this winter. Unable to find out who relieved him.

We are glad to report the following new members this month: Bro. W. F. Kessinger, Sandford, Ind., and Bro. C. D. Simpson, third trick at Duane.

DIV. Cor.

St. Louis Division, West-

Bro. W. W. Brown, second trick at Lenox, is among the many suffering from malaria on the west end, especially through the Mississippi bottoms. Bro. J. D. Nutt, third trick at Lake View, is relieving Bro. Brown. Mr. Fred Misegades, of Alton, is working third trick at Lake View in Bro. Nutt's place.

We regret to say that Miss L. Carroll, who has been working third trick at Nameoki is still unable to return to work; both malaria and typhoid fever have kept her away. Bro. A. R. Thurston, of Division No. 2, is relieving Miss Carroll.

Bro. A. H. Steger, second trick at Granite City, has returned from a short vacation. Bro. I. L. Maxey, second trick at Venice Junction, who relieved Bro. Steger, is now relieving Mr. A. Lyvers, third trick at Granite City, who is taking a short vacation.

Bro. Crouch Irving received the sad news of the death of his sister, and was relieved by Bro. Sullivan. Bro. Cook is working second trick, being relieved by Mr. John Cross.

Seems funny to hear a man say, "The O. R. T. never did anything for me," but yet a party working on our line tells me he will not join the Order and pay his money to those fellows in St. Louis, that they were getting it all. This is an ex-brother, who from January to June was one of our staunchest brothers, and now he has slid down the wrong board. May be some official has promised him something. Hope he has, but expect when he gets it it will be carrying coal and cleaning spittoons for about \$40 per or, in other words, a shirt pocket flunkey for the officials. Now Mr.

—, this is a mighty poor spiel you gave

the writer, and I'd try to see if I couldn't get cleared from this and get right before my name was given to the boys along the line. Of course I would not give it up without giving you a chance, but it is poor dope, I should say.

Now, boys, we need about 95 per cent, then we would have a good division. We now have, I believe, about 75 per cent. Let us all get after the non that has been working alongside of us, and get him into the Order. We need him. Stay after him until he does come in. Don't be discouraged.

Another thing, when there is a meeting at Hillsboro let everybody attend and get acquainted.

Bro. Wycoff, at Witt, just received word that his wife, who is away on a visit, is very sick.

Ex-Bro. Montonye, first trick at Twelfth street, is laying off, and "JF," from dispatcher's office, who has recently graduated from messenger boy, is relieving him.

Bro. Henderson, second trick at Gays, who has been doing relief work at Dorseys as agent for about a week, has returned to his regular job; was relieved by A. S. Davidson, who bid in the job.

Bro. Calvert, third at Nokomis, off on vacation; relieved by new man, Mr. Scarsdale.

Bro. Lyrla, Division No. 27, has been home on a vacation visiting relatives and shaking hands with old friends at Irving.

Bro. Bandy, who was once among us, but recently from the C., M. & St. P., has accepted a position with the C. & E. I.

Operator Fling was a successful bidder on third trick at "WN," Windsor.

Ex-Bro. Welch, at Ft. Witt, laying off; relieved by Mr. Lowery, who went to "JA," relieving Smith, third trick.

Bro. Thurston, the founder of the O. R. T., spent a night or so with his son at Nameoki.

Agent and Operator Fred Furray, at Gays, off sick; relieved by Bro. Henderson, second trick, he, in turn, being relieved by Operator Scarsdale.

Bro. L. M. Lawson, second trick at "GN," just returned from a two weeks' vacation spent with friends near Casey, Ill. A Mr. Staley, lately from the C. & A., relieved Bro. Lawson and then relieved Bro. Gieseman, first trick at "GN," who, we understand, is to take a trip to New York City.

"13" Delong has bid in agency at Ohlman.

Bro. Hall, "MX," is laying off; relieved by Operator C. A. Fitzpatrick.

Any news or items which any of the boys may gather up would be thankfully received by the correspondent. Any births, deaths, marriages, etc. Lock box No. 6, Irving, Ill. "HN."

I find, in looking over the situation, that there is a brother in very near every office, while a few have two nons. Some have two brothers and one non. Now, look here for a moment; it costs you to keep up the membership and carry \$1,000 in surance just four and three-eighths cents per day, on \$500 four and one-tenth cents per day, on

\$300 three and three-sevenths cents per day. Now how many spend from five to fifty cents per day for things which don't benefit them, and how many could lay this amount aside each day to pay their dues each month and be up-to-date, and be able to help us while we help you. The reason why we are not solid today is because they say then can not afford it. They can afford it, and don't allow anybody to give you such skim-milk talk.

Now, every brother wake up and get busy and get that non that works beside you and don't let him creep out of it.

CERT. 668, DIV. 138.

Michigan Division-

Bro. H. S. Walters, nights at Marion, has taken a six or eight weeks' vacation.

Bro. Roy Ferree, relief operator, is working nights at Marion during the absence of Bro. Walters.

Our chief is taking a vacation; relieved by First Trick Dispatcher Bob Milrose. This throws J. H. Yost, car man, working third trick.

Operator Miles is doing the operator's trick at Wabash.

There has been quite a few trains of State troops en route to Ft. Benjamin Harrison the last two weeks, which made the Michigan Division look like the Twentieth Century Limited had struck it.

Have you all paid your dues? Don't fail. Keep them up.

Would like to get a few notes to make this division look like we are not all dead. As I am division correspondent over here, I'll appoint Bro. Becker, of Goshen; Bro. Long, of Leeburg, on north end; Bro. Dan Baker, of Rushville, and Bro. Peffer, of Carthage to send me notes.

We certainly have a good general chairman, Bro. Edw. Whalen. He is a boy that has the backbone of a whale when it comes to facing our officials.

November is the time to get rid of this booze question. It is something that does no man any good, but promotes headaches, heartaches, wrecks homes, trains and lives.

Please oblige me with notes for next write-up.

DIV. Cor.

Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry.

Birmingham Division-

The section men have got their schedule, and it is a great help to them, and lessens their days to nine hours, and gives them a lot more freedom than they used to have.

I have nearly always worked under a schedule, and I would like to see every operator along this line get in the game, so we can go up for a contract, and I am of the opinion that we can win easily, for these men know and recognize union men, and they know their worth.

Let us get together and make the "Bee Line" one of the best on record. We can if we will work together. Oh, my; how some of us are catching it now on the new time-card, which took effect on the 6th.

Take this end, for instance; the train in the morning is due here at 6 a. m., and at night at 10 p. m., and we have to stay and change the mail. I hear that it is working such hardships on some of us that they are thinking of sending in their resignation on this account.

Some of the boys have it up with the superintendent now, and will hear from him in a few days.

This "Bee Line" flew into the great city of Birmingham last Sunday, and there was a great rejoicing there.

I have gotten in two nons since I came, and I wish all could see and know what there is in store for them if they would only get in line and help win the fight.

We have only one wire over this division, and we can not have a friendly chat at all, for it is too busy, and then it goes all through the main offices, and no secrets can be told on it.

Find out the man next to you, and jump on him the first chance you have, and ask him if he has a card, or when he is going to get one.

Now is the time for us to get there if we can, for times and business is getting brighter, and in a few months we will be hauling a lot of coal and merchandise, and will have a lot of trains to operate, for this is the coming road.

CERT. 13, DIV. 59.

Mexican National Ry.

One more month has passed, and nothing much accomplished in this country for the good of the Order, but I am just in receipt of a letter from a non-member in the southern part of Mexico, advising that he wants to join, and that there are twelve others that also want to come in; and by the time this is being read by the thousands of brothers throughout the world, we will be in the neighborhood of Mexico City, doing what we can to get them lined up.

One thing that we certainly do need in Mexico is some copies of the journal printed in Spanish. I firmly believe it would be the thorough organizing of Mexico, because the majority of the operators here can not understand what is being said or done, and what few members there are here, have no use for their journals. Of course, it would be a great expense to have this done, but, in the long run, I think it would be for the best. These operators do not know what good could be done in the way of bettering their conditions, because they do not know how to do it. While if they had one cepy of the journal in Spanish, they could readily see what they could do by being organized.

They have an organization in Mexico known as the "Gran Liga," which covers all railroad employes, but very little good is being done in the way of adjusting salaries, hours, etc. Will some brother kindly help me out in this, or, at least, let me hear some of the different opinions?

Bro. Norieza, assistant operator at "CS," San Luis, dispatcher's office. I have just located Bro.



Norieza lately; did not know that he had the credentials until a few days ago, but I "13" he has them, all right.

Operator A. Perez, manager, "CS" office, San Luis, Potosi, has filled his blanks, and will also have that little piece of pasteboard in the near future.

Operator Delgado, nights at Vanegas, has also been furnished with the papers. Understand he is waiting for another pay-day, then he will also send them in.

Operator W. W. Main and family, of Chicago, Ill., are visiting relatives in Saltillo, Mexico. Mr. Main holds an up-to-date C. T. U. of A. card. We are always glad to welcome any one with an up-to-date card. Here is certainly where we need them.

I "13" Bro. Shelby, at "SH," Laredo shops, has been bumped by Operator Leyendecker, from "SX," Laredo, dispatcher's office.

Bro. S. W. Brashears, member of I. C. Division, No. 93, has been in Laredo, Texas, for some time. I "13" Bro. Brashears is going to leave the telegraph service on account of not enough pay to suit him. Have heard of several others that are going to do likewise.

The dispatcher's office has been moved from Laredo, Texas, to Monterrey, Mexico. Dispatcher Morse first trick, Woodul second trick, and Savage third trick; all fine fellows.

The National base ball team played one game of ball at Monterrey on September 6th, against the Zaragoza team of that place, but they were too much for us, and took the game from us by a score of ten to seven. On September 16th the Zaragozas came to Saltillo and played two games. The first we won by a score of 13 to 7. But the second went to the Zaragozas by a score of 15 to 10.

We are to play another game at Monterrey in the near future, and with the team that we now have in view, we are figuring on shutting them out entirely.

Business on the Mexican National has been picking up for the last month, and quite a lot of stock is being handled. The Mexican Central Railway also doing a pretty good business.

Boys, this is certainly the finest climate that ever happened. There is most anything you could wish for in the fruit and vegetable line. It is very cool at night here, and it takes a blanket to keep warm.

CERT. 4314.

Alabama & Vicksburg Ry.

Not many days ago I was reading my August TRLEGRAPHER, and found an article from the Q. & C., South. I read it; and right here permit me to say that if we will take heed to this advice, it will certainly create a better feeling toward each other. Let each member help his brother member. Also help every non you can to join the Order, and show them you have an interest in them. Show them the good things the O. R. T. is doing, and has been doing. Do everything you can to show them the error of their ways, and then, if they

will not come across, why, just whisper in their ear: "No card, no favors," and then write them up as a hardshell, and try the next non handy; and if he is not so handy as to be on your division, Uncle Sam will carry a message for a cents, and our general chairman will gladly send you a set of application blanks, post paid.

Now, let's get together and appoint a local correspondent, have a write-up in each month's TELEG-RAPHER, and see if it will not wake up some of these restful sleepers.

Bro. M. F. Freeman is here on the extra list. He comes from the I. C., Louisiana Division.

The Grand Division meets in Atlanta next year. I would that every one of us could be there. I believe we would be made to see where we are doing very wrong by keeping ourselves so quiet. Let's each and every one take part; get up and do something for the up-building of our noble Order, gather in all the nons, run out all the scabs (if there is one) on our division, and prepare a committee to meet the management by or before the first of 1909 to get our schedule revised.

Pennsylvania Lines, East of Pittsburg & Erie.

There is considerable interest manifested at the present time, among the employing departments on the Pennsylvania Railroad, which seek to protest against the agents being members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, the reason being obviously to weaken the organization, in order that there may be at a near future time an opportunity of repealing recent legislation, which has been in favor of the employes.

The railroad telegraphers in the United States, Canada and Mexico, have, as a body, secured recognition from the railroad management, and have, in consequence, secured for their class many and important concessions, which, prior to the organization, were unknown, and along conservative lines, as the forces of organization increase, additional requests are made and are expected to be obtained, either through recognition as a class of employes or through legislation, until such a time as the class of employes, eligible to membership in the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, have equal advantages, as are given and participated in by members of other railroad organizations, i. e., conductors and engineers.

The position of an agent, a combination position with a multiple of bosses, is the least paying position, taking into consideration the responsibility and requirements that are expected. While the position of agent is, generally speaking, a promotion over that of a telegrapher, still, in its many features, is less desirable a position to hold than that of a telegrapher at a lower rate of pay. The telegrapher, working under the Federal law, has shorter hours. The agent, with a slightly increased salary, has hours unlimited up to twenty-four in each calendar day. As stated previously in this article, the telegrapher, as an individual, is recognized as in a special department and entitled to

certain privileges and favors which go with such a position. The agent, a promotion over the telegrapher, has nothing but a combination position, and an effort is now being made in instances where the agent is given the hint that he should not belong to a labor organization, especially the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, as such an affiliation is not considered consistent with the position of an agent, which amounts to saying that when a person reaches the position of agent it is a position where years of service and ability count for naught, a position where promotion is conducted by the favoritism and preference method, irrespective of other conditions. You who are clerkoperators, agents or any other title that you may be known under, doing wire work of any description or degree, if you are a member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, let nothing swerve you from keeping your membership in the organization, and you that are not yet members get an application blank and send in your petition for membership at once. Do not wait until you see the fellow next to you in, you get in and he will follow. By doing so you will show an appreciation of what you now have and provide yourself with a protection to keep and get more, which you can not do by going it alone. Within the next eighteen months there are going to be some happenings, which will call for a firm stand of every person employed in the department. Do your duty, not only to yourself, but to your family and to your fellow man by showing that you belong to an organization that is for your betterment, better service for those that employ you and safer conditions for the patronage of the corporation that pays the freight.

If you could belong to the O. R. T. while you were an operator you certainly are within your rights to continue your membership after you have become an agent or hold a more lucrative position. Never forget the start and the end will never be a regret to those that come after you.

The Order of Railroad Telegraphers stands for fair treatment and equal privileges to all, preference and favoritism to none.

C. C. FIELD.

Ft. Worth & Denver City Ry.

Who said we were all dead ones? Well, we're not. Nearly all of our men carry up-to-dates.

Not many changes that I have heard of.

Bro. Patty, of Tascosa, has left the service; relieved by Bro. Ruff, of Dalhart.

"13" Newlin office has been closed. We had a non there. I do not know what became of him after the office was closed.

Bro. Erwin now at Tascosa, from Childress.

Bro. Ratliff, at "WG," has been off for a couple of weeks on account of sickness of his folks. During his absence we had Mr. Russell, a non, who is now in the service on the Second Division, at Wichita Falls.

Business seems to be very good now, and do not hear of so many operators out of employment.

Now, boys, let us do our best and get all those non neighbors to see the importance of a union. Get off and go see him personally. Take the papers right along with you and have him fill out and mail before you leave him. I'm sure if we all would do this we would see better results. Now, do not think because you have an up-to-date card that your work is completed. There is lots more for you to do.

This W. A. Hain, (signs "BA") in Childress office, is a Katy scab and we would like to see him go. He is not welcome in the least.

We only have five night offices on the Fourth Division, and think we are "solid O. R. T." We have one non on our Fourth Division, and he has sent in his application. Now, where is a road, having no schedule, that can show up better than this?

Bro. Plentl has been transferred from Carey, day operator, Third Division, to Electra, Second Division, agency.

Bro. Simmons can now be heard at Sunset, where he has the cares of agent and operator.

CERT. 3290.

Ft. W. & R. G. Ry.

Brothers, I have been waiting and hoping to see an article in The Telegrapher from some of our boys, and I guess they are all like me, waiting for the next fellow to do the writing. We have got to do something ourselves if we want to get along. You know the old saying that "God helps them that help themselves." Well, that's the way with the Order. It will help those that help themselves. We will have to get organized before we can get any decent salaries or seniority. We have one or two \$60 jobs and the rest are \$50 per. Let us all take an interest and get "25."

We have only one non on the road that I know of, but hope to see him come in, as one of our brothers is now agent where he is and I guess be will do the necessary.

Bro. Blackburn, of the north end, has been checked in at Granbury as agent.

Bro. Weise has resumed his duties as agent at Tolar, after a sixty-day leave of absence.

Bro. Steedman has gone back to Dublin as second owl. He has been relieving Bro. Weise at Tolar for the past sixty days.

Lehigh Valley Ry.

Auburn Division-

Having just received THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for September and read what our "Interested Member" says in regard to the L. V. R. R. I feel that we, the L. V. men, should not let this discussion be prompted by our brothers on some other road. We should be more interested in our own welfare and try to do everything possible to bring about the desired movement which will place us along with the other roads, where conditions are all that could be desired, where the operators and agents are not obliged to do all kinds of common laborers' duties, in addition to the usual duties of an agent or operator.

If our brothers from other roads are interested in us, why should we not show more interest in ourselves by doing all we can to make the L. V. solid before the members are all discouraged.

We all know that no railroad company is going to sit with folded hands and allow the men to get together and ask for better conditions, for that means extra expense. We all know that they are not going to help conditions, if they can get out of it. Therefore, does it not depend upon concerted movement amongst the agents and operators to make conditions better?

Does any man blame the company for the conditions? Does any man blame the company for fighting any movement for organization? I don't think so. If he does, he should imagine himself the employer.

Boys, wake up and be doing. Get every nonmember on the old pike and let's have better conditions. Some one else take up the discussion in THE TELEGRAPHER, and if we can't get together any other way, let's use the interesting book as a "correspondence medium."

In the next TELEGRAPHER I would like to see an editorial saying that the interest on the L. V. has become so great that all the correspondence can not be printed, owing to lack of space.

AN ENCOURAGED MEMBER.

Leetonia Ry.

In the September issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, I notice an article regarding the Lehigh Valley Railroad, which is signed "An Interested Member," in which he wishes to hear from other Lehigh men. While I am not at present in the employ of the Lehigh, I feel that I may be able to construct to my worthy brother a few lines regarding the Lehigh at the time when it was, as he says, about \$85\$ per cent strong, and in which I took an active part, that may be of some interest to him.

I went to work for the Lehigh as an extra O. S. operator in March, 1904, and remained about two years, during which time I worked as relief agent, ticket agent, operator and leverman in all their heavy interlocking plants on the Pennsylvania Division, as an operator in the hardest relay office, and was copying for a train dispatcher when, one morning upon arriving at the office, I found a letter addressed to me, which read, "Your services no longer required. Unsatisfactory.". No reason was given for my sudden dismissal, but, after recalling that three of my worthy brothers who, by the way, were first-class men, had received the same kind of letters in less than two weeks previous, it did not require long for me to feel safe to say that it was because I carried an upto-date card. However, I did not lose any sleep that night because I had been asked, only a few weeks before, by the Lackawanna for the first refusal of my services in case I ever left the Lehigh. So the following day I placed myself in communication with one of the chief train dispatchers of that road and, after learning why I left the Lehigh. I was told that I would be given a job, but that I must not let the superintendent know I carried a card, or I would not last long on the Lackawanna. I replied that I was afraid I could not work for the Lackawanna then, but the chief, who had known me from a boy, wanted me to come, and I partly promised I would.

The next day I started for the new job, but while on my way was stopped by a message from the Lehigh asking if I would care to return to work for them. I told them if I could return without losing the time for the two days I had been off I would return, but that I had no preference which way I went. I returned and lost no pay for the two days I was off, but only remained eleven days, when I was fortunate enough to land a newspaper job.

The trouble with most of the operators and agents on the Lehigh is that they are afraid of losing their jobs if they open their face in favor of the O. R. T. There are a few who have all kinds of stick-to-itiveness, but there are still a few of the '93 scabs on that road, and not one of these men dare say his soul is his own.

Had there been a reliable quality of men in general on the Lehigh at the time I was "let out" I surely would have known the reason why, but I finally decided I might as well join Raymond Hitchcock in his song, "What's the Use." It was only a matter of a few months when one would experience quite a difficulty in finding three men on the Pennsylvania Division' who carried the goods.

The writer who signs "An Interested Member" attributes the downfall of the O. R. T. on the Lehigh to a lack of spirit on the part of the officers, thereby causing the other members to become discouraged. Fortunately, I happen to knew all of those officers, and in justice to them 'nust say that "An Interested Member" is quite wrong in his accusations, but it could be very correctly applied vice versa. I have attended lots of meetings in Wilkesbarre when there were nothing but officers present, and it might be well to say that the same officers were at every meeting.

CERT. 2229, DIV. 8.

Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry.

Southern Division-

Not many of the boys laying off just now; most all have already taken their summer vacation. Mr. Smith, at "PO," Portland, taking two weeks off.

How many are going to try to do as Bro. Quick asks us to do in his letter, mailed us with our new card? He does not ask very much. He only asks us to get one new member. That should be an easy thing to do on the G. R. & I., because we have a bunch of nons, and quite a few students. The thing to do is burn 'em up, and make things solid O. R. T., then we can ask for a schedule, and have things like other operators have it where O. R. T. is strong. Ask yourself why you are working for \$50.00 per. Do you know of any other road as good as the G. R. & I. that only pays \$50.00 per? I understand that the trainmen on this division want the operators to get solid, and all hang together, then we could have a lodge

room and get better acquainted, and push the good work. Why do you hang back? Why do you have a student? You can handle your own mail sacks and do your sweeping better than teach a student what you know, so that he can take your position away from you as soon as you do some little thing that does not suit the chief. From now on let each one of us who have a card and get the O. R. T. journal send it to a non to read after we have read it. It will do no harm, and in many cases it will set that non to thinking, and bring him on our side to help bring others.

Hoping that some other brother will give us a write-up next month, I will say amen.

Operator Burnett transferred from "S," Rome City, to "GN," general office, Grand Rapids, making good on "93" and "94."

Operator Donart from extra list to "S," Rome City, days. Thirteen hours; no overtime.

A few changes in "H," dispatcher's office, Fort Wayne. Division Operator M. H. Sechler off a few days; relieved by First Trick Dispatcher Hegemeister, who, in turn, was relieved by Extra Dispatcher C. F. Sechler, first trick, "H," southend; relieved by Second Trick Dispatcher Coates, who was relieved by Relief Operator Hinkle.

Sam Williams, formerly second trick operator in "NS," Fort Wayne, superintendent's office, has quit the service. His place in "NS" filled by Shipman, from "DR," Sturgis, first trick; relieved by Bentz, who was relieved by Operator Biddle, a new man on the system.

Operator Willard bumped by Operator Mallon, from first trick at "Z," Kalamazoo, taking third trick at "DR," Sturgis, in preference to second or third trick at "Z."

Mr. Long, "SK" tower, La Otto, laid out to win first trick on account of the vacancy caused by Mr. Mallon going to Kalamazoo, but Division Operator Sechler promoted Third Trick Operator Jewell to the management on account of being more proficient in the mysteries of the interlocker at that point. Second trick is pretty good, though. Third trick filled by a new man, who signs "HN."

Now lets get busy, boys, and send for a few cards. Each member ask his neighbor to allow him to send a set of blanks that our next number may have the write-up. Brother is the strongest word in our vocabulary of railroad success. Without it, we would still be working twelve hours for \$40.00 per month; handling all sorts of extra work with-cut remuneration for same.

Hope some brother will take this work up for the Southern Division next month. We have as yet no division correspondent, so it is up to us to make individual write-up until we have a regular correspondent appointed, which we hope will not be long. "Yours Truly."

Delaware & Hudson Ry.

Champlain Division --

The agents and officials of the entire road were in conference at Lake George the first part of September. Subjects in regard to freight and tickets were ably handled by the freight and ticket traffic managers. This is a new innovation of the company, and is heartily approved, inasmuch that the agents are brought together, and views exchanged and pointers secured to have each station run systematically.

I am in receipt of a letter from the second vicepresident to the effect that he will visit us soon as his work in this district is completed.

"13" some of the students who are working on the line created a disturbance last month on one of our first-class trains, and, from all accounts, re marks were numerous among passengers and train crew.

Bro. Moot, of Moosic, our general chairman, stopped off and made your correspondent a brief visit on his way to the lake.

The summer train service on this division habeen withdrawn, and with the close of September the boats on Lake Champlain will run from Plattsburgh.

The plants of the International Paper Company, at Ticonderoga, Corinth, Glens Falls and Fort Edward, have been closed on account of the men not accepting a 5 per cent reduction, but, at this writing, the company have thirteen out of thirty-two mills running on twelve-hour shifts. Formerly they had eight-hour tricks, but I understand the president of the Mill Workers accepted the 5 per cent on account of some difficulty he had with the Paper Makers' Union.

Now that the summer business is over, it is time to ask for vacations, and all brothers working on twelve-hour basis should get busy.

Mr. E. J. La Pointe, formerly agent at Cooperville and Chazy, is now holding down third trick at Plattsburgh.

Bro. Eli Dressin is acting agent at Chazy on account of the agent going to Plattsburgh.

Cliff Haven will close September 16th, and Bro. Ryan will go back to his berth, first trick at Saratoga Depot.

"HD," Whitehall, doubled up last month on account of no men to send there.

Bro. Ray Burgess, ticket clerk at Fort Edward. relieved Bro. Lipe at Gansevoort one day so Bro. Lipe could attend the conference at the Lake.

We noticed Professor May and six of his most proficient students were ordered to take in the instructions. I wonder why?

Boston & Maine Ry.

White Mountains Division-

The scribe took in the outing of Division 41 to Rocky Point, R. I., August 30th.

The committee deserves great credit, as a better trip could not be had. Everybody had a fine time. "Don't push." A pleasant feature of the occasion was that the ladies were out in force. Owing to a slight change in the arrangements of returning several of the boys got off the boat at wrong place and had to do some tall head and footwork.

Very few changes on this division this summer. Only one or two places bulletined. West Thornton is up at present. One of the brothers on the Eastern Division is trying to get relieved for a couple of weeks, but can not find a spare man. Superintendent says none to be had. Looks good.

Freight business seems pretty good here. Have had eight crews working all summer; but quite a few empties stored at Plymouth and Northfield. Quite a number of drop-end coal cars built for

the B. & M. at Laconia this summer.

Bro. Macomber, first trick at Meredith is absent. a Mr. Little, a former operator, who has been following other business, is relieving him.

Bro. Berry, of Ashland, third trick, has been at Meredith all summer relieving F. E. Fulford, second trick, who has been holding down the summer job at Sugar Hill.

CERT. 277.

Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Ry.

Louisville Division-

J. H. Davis, agent at Borden, has been off on a thirty days' outing; relieved by E. T. Packwood.

On account of dull times the helper at Borden was taken off last week, while E. F. Packwood was agent.

Bro. L. D. Wood was called to Orleans to relieve the regular night man, Jenkins, who was intoxicated.

E. R. Prow, at Salem, is now working in a box-car, as the depot was burned down this week.

Too many idle operators on this pike just now. M. T. Parks, agent at Bainbridge, is off on a vacation; relieved by E. F. Packwood.

L. D. Wood, night operator at Crawfordsville, returned home Monday.

Unable to learn where the helper at "P" went, but it rumored that he is in the union station at Broom Hill.

A MEMBER.

Twin City Telegraphers' Ciub.

The September meeting of the club was scheduled for the 12th, but a very severe storm was the cause of the members not being able to attend, and no meeting was called. Indications pointed to a large turnout, and some important business was held over until next month.

The telephone has been installed on the St. Paul Division of the Northern Pacific, and is being used to dispatch trains. It is not a howling success. During the storm a few nights ago, a telephone operator at Elk River had an ear-drum burst.

Mr. Hagerty, towerman at Eustis avenue, was laid up a couple of weeks; relieved by Mr. Peterson, repairman.

Mr. King, University avenue, was struck by a C. G. W. passenger, and one leg injured. He is able to resume his duties again.

Bro. Mack, of St. Cloud, is holding down a trick at Shoreham for the Soo Line.

The tower at St. Anthony Park was struck by lightning, and considerable damage done to the chimney and wiring. No one injured.

The Soo Line has resumed work on their terminals at St. Paul.

Bro. Lentsch spent a couple of days at the River Division, calling on friends.

A Soo Line stock train going off the rail west of Camden Place, September 22d, resulted in big loss of rolling stock, and a good many hogs were killed.

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MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 115 is due OCT. 1, 1908. Time for payment expires NOV. 80, 1908.

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- NO. 24, WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Meets 2d Friday evening of each month in Red Men's Hall, 112 West Fourth st., Williamsport, Pa., and 4th Friday of each month in A. O. H. Hall, Lock Haven, Pa. Thos. R. Hepler, Chief Tel., 423 Park ave., Williamsport, Pa.; J. N. Sponsler, S. & T., 935 Erie ave., Williamsport, Pa.
- NO. 25.—Division covers the International & Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. H. Stanton, Gen'l Chairman, Rockdale, Tex.; R. B. Adams, Gen'l S. & T., Jewett, Tex. L. W. Sledge, Local Chairman, Cotulla, Tex. I. L. Wood, Local Chairman, Otto, Tex. S. E. Gray, Local Chairman, Overton, Tex.
- NO. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 265 W. 144th st., New York City. F. J. Ryan, Chief Tel.; 228 W. 141st st., New York; A. L. MacBain, S. & T., 2744 Eighth ave., New York City.
- NO. 27.—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. C. H. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsboro, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.
- NO. 29, NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Meets 1st Friday of each month at 8 p. m., in Red Men's Hall, 48 Church st., cor. Crown, New Haven, Conn. L. H. Dowd, Chief Tel., 47 Division st., Danbury, Conn.; G. F. McCormack, S. & T., 93 Main st., West Haven, Conn.
- NO. 31.—Division covers the Missouri Pacific Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. L. M. Nance, Gen'l Chairman, 3659 Russell ave., St. Louis, Mo.; W. M. Holman, Gen'l S. & T., 7210 Pennsylvania ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- NO. 32.—Division covers the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1368 Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; J. E. McQuade, Gen'l S. & T., 1368 Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.

- NO. 33.—Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. Districts, meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10. Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. W. C. Safford, Local Chairman, Eastern District, 515 Washington st., McKeesport, Pa-J. T. Williams, Local Chairman, Western District, Mars, Pa. Cleveland Division meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall. Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. II. McCoy, Local Chairman, Massillon, Ohio. Chicago Division meets on third Friday nights of each month, in B. of L. F. Hall, Carrett, Ind. O. J. Prouse, Local Chairman, East District, 303 North Union st., Fostoria, Ohio. A. P. Webster, Local Chairman, West District, Kimmell, West End Baltimore Division meets third Friday of August, November and February, at Washington Junction, Md., at 8 p. m. Third Friday of September, December and March at Typographical IIall, 423 G st., N. W., Washington, D. C., at 9 p. m. Third Friday of October, January and April at Woodstock, Md. D. M. Wright, Jr., Local Chairman, Brunswick, Md.
- NO. 34—Division covers the Chicage & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.
- NO. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.
- NO. 36.—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atalanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.
- NO. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets ad friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Bank's Itall, over postoffice, New Rochelle, N. Y. F. J. Maher, Chief Tel., Harlem River station, New York, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

- NO. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 8 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Art. O. Betters, Chief Tel., 216 Summer st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417 Springfield, Mass.
- NO. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; Charles I. Mead, Gen'l S. & T., Smyrna, Mich.
- NO. 40-Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. A. W. Holmes, Gen'l Chairman, Lowell, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; A. W. Holmes, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Lowell, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, Chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; L. G. White, Chairman Rivanna District, Warren, Va.; D. H. Scott, Chairman James River District, Biz Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, Chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; G. N. Hancock, Chatrman New River District, Montgomery, W. Va.; 11. O. Irwin, Chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Olympia, Ky.; J. W. Mathewson, Chairman Cincinnati District, Vanceburg, Ky. Meets subject to call of Chairman.
- NO. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon, ave., West Somerville, Mass.; John A. Tuck, S. & T., upper station, Wakefield, Mass.
- NO. 42.—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. Frank N. Hall, Gen'l Chairman, 35 Clinton st., Salamanca, N. Y.; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.
- NO. 43.—Division covers Canadian Northern Rallway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. E. McDermott, Gen'l Chairman, Richmond Hill, Ont.; E. G. Skelding, Gen'l S. & T., 531 Victor st., Winnipeg, Man.
- NO. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. in., in Fraternity Hall, 22:24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. F. Heller, S. & T., 1441 Bushwick ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- NO. 45, WOODVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Plymouth, N. H.

- NO. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga. O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga.
- NO. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. A. D. Lawson, Chief Tel., Hunters River, P. E. I.; J. J. Trainor, S. & T., Bedford Station, P. E. I.
- NO. 48.—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. J. Tobin, Gen'l Chairman, 315 E. Exchange st., Owosso, Mich.; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 930 Oak st., Springfield, Ohio.
- NO. 49.—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. H. Wasson, Gen'l Chairman, Amethyst, Colo.; F. W. Aiken, Gen'l S. & T., Cotopaxi, Colo.
- NO. 50.—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.
- NO. 51.—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets 1st Friday evening after 16th, each month, in Eagles' Hall, Greenville, Pa., after the arrival of trains 2 and 13. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshall st., Conneaut, Ohio.
- NO. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
- NO. 53.—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., 1220 12th ave., East Oakland, Cal.
- NO. 54.—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Sam. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.
- NO. 55.—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 8 p. m., in Trades and Labor Assembly Hall, Massillon, Ohio. J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.
- NO. 56.—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway Systems. L. D. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Tifton, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

- NO. 57.—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.
- NO. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall. 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. H. W. Kennedy, Chief Telegrapher, 305 N. Van Buren st., Wilmington, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.
- NO. 59.—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; A. L. McDaniel, Gen'l S. & T., Forest City, N. C.
- NO. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.
- NO. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; R. A. McMillan, S. & T., Charle Station, N. B.
- NO. 62.—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333, Williamstown, Ky. J. W. North. Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., High Bridge, Ky. W. E. Hines, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Somerset, Ky. Meets 4th Saturday night each month at Somerset, Ky. B. D. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings on Cincinnati and A. G. S. Divisions subject to call of General or Local Chairman.
- NO. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.
- NO. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.; Ed Roy, Treasurer, Aston Junction, Que.
- NO. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall, Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipos, N. H.; G. F. Berry, S. & T., 453 Main st., Biddeford, Me.



- NO. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- NO. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. E. O. Sherman, Chief Tel., 331 S. River st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.; J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- NO. 68.—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.
- NO. 69.—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarvillé, Miss.
- NO. 70.—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, Hotel Foley, St. Paul, Minn.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.
- NO. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA.—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. II. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.
- NO. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., Box 432, South St. Joseph, Mo.; W. E. Reese, S. & T., Box 682, St. Joseph, Mo.
- NO. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets ad Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- NO. 74.—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. J. M. Peck, Gen'l Chairman, Farmingdale, Ill.; A. W. Morrow, Gen'l S. & T., 425 Jefferson st., Greenfield, Ohio.
- NO. 75.—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; F. K. Harter, Gen'l S. & T., Jonesboro, Ind.
- NO. 76.—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell Junction, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

- NO. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Tuesday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.
- NO. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y.; B. M. Nichols, S. & T., Altamont, N. Y.
- NO. 79.—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.
- NO. 80.—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Stratton, Miss.
- NO. 81.—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.
- NO. 82,—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. E. Marker, Gen'l S. & T., Smithburg, Md. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman.
- NO. 83.—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the Chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, New Sweden Station, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Abbott, Maine.
- NO. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets ad Friday at 8 p. m., at Morgan's Hall, Fourth and Market sts., Camden, N. J. J. W. Diffinderfer, Chlef Tel., 610 Park ave., Collingswood, N. J.; I. W. Newkirk, Sec'y, Pitman Grove, N. J.; T. J. McCabe, Treas., 1014 Spruce st., Camden, N. J.
- NO. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. Chas. R. Carty, Chief Tol., 308 Wood st., Bristol, Pa.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., 494 West Hanover st., Trenton, N. J.
- NO. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets ad Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.
- NO. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenport, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa.



- NO. 88.—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the Chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman. Keithville, La.; J. E. De Souza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.
- NO. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. W. Finn, S. & T., 22 Milton ave., Dorchester, Ctr., Boston. Mass.
- NO. 90.—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va. J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Blue Creck, W. Va.
- NO. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel., 1760 North Lawndale ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, 111.
- NO. 92.—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the Chairman. II. R. Childs, Gen'l Chairman, Warsaw, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.
- NO. 93.—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the Chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lincs, Lulu, Miss.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill. Chicago Terminal holds regular meetings on 3d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., sharp, in Vicinity Hall (3d floor), N. E. cor. 35th and Cottage Grove ave., Chicago, Ill.
- NO. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association IIall, S. E. Cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. J. E. Jones, Chief Tel., Oak Grove, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Gatherin st., Mobile, Ala.
- NO. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S & T., East Waterboro, Me.
- NO. 96.—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman; Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Readlyn, Iowa.
- NO. 97.—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.

- NO. 98.—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Solomonville, Ariz.
- NO. 99, COBALT, ONT.—C. D. Chaterton, Chief Tel., North Bay, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Latchford, Ont.
- NO. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets third Friday each month at 9 p. m. sharp, Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. C. M. Weeks, Chief Tel., Stanley, N. Y.; C. R. Elliott, S. & T., 381 South Main st., Elmira, N. Y.
- NO. 101.—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.
- NO. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.
- NO. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.
- NO. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. F. II. Willard, Chief Tel., Lancaster, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 28 River st., Marlboro, Mass.
- NO. 105, CONCORD, N. II.—A. Walters, Jr., Chief Tel., Penacook, N. II.; II. M. Clay, S. & T. North Boscawen, N. II.
- NO. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. C. V. Larrick, Chief Tel., Mason-Dixon, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.
- NO. 107.—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.
- NO. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. F. J. Taylor, Chief Tel., Hamburg, N. Y.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.
- NO. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.
- NO. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets third Wednesday of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, 4th st., Emporium, Pa., and first Wednesday of each month at Corry, Pa. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; II. S. Getchell, S. & T., Emporium, Pa.
- NO. 111.—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., Desert, Cal.

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- NO. 112.—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of Chairman; James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.
- NO. 113.—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. F. W. Bishop, Gen'l Chairman, Arkville, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.
- NO. 114.—ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jaques, Chief Tel, Middleton, N. S.; W. W. Clark, S. & T., Annapolis Royal, N. S.
- NO. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. T. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote des Peres, Que., Can.
- NO. 116.—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; C. Reif, Gen'l S. & T., Lake Linden, Mich.
- NO. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets third Saturday in months of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 7 p. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, Mahoney City, Pa., and on third Saturday, at 8 p. m., months of February, April, June, August, October and December, in P. O. S. of A. Hall, Shamokin, Pa. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
- NO. 118.—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. E. Arnold, Gen'l Chairman, Nelsonville, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.
- NO. 119.—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.
- NO. 120.—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.
- NO. 121.—Division covers Wisconsin Central Ry. System. G. A. Harsh, Gen'l Chairman, Dorchester, Wis. O. R. Barber, Gen'l S. & T., Allenton, Wis.
- NO. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets ad Friday evening of each month at Whitehall, N. Y. F. H. Keeley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st. Fort Edward, N. Y.
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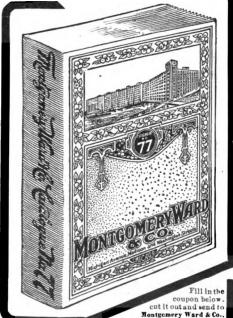
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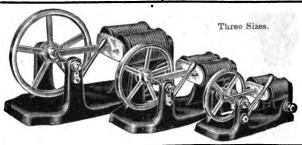


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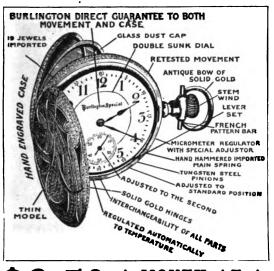
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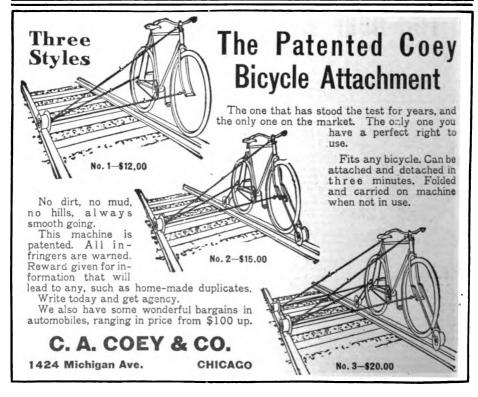
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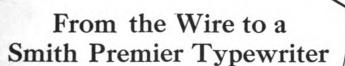
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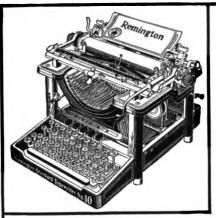
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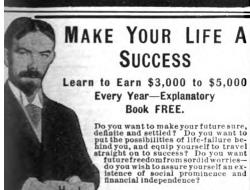
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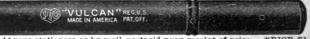
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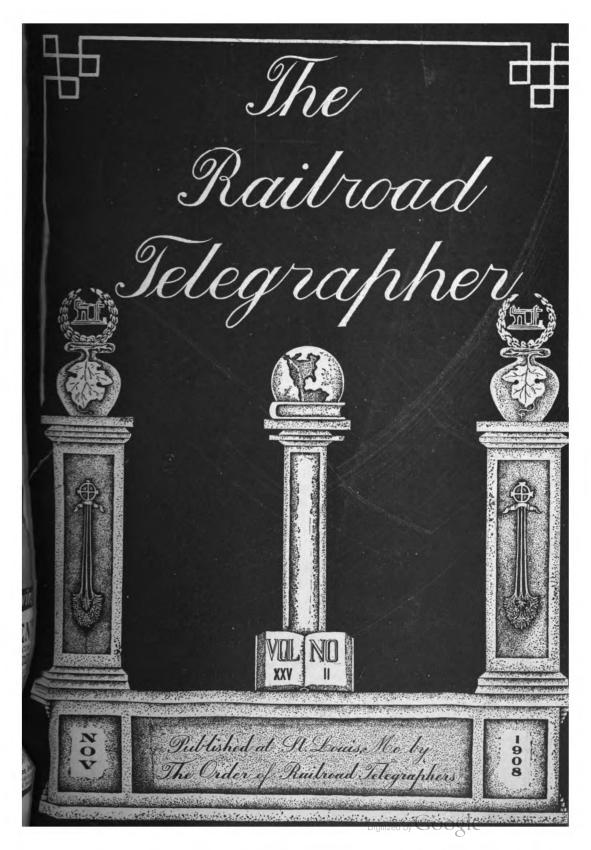
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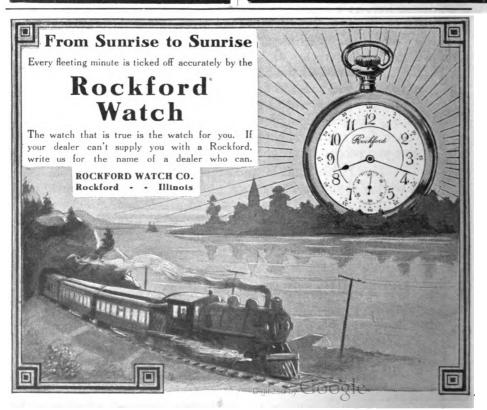
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#### THE A. F. OF L. CONVENTION.

HE twenty-eighth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor was called to order by President Gompers at 10:00 o'clock A. M., November 9th, in the Auditorium at Denver, Colo., with the usual large attendance of delegates.

The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Chas. G. Williams, of the Hyde Park Church.

President Gompers then introduced Governor Buchtel, of Colorado, who formally welcomed the delegation to that State.

Governor Buchtel spoke in part as follows:

"Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen—I count it a great honor to have the opportunity of speaking to and welcoming the American Federation of Labor in the name of the State of Colorado. The State of Colorado is one of the States where labor has had a great reward, and where it has come to have a notable recognition in a law

adopted by the Legislature, signed by the then Governor and passed by unanimous vote of the Supreme Court. I refer to the law which shelters the life of the toiler and amounts to a practical insurance on his life—the Employers' Liability Law. I am very proud to be able to say that the opinion handed down by the Supreme Court on that subject was a unanimous opinion.

"I want to congratulate you on the fact that you are citizens of this great republic, where every man is a sovereign, the one country on earth where there is a right appreciation of the value of labor and of the dignity of labor. You know among all peoples of the earth the one nation where we have contempt for only one man is this nation—that is, we have contempt for the man that has contempt for labor, and that is the only man for whom we have contempt.

"We want you to have a good time in Colorado. If there is anything I can do to minister to your comfort, I will be only too glad to do it. If you want any advice

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about where to hear the best preaching, where to see the best schools, where to see the most beautiful things possible to be seen on earth, come up to the State House, and you will find the doors off the hinges. We want to give you a good time."

After the Governor had concluded his address, President Gompers introduced Mayor Speer, of Denver, who, on behalf of that city, welcomed the delegates to Denver. Mayor Speer spoke in part as follows:

"Denver is glad to have the American Federation of Labor in her midst. We have learned to love many of your leaders on account of their devotion to the cause of labor, and on account of their wise and conservative action in times of trouble between wealth and labor. In union there is power, and when that power is used to enforce just and reasonable demands, the people of this country say amen. But if the attempt should be made to use it to enforce unjust demands, the people would rightly condemn it. Personally, I believe in labor organizations. I believe that the public conscience of this country has become so awakened that in a conflict between labor and capital right would be sure to win.

"We are glad to have the convention here; we are glad to have the representative men of labor from all parts of the country with us. We are benefited by your criticisms, and we are vain enough to be pleased with your words of praise. As mayor of this city it is a pleasure for me to extend to you the hand of hospitality, the freedom of the city, and to assure you that in whatever way we can serve you we will be glad to do so. You have but to command us."

President George Halley, of the Colorado State Federation of Labor, and President L. M. French, of the Denver Trades and Labor Assembly, also delivered addresses of welcome.

President Gompers then on behalf of the convention, replied to the address of welcome.

President Gompers spoke in part as follows:

"Governor Buchtel, Mayor Speer, President Halley, President French—I think I speak the sentiments of the delegates to this

convention when I say your words of welcome are appreciated in a far deeper manner than is given to me to fittingly express in words. We are glad to be in Colorado, we are glad to be in Denver. Denver has a peculiar charm for us, Colorado has a peculiar charm for us. We represent the men and women of toil, the men and women who in all countries must always be the advance guard of those who contend for justice and And the peculiar situation, the natural situation of Colorado, must inevitably instill into the hearts of men the love of liberty and into their minds the consciousness and determination to achieve justice. Men who live in the mountains look high, look up. They are never depressed. Their hopes, their prayers and their work are for the future. Here great men have lived and died, and none typified in himself to a greater degree the hopes and the aspirations of the men of toil, who loved his fellows more, who taught men not only how to die, but how to live, and to live, not for themselves alone, but for their fellow men, than one who lived and worked here-Myron W. Reed. His name will ever live in the memories of men who love liberty and justice.

"Reference has been very effectively made by some of the gentlemen who have honored us by their presence and their addresses to the question of justice. That, in a word, is the principle and the fact for which organized labor contends, not only for organized labor, but for all the people. But justice is not always attained by pious prayer. Labor, struggling through the ages, has had to contend even for a very small modicum of justice. And as labor achieved some little degree of justice one decade after another it began to organize the toilers, and then in the effort to establish the best possible relations between employers and employes every advance made by the workers, every suggestion to reach some point of agreement or contract was repulsed and interpreted as an evidence of labor's weakness. We have not always had the choice as to whether we should engage in conflict or maintain industrial peace. If our advances for amicable adjustments and industrial peace were interpreted to our disadvantage and we were constantly repulsed,

then the men of labor would write themselves down for all time cowards if they did not make a contest for their rights. Even now some interpret the demands which labor makes upon modern society as evidence of the weakness of the American abor movement, of the American workman. The men of labor may be set back, the men of labor may be rebuffed, but the cause of justice and human freedom is eternal and the future is ours. We will continue to bring the gospel of human justice and human liberty to the unorganized workers and bring them within the fold of unionism. We will exercise care and prudence despite the antagonism which may be leveled against us.

"I think I may here paraphrase the anecdote of the frontiersman who was treed by a bear, and who, finding that to save his life he must come down and make a fight, decided to offer up a prayer. He said: 'Good Lord, if you can not help me don't help the b'ar, and you will see the goldarndest prettiest fight you ever saw in your life!' We ask no power on our side except the power of our intelligence, the power of our numbers and the power of the essential justice upon which our cause is based. We want no contest which can be avoided. When there is divergence of interest between workmen and employers we shall endeavor, wherever possible, to come to some amicable arrangement if they are agreeable and intelligently broad minded.

"The men and women of labor, the wealth producers, are not content to remain in a position of status in society. As the productivity of the workers, both in brain and brawn, becomes greater the wealth producers make constantly greater demands upon modern society, as a result of their services to society. Human progress and civilization depend upon the constantly increasing demands of the toilers. Our movement is making for that, not in some dim and distant future, but today and tomorrow and every succeeding day. In the hearts and the minds of the men of labor there rests this germ of hope and encouragement that makes of us optimists, optimists who see today the gleam and the dawn of a brighter day for all the human family.

"Governor and Mayor, President Halley and President French, on behalf of this convention, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your words of welcome and fraternity and good will. And to the delegates, on behalf of the American Federation of Labor, I bid you welcome to this convention, which is now formally declared open."

The Credential Committee then rendered its report, after which President Gompers and the other officers of the Federation read their reports.

The following is taken from President Gompers' report:

Denver, Colo., November 9, 1908.

To the Officers and Delegates of the Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor:

Fellow Workers—Fourteen years ago we met in this city, and then, just as now, the workers were suffering from a paralysis of industry resulting from the manipulations of the "Princes of Finance" or from the incompetency of our modern "Captains of Industry." I declare now, as I did then, that it is an indictment against our civilization that in a land so bountiful, broad and fertile as ours, with the workers so earnest, energetic, industrious, anxious and willing to produce, that such a paralysis of industry should be possible, and I believe we should hold accountable those who are responsible for the unnecessary and wanton misery of so large a mass of workless workers.

In our country there must not be permitted to grow up or to be maintained a permanent army of unemployed.

In the midst of such adverse circumstances, that our trade unions have maintained their existence, speaks well of them and of the sound economic and fundamental principles upon which they are based. That they have not succumbed to the fearful antagonism arrayed against them, to the lack of employment and to other insidious influences, is the best evidence that the movement of labor has found the citadel of its protection, its noblest inspiration, in the hearts and minds of the workers.

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land has been made to blossom like a rose, is there not an appropriateness in our meeting here, when the wrongs of the past are still extant? May we not indulge the hope that these wrongs may spend their force and find rectification at the foot of the mighty Rockies, and that the toilers may here be still further inspired and encouraged in their struggle and hope for the triumph of justice?

Westward the course of empire makes its way, over mountain and plain and desert. No obstacle is insurmountable in the course of human progress, when real empire and sovereignty dwell in the heart, the minds, and the conscience of the manhood and womanhood of our country.

Our Constitution and custom have made it incumbent upon the President to give an accounting of the work in connection with our movement for the year. It has been my pleasure, and is my duty, to make my report to the convention as comprehensive as possible, but the manifold duties devolving upon the President of the Federation preclude the thought that anything but a few of the extraordinarily large number of important matters with which he has had to deal can be submitted.

The Constitution prescribes that the President shall be required to "devote all his time" to the interests of the Federation. This command has literally, as far as his physical endurance has made it possible, been obeyed; and yet, because of this literal compliance, it is impossible to communicate to you in this report more than a very meager accounting of the work which has devolved upon me, and which I have endeavored to perform to the fullest.

## EXTENDING GROWTH IN ORGANIZATION.

We have issued during the fiscal year, ending September 30, 1908, the following charters:

charters.	
Industrial departments	2
State federations	4
City central bodies	73
Local trade unions (having no inter-	
nationals)	100
Federal labor unions	55
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The industrial departments organized, and to which charters were issued, are the Building Trades Department and the Metal Trades Department. The matter of organization of industrial departments will be more fully reported by the Executive Council.

The State Federations are Montana and South Carolina. Charters were reissued to the State federations of West Virginia and Utah.

The localities of city central bodies receiving charters during the year will be given in detail by the Secretary in his report.

At the close of the fiscal year, September 30, 1908, there were affiliated to the American Federation of Labor by charter the following:

International unions	116*
Industrial departments	2
State federations	<b>3</b> 8
City central bodies	606
Local trade and federal labor unions	583

The Secretary will also report the number of local unions organized and chartered by our affiliated international unions.

#### INTERNATIONAL UNIONS.

The international unions have done magnificent work in regard to membership, as well as in uplifting their respective crafts and callings. They have at least partially supported their unemployed. The declared policy of our Federation against wage reductions has found fruition, despite the industrial panic. Organized labor, even those unions unaffiliated, have taken up and accepted the advice given by our Federation, to resist wage reductions under any and all circumstances; aye, even the unorganized have taken some degree of courage and partially resisted.

For the first time in the history of our own or any other country, an industrial crisis has come and will pass away, and a wholesale cutting in wages, or, for that matter, cutting in wages at all, has practically been averted. Time has demonstrated the wisdom of our Federation's declaration on



^{*}The international unions above enumerated consist of approximately 28,700 local unions of their respective trades and callings.

this, as upon other economic and political questions. We have clearly proved the soundness of the philosophy, that wage reductions are not only injurious, but their resistance and prevention are the most rational and most rapid method of emergence from an industrial crisis or panic, whether brought on by the manipulations of "Princes of Finance" or the blundering of the "Captains of Industry." I again strongly urge Labor's persistent resistance to any wage reductions. Nor can I permit this opportunity to pass by without expressing my great appreciation of the readiness with which the officers of our international unions responded to the invitation to meet last March in conference in Washington, to meet the emergencies which arose in our industrial and political life.

#### LABOR MOVEMENT IN CANADA.

It is with much satisfaction that I can report the great growth in the labor movement among our fellow-workers in the Dominion of Canada. Those intrusted with the affairs of the movement, both local and provincial, in the Dominion, are so earnest and loyal that they see to it that the interests of the workers are promoted, both nationally and internationally.

In a report recently made by the secretary of the Dominion Trade and Labor Congress, who we honor and welcome with us today in the capacity of fraternal delegate to our convention, Mr. P. M. Draper, says:

"Without any exaggeration it can be said that never in the history of the labor movement in Canada has such progress been shown in the organization of the workers. The knowledge of its power when united has swept throughout the length and breadth of the country, and despite the old, moth-eaten appeals to prejudice and self-interest, despite misrepresentation, persecution and coercion, the forces of labor have continued to unite.

"Today the organized workers in Canada breathe the same aspirations, harbor the same ambitions, and struggle for the same end, namely, the elevation and betterment of the masses of toilers who suffer not only from 'the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,' but from the oppressive and unjust laws and their prejudiced administration, uncivilized conditions surrounding the every-day work of men, women and children, and more than the thousand and one ills that affect the flesh.

"Unbounded enthusiasm is the keynote of the movement in Canada. In every province throughout Canada, from British Columbia in the west to Nova Scotia in the east, the uplift has begun. The eyes of the toilers are at last opened to the futility of dependence upon others than themselves; they see the necessity for strong international organizations. The urgency for sending their own representatives to the Legislature to take part in making the laws which they must obey has appealed to them as never before, and a healthy optimism inspires the whole movement in such a way as to give promise of the most beneficial results.

"The two strongest features of the labor movement in Canada at this juncture are: First, unswerving fidelity to the cause of international trade unionism; and secondly, an equal loyalty to independent political action in support of the candidature of representatives of labor."

#### ORGANIZED FARMERS AND ORGAN-IZED LABOR.

We have frequently interchanged fraternal delegates between the organizations of the farmers of our country and our Federation, and there has grown a closer bond of unity and action in these respective movements. On many occasions invitations have been extended to me to attend the conventions of the organized farmers, the last one being from the National Farmers' Union (Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union) to attend its annual convention at Fort Worth, Texas, September 1.

By authority and direction of the Executive Council, this invitation was accepted. I attended the convention, and apart from conveying the fraternal greetings of the men of labor in the industrial field, I delivered two addresses to the convention, and one to a mass meeting of farmers while at Fort Worth.

It has been gratifying to me to have been well received at many conventions and meetings, but such enthusiasm and sincere appreciation have never been excelled by that accorded to me by the farmers at their national convention. In addition to a unanimous, rising, and spontaneous expression of confidence and gratitude, the convention later manifesting its earnest desire for cooperative action with the union workers in our Federation, adopted the following report and resolutions:

"The interests of the farmers and of the industrial workers are not only closely allied, but they have been, and can be, further promoted by mutual assistance and cooperation nationally, as they have in the States; and we, therefore, recommend the following:

"Resolved, That a national legislative committee be created for the purpose of furthering such legislation that will protect and promote the rights and interests of the farmers and to prevent the enactment of legislation inimical to our interests.

"Resolved, That this convention of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America hereby instructs its officers and legislative committee to co-operate with the American Federation of Labor along economic legislation and other lines of mutual benefit and advantage."

The Farmers' Union elected fraternal delegates to this convention, and I recommend that the appointment of a special committee from this convention be authorized to confer with these delegates as to how best the interests of the toilers upon the field and farm, the factory, workshop, mill, and mine, may be mutually protected and advanced.

Authority should also be given to the officers of our Federation to accept in a fraternal spirit the Farmers' Union declaration to co-operate along the lines of legislation and in such other practical spheres where we may be enabled to more thoroughly cultivate the best interests of all.

# INJUNCTIONS AGAINST WORKMEN.

Injunctions as issued against workmen are never applied to, or issued against, any other citizen of our country. These injunctions are an attempt to deprive citizens of our country, when they are workmen, of the right of trial by jury. They are an effort to fasten an offense upon workmen who are innocent of any illegal act. They are issued in trade disputes to make outlaws of men, who are not even charged with doing things in violation of any law of State or nation. These injunctions issued in labor disputes are an indirect assertion of a property right in men, when these men are workmen engaged in a legitimate effort to protect or to advance their natural rights and interests.

The writ of injunction, beneficent in its original purpose, has been perverted from the protection of property and property rights, and extended to the invasion of personal rights and human freedom.

It is an exhibition of crass ignorance for anyone to assert that we seek to abolish the writ of injunction. The fundamental principles upon which injunctions may rightfully be issued are for the protection of property and property rights only.

He who seeks the aid of an injunction must come into court with clean hands. There must be no other adequate remedy at law.

The injunction must never be used to curtail or invade personal rights.

It must never be used in an effort to punish crime. It must never be used as a means to set aside trial by jury.

Yet injunctions, as issued against workmen, are used for all these purposes, and are never used or issued against any other citizen of our country for such purposes, and not even against workmen unless they are engaged in a labor dispute. Such injunctions have no warrant in law, and are the result of judicial usurpation and judicial legislation, which usurp the place of Congressional legislation and are repugnant to constitutional guarantees.

In all things in which workmen are enjoined by the process of an injunction during labor disputes—if those acts are criminal or unlawful—there are already ample law and remedy provided.

Labor asks for no immunity for any of its men who may be guilty of violence or crime. It has no desire to become a privileged



class, much less a privileged class of wrong-doers.

Labor protests against the discrimination against workmen which denies them equal justice with every other citizen of our country. If any man of labor be guilty of a violation of any law, we contend that he should be apprehended, confronted with his accuser, and tried by a jury of his peers; that he, like all other citizens, be presumed to be innocent until proven guilty.

This course of justice is reversed by the practice of the injunction in labor disputes; for, as already stated, our form of government and principles of justice maintain that it shall devolve upon the prosecution to prove beyond the peradventure of a doubt the guilt of the accused. In the injunctions issued against workmen, they are required to show cause why they should not be fined or imprisoned. In other words, the burden of proof is shifted from the prosecution or plaintiff upon the shoulders of the accused or defendant. It is not necessary to prove his guilt. He must prove his innocence. And yet the acts which he is charged with doing may be in violation of no law, though they may be enjoined by a court's injunction.

### BILL AMENDING SHERMAN ANTI-TRUST LAW.

When the Supreme Court decision was rendered, declaring that the labor organizations come under the Sherman anti-trust law, with all the suits, fines and imprisonment involved, the Executive Council and I prepared a bill and placed it in the hands of the Hon. William B. Wilson, member of the United Mine Workers of America, and representing in Congress the Fifteenth District of Pennsylvania, of which the following is a copy:

"H. R. 20584.—To amend the act approved July 2, 1890, entitled 'An Act to protect trade and commerce against any unlawful restraints and monopolies.'

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act approved July 2, 1890, entitled 'An act to protect trade and commerce against any unlawful restraints and monopolies,' be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding at

the end of said act the following section:

"That nothing in said act is intended nor shall any provision thereof hereafter be enforced so as to apply to organizations or associations not for profit and without capital stock, nor to the members of such organizations or associations.

"That nothing in said act is intended nor shall any provision thereof hereafter be enforced so as to apply to any arrangements, agreements, or combinations among persons engaged in agriculture or horticulture made with a view of enhancing the price of their own agricultural or horticultural product."

That bill was smothered in the sub-committee of the House Judiciary Committee. The Wilson bill would not confer any added privilege upon the organizations of the wage-earners. It would only restore to them the rights of which they were shorn by the United States Supreme Court.

### BILL TO REGULATE INJUNCTIONS.

The Pearre bill (H. R. 94) for the regulation of the issuance of injunctions, repeatedly, emphatically, and unanimously indorsed by several conventions of the American Federation of Labor, is as follows:

"H. R. 94.—Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no restraining order or injunction shall be granted by any court of the United States, or a judge or the judges thereof, in any case between an employer and an employe, or between employers and employes, or between employes, or between persons employed to labor and persons seeking employment as laborers, or between persons seeking employment as laborers, or involving or growing out of a dispute concerning terms or conditions of employment, unless necessary to prevent irreparable injury to property or to a property right of the party making the application, for which injury there is no adequate remedy at law, and such property or property right must be particularly described in the application, which must be in writing and sworn to by the applicant or by his, her, or its agent or attorney. And for the purposes of this act no right to continue the relation of employer and employe or to assume or create

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such relation with any particular person or persons, or at all, or to carry on business of any particular kind, or at any particular place, or at all, shall be construed, held, considered, or treated as property or as constituting a property right.

"Sec. 2. That in cases arising in the courts of the United States or coming before said courts, or before any judge or the judges thereof, no agreement between two or more persons concerning the terms or conditions of employment of labor, or the assumption or creation or termination of any relation between employer and employe, or concerning any act or thing to be done or not to be done with reference to or involving or growing out of a labor dispute, shall constitute a conspiracy or other criminal offense or be punished or prosecuted as such unless the act or thing agreed to be done or not to be done would be unlawful if done by a single individual, nor shall the entering into or the carrying out of any such agreement be restrained or enjoined unless such act or thing agreed to be done would be subject to be restrained or enjoined under the provisions, limitations and definition contained in the first section of this act.

"Sec. 3. That all acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed."

This bill was also smothered by the House Judiciary Committee.

Undaunted by opposition, no matter how keen or malignant, I recommend that we renew our efforts with greater energy and insistence upon the passage of the principles contained in the Wilson and Pearre bills.

The aim of our unions is to improve the standard of life; to foster education and instill character, manhood and an independent spirit among our people; to bring about a recognition of the interdependence of man upon his fellow-man. We aim to establish a normal workday, to take the children from the factory and workshop; to give them the opportunity of the school, the home and the playground. In a word, our unions strive to lighten toil, educate the workers, make their homes more cheerful, and in every way contribute the earnest

effort to make life the better worth living. To achieve these praiseworthy ends, we believe that all honorable and lawful means are both justifiable and commendable, and will receive the sympathetic support of every liberty-loving, right-thinking American

Can . Labor's opponents imagine themselves in a "fool's paradise," where they can succeed in crushing out the organizations of labor from our public life and body politic, the unions which have done so much to bring light and hope into the workshop and the home, to protect the rights and interests and well-being of the American workers?

Our labor organizations are a necessary and inevitable outgrowth of modern industrial conditions. To deny the unions of labor the exercise of their normal activities for the protection and advancement of the workers and the advancement of society in general, is to do a great injury to all our people. Does any one imagine that America's workers will submit to the injustice, the greed and rapacity of unchecked corporate wealth without some form of resistance?

Suppose the trade and labor unions of America could be crushed and driven out of existence by legislation and court decrees; what then? Is it not true that each worker will become an irresponsible man without association with his fellows, without opportunity for consultation, and without the restraining as well as the constructive influence which open and voluntary organization gives? Then would the workers seek their own redress in their own individual way. Is such a condition desirable, or tolerable to the normal, rational, intelligent, peaceful organizations of labor of our day? I opine not. Such a condition must not and will not transpire.

The American labor movement is founded upon the inherent principles of justice and right. Its men are loyal, as loyal to the institutions of our republic as can be found in any walk of life. The unions of labor and our Federation have done so much for the material, moral and social uplift of the toilers that they will be indelibly impressed upon the hearts and minds not only of the workers themselves, but of every earnest,

intelligent, liberty-loving, fair-minded citizen of our country.

The unions of labor will live. They can not be, they must not be, they will not be driven out of existence. They will demand relief at the hands of Congress, not in some dim, distant future time, but now.

# LEGISLATION, AND POLITICAL ACTION.

For years the toilers have asked legislation of Congress and the State legislatures, which these law-making bodies can grant, and which can be obtained in no other way. The workers have not sought to secure by legislation, or at the hands of government, what they could accomplish by their own initiative and activities.

We have presented legislative measures justified by the development of industrial needs and the conditions of our people, founded upon the essentials of justice and equality before the law, which have for their object the restoration and perpetuation of individual liberty and human freedom.

We have asked Congress for the following legislation:

Amendment of the eight-hour law, so as to extend its provisions to all government employes and to the employes of contractors and sub-contractors doing work for or on behalf of the government.

A law to regulate the labor of convicts, that the States may protect their free citizens from the unfair competition of the products of convict labor.

General employers' liability law.

A law to protect American workmen from the wholesale and unrestricted immigration of foreign workmen who are brought to our country to lower the American standard of life.

A law that shall safeguard not only American workers, but American civilization from all Asiatic immigration.

A law creating a Department of Labor independent of any other department of the government, with a secretary at its head who shall have a seat in the President's Cabinet, on an equality with the secretaries of all other departments, and who, in the President's councils, may have the opportunity to advise a rightful course and to say the right word at the right time for the men and women of labor of our country, the men and women who are performing so great a service to society.

A law that shall accord to the seamen employed on privately owned vessels the rights conceded to all other workmen, when their vessels are in safe harbor.

Laws promotive of the protection and advancement of material interests of the workers, in such instances only where the object sought could not be secured through the initiative and the activities of the workers themselves.

Each and all of these laws have been denied at the hands of Congress.

But in the recent past, questions of more transcendent importance have arisen. The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Danbury Hatters' case has, as already reported to you, placed our voluntary organizations of labor in the category of monopolies, trusts and combinations in illegal restraint of trade. As that law now stands, it outlaws and makes civilly liable in three-fold damages and in prosecution by the federal government by fine and imprisonment the members of labor organizations who collectively exercise their normal, natural functions and activities of organized existence in furtherance of their natural and personal rights.

Abuse and perversion of the injunction writ have grown to alarming proportions. Recent injunctions forbid the exercise of free speech, free press, freedom of assembly, and the right of petition. Indeed, the abuse of the injunction writ has revolutionized our Anglo-Saxon judicial system and sense of justice.

Under the present abuse of the injunction there is no longer a necessity for anyone to be charged with crime and proven guilty in order to be punished. The presumption of innocence of the accused is no longer a truism. By the injunction process as now issued against men of labor engaged in a dispute with employers, the accused must prove his innocence and must "show cause" why he should not be fined and imprisoned. That cherished institution, trial by jury, the safeguard of the people against tyranny, has been dispensed with by the perversion of

the injunction writ, and instead of this safeguard of human liberty, a single judge, sitting in a court of equity, may disregard all accepted rules of procedure and of evidence and substitute his own opinion of what may appear to him to be just and right.

To meet and overcome this great fundamental wrong, repugnant to our Constitution and to the history and the traditions of our republic and our civilization, the Pearre Bill (H. R. 94) was presented to Congress for enactment. At every meeting of workmen in the entire country at any time when the subject of the abuse of the injunction writ was discussed they have been united in protest and denunciation against the abuse of injunction and have demanded legal enactment that would restore them to equality before the law with all other citizens of our common country.

Every city central body, every convention of international unions, and of the American Federation of Labor, in equally emphatic terms has attacked the injunction wrong and demanded legal redress.

Never has there been one voice raised or one vote cast by any man in the labor organizations of our country in dissent from or in opposition to this position and this demand. The most careful search through the archives and records of the labor movement discloses a unanimity of opinion among liberty-loving citizens upon this grave question, and particularly among the workers, unparalleled by the feeling on any other question which ever has engaged their attention.

The opposition is well defined, and comes from that source which would arrogate to itself the power which wealth possesses in order that tyranny may be wielded over the men of labor and over masses of our people.

It was because the injunction took new form in the writ issued by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia last December, denying to the officers and to the rank and file of the American labor movement the right of free speech and free press, and because of the decision of the Supreme Court declaring the voluntary organizations of labor, trusts, corporations, monopolies,

conspiracies and combinations in illegal restraint of trade, with all the penalties involved, that the Executive Council directed me to call the responsible officers of the international unions of America in a great conference which was held at Washington, D. C., March 18.

That conference was held simultaneously with a meeting of the Executive Council, and aimed to accomplish the following purpose: First, to impress upon Congress the necessity of enacting a law restoring to the workers the rights of which they were shorn by the Supreme Court's decision in the Hatters' case; and, second, a law to correct the injunction abuse; or, upon the failure of Congress to grant the essential relief demanded, to appeal to the two great political parties and urge them to pledge themselves to the enactment of these necessary laws.

The Washington conference in March was practically in the nature of a special convention of the American Federation of Labor, with the addition that the representatives of some of the Railway Brotherhoods and of the farmers' organizations participated. The conference formulated and presented a protest to Congress, and prepared an address to the workers of our country, calling upon them to hold meetings upon the 18th and 19th of April, there to pass resolution declaratory of their insistence that Congress should enact these laws or declaring for such alternative action to which I shall make reference later in this report.

Congress adjourned, the majority party in Congress boastfully declaring its indifference to Labor's appeal and demand for justice.

The Executive Council thereupon decided to hold meetings at Chicago and at Denver. respectively, at the same time when the Republican and Democratic party conventions would be held, not only for the transaction of the ordinary business which would come before the Executive Council, but also to appeal to these conventions to incorporate in their platforms the demands which Labor makes upon Congress and the government for equal rights of all our people, whether they be workers or citizens in any walk of life.

The Executive Council presented identical demands to both political parties.

Through the members of the Executive Council and the legislative committees of the Federation, no effort has been left untried to press home upon Congress the necessity for the enactment of laws in the furtherance of the interests and for the protection of the rights and liberties of our fellow workers and fellow citizens.

With the imposition of the specific instructions of our conventions and the constitutional commands, when it became apparent, aye, when it was flaunted in our faces, that the committees of Congress were constituted and made up from those who were specifically and avowedly antagonistic to Labor's reasonable measures; when the very committee, the Committee on Labor, created upon the demand of the workers so that it might give its earnest and sympathetic support to the necessary labor measures when that committee, like all other committees, was constituted and made up of Representatives in Congress specifically antagonistic to Labor's interests, what was the duty of your officers in the premises?

Under the circumstances I found it a pleasurable duty to say that unless the rights to which Labor is entitled were accorded by legislation, we should appeal from the Representatives in Congress to their constituents.

The Executive Council called a conference at Washington in 1906, where the historic "Bill of Grievances" was adopted, which was presented to the President of the United States, to the presiding officer of the Senate, and to the Speaker of the House. Congress continued indifferent, aye, became still more hostile, for it annulled part of the eight-hour law so far as it applied to the construction of the Panama Canal, but our demonstration had the effect of the President issuing an order for the enforcement of the existing eight-hour law, which upon various occasions for more than two years previous I had vainly urged him to act.

That Bill of Grievances, signed by the members of the Executive Council, and by the officers and representatives of international unions, declared to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House, that:

"Labor brings these grievances to your attention because you are the representatives responsible for legislation and for the failure of legislation. The toilers come to you as your fellow citizens who, by reason of their position in life, have not only with all other citizens an equal interest in our country, but the further interest of being the burden-bearers, the wage-earners of America. As Labor's representatives we ask you to redress these grievances, for it is in your power to do so. Labor now appeals to you, and we trust that it may not be in vain. But if perchance you may not heed us, we shall appeal to the conscience and the support of our fellow citizens."

Finding the majority in Congress indifferent and inimical to our grievances, the campaign was undertaken to secure the election of men true to Labor, and the defeat of our most conspicuous opponents. Several of those hostile to Labor's interests were defeated, the majority in Congress in 1906 was reduced fully one-half and the majority of those of our opponents elected, heavily cut down.

The campaign inaugurated by Labor in 1906, being the first conspicuous effort to punish Labor's enemies at the polls, increased their anger and aggravated their The Speaker, who had antagonism. "packed" committees not only against labor, but against any other real reform legislation, was brazenly re-elected, and to accentuate his bitter and relentless determination to block effective legislation, he so appointed his committees as to make absolutely sure of the impossibility of having bills objectionable to him and the "interests" he represents from even being reported for the consideration of Congress.

In following that vindictive policy, he punished the Representative in Congress, Mr. Pearre, who had the courage to reintroduce our bill to regulate the issuance of the injunction writ and to prevent its abuse. Speaker Cannon refused to reappoint Mr. Pearre as a member of the Judiciary Committee, a committee upon which

he had served ably and conspicuously in two preceding Congresses.

Injunctions continued to be issued in constantly more aggravated form, until the injunction was issued by Justice Gould, December 18, 1907, against the more than two million members of the organizations of the American Federation of Labor, as well as against the Executive Council. Free speech and free press were denied and then followed the Supreme Court decision in the Danbury Hatters' case, classing our unions as trusts, corporations, monopolies, conspiracies and combinations in illegal restraint of trade, with all the liabilities of three-fold damages, fines of \$5,000, and imprisonment for a year.

When the events recorded, and others too numerous to mention, transpired, they developed and culminated into an acute state of feeling among the workers of the country. The right of exercising the peaceful, normal, and natural activities of the workers was outlawed, the very existence of our united efforts imperiled, constitutional rights of free speech and free press were invaded and denied, and the hostile frame of mind of Congress clearly emphasized.

At this time came demands from our fellow-workers all over the country in the form of resolutions and otherwise, all of them urging that a definite course be pursued by our Federation relative to the new conditions which had arisen.

The adverse decisions and injunctions of courts and the hostility of Congress created an unsettled and anxious state of mind among our fellow-workers throughout the country. A number of central bodies adopted resolutions demanding that the Executive Council call a mass convention to take political action in some form or other, and declaring that in the event that this was not done by a specific date, they would themselves inaugurate such a movement. The greater number, however, expressed their devotion to our movement by declaring themselves willing to follow whatever course upon which the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor might decide.

It was in consideration of this situation that a meeting of the Executive Council was

called at Washington, beginning March 16. Upon the authority of my colleagues an invitation was extended to the responsible officers of the international unions to participate in a conference at Washington, March 18, 1908.

It was there and then that the Protest Conference, together with the Executive Council, formulated and presented the "Protest to Congress," and it is my earnest hope that you will again read that historic document in connection herewith. It sets forth clearly the grounds of our complaint and the basis of our protest. The closing words of that protest I feel it necessary to quote:

"As the authorized representatives of the organized wage-earners of our country, we present to you in the most conservative and earnest manner that protest against the wrongs which they have to endure and some of the rights and relief to which they are justly entitled. There is not a wrong for which we seek redress, or a right to which we aspire, which does not or will not be equally shared by all the workers—by all the people.

"While no member of Congress or party can evade or avoid his or their own individual or party share of responsibility, we aver that the party in power must and will by labor and its sympathizers be held primarily responsible for the failure to give the prompt, full and effective Congressional relief we know to be within its power.

"We come to you not as political partsans, whether Republican, Democratic, or other, but as representatives of the wageworkers of our country whose right, interests, and welfare have been jeopardized and flagrantly, woefully disregarded and neglected. We come to you because you are responsible for legislation, or the failure of legislation. If these, or new questions, are unsettled, and any other political party becomes responsible for legislation, we shall press home upon its representatives and hold them responsible, equally as we now must hold you."

This protest and demand were signed by the Executive Council and by the officers and representatives of the very large number of international unions participating in the conference. Labor's "Protest to Congress" was published in the April (1908) American Federationist.

The same conference adopted an "Address to Organized Labor and Farmers of the Country." In that address the same signers declared that:

"We have appealed to Congress for the necessary relief we deem essential to safeguard the interests and rights of the toilers.

"We now call upon the workers of our common country to

"Stand faithfully by our friends.

"Oppose and defeat our enemies, whether they be

"Candidates for President,

"For Congress, or other offices, whether "Executive, legislative, or judicial.

"Each candidate should be questioned and pledged as to his attitude upon all subjects of importance to the toilers, whether of factory, farm, field, shop or mine.

"We again renew and hereby declare our complete and abiding faith in the trade union movement to successfully accomplish the amelioration of economic conditions befitting all of our people. The historical past of our movement, its splendid achievements in labor's behalf, and magnificent present standing warrants the assertion and justifies our prediction for its future success.

"We, the representatives of the national and international trade unions and farmers' organizations, represented in this conference, call upon the Executive Council and upon all labor to use every possible legitimate effort to secure for the workers their inalienable liberties and their proper recognition as a vital portion of the fabric of our civilization. We pledge ourselves to use every lawful and honorable effort to carry out the policy agreed upon at this conference. We pledge our industrial, political, financial and moral support to our own members and to our friends wherever found, not only for the present time, but for the continuous effort which may be necessary for success. We pledge ourselves to carry on this work until every industrial and political activity of the workers is guaranteed its permanent place and usefulness in the progress of our country.

"Let labor not falter for one instant; the most grave and momentous crisis ever faced by the wage-workers of our country is now upon us.

"Our industrial rights have been shorn from us and our liberties are threatened.

"It rests with each of n to make the most earnest, impressive and I w-abiding effort that lies within our power to restore these liberties and safeguard our rights for the future if we are to save the workers and mayhap even the nation itself from threatened disaster.

"This is not a time for idle fear.

"Let every man be up and doing. Action consistent, action persistent, action insistent is the watchword."

The Protest Conference urged the workers of the country to hold meetings and to pass resolutions expressive of their purpose, demanding legislation at the hands of Congress before it adjourned, and declaring for the alternative course adopted as governing the course of the participants in the conference, if it met their approval. The mass meetings were held by workers in factory, workshop, mill, mine, farm or field. The indorsement and approval of the measures recommended by the Protest Conference were practically unanimous.

Desirous of pressing Labor's demands home upon the majority in control in Congress, five additional organizers were called in from the field of their other activities, and added to the two already at Washington to act as Labor's Legislative Committee. They made the most strenuous efforts, and it is doubtful if a single member of Congress in attendance escaped being interviewed as to his willingness to work and vote for the legislation essential to the workers. With members of the Executive Council our Legislative Committee appeared before the Congressional Committee to argue our cause and present our claims, but' all to no avail.

The leaders of the minority party in Congress declared their willingness and their purpose unitedly to aid the majority or any part of the majority to enact the legislation which Labor asked; but the members of the dominant party in Congress had set their hearts like flint; they had no ears to

hear, no patience to heed any claim, argument, or appeal involving the principles of equal rights to equality before the law, or of the liberty of the workers, on a par with other citizens of our country.

When Congress adjourned, after so shamelessly refusing to accord the workers the relief and the rights upon which they had set their hearts and hopes, the feeling became still more tense among the great rank and file of labor. The Executive Council then decided to appeal from the action of Congress to the representatives of the two great political parties in convention assembled.

As already stated, we presented identical demands to the Republican and the Democratic party conventions. In the one instance, that of the Republican convention, the declarations adopted were for the enactment of a law that would legalize the worst abuse and perversion of the injunction writ, this in direct opposition to what we had asked. The Democratic party in convention at Denver, adopted Labor's demands and incorporated them in its party platform.

In view of the specific declarations of the men of labor throughout our country for many years, the repeated declarations and instructions of the American Federation of Labor at many of its conventions, it devolves upon you, the duly constituted representatives of the men of labor of our country, you who come here and who have been in immediate and constant touch with the toilers of America, it is for you to say whether the course pursued, to stand faithfully by our friends and elect them, oppose our enemies and defeat them, whether they be candidates for President, for Congress or other offices, is justified, and meets with your approval, or your condemnation.

• The men of labor realize that our liberties as workers and as citizens are threatened; that our industrial efforts to work for Labor's rights and interests upon natural and rational lines are outlawed, and that if it is the desire and aspiration of America's toilers to work along these peaceful, natural lines of historic development, these rights and liberties must be restored.

The men of labor are invoked to be up and doing. Their action should be consistent, persistent and insistent.

Some over-zealous partisans, and particularly our opponents, for a purpose, have declared that I am a Democrat and have always been a Democrat. It may not be necessary to make this explanation to you, but to correct any error now or of the future, I desire to emphasize the fact that though many years ago I counted myself a Republican I have not been and am not now a Democrat, that is, in a partisan sense. I owe allegiance to no political party. So far as in my power lies, and in the light given me, I have always without fear of personal consequences endeavored to perform my duty to my fellow-workers, to my fellowman.

The American labor movement is not partisan to a political party; it is partisan to a principle, the principle of equal rights and human freedom.

When this report is being written, October 30, the immediate results of the election of November 3d, are, of course, unknown, but this one fact stands out clear, and can never hereafter be disputed; that is that the presidential and congressional election of 1908 has been contested upon the fundamental principles for which labor and the liberty-loving citizens contend; that is, equality before the law, human freedom.

The vague notions regarding Labor's demands have been dissipated and replaced by sound knowledge as to the historic and logical principles upon which they are based—indeed, the very denunciation of Labor demands by interested candidates and by the hostile press, has accelerated, as well as concentrated public attention upon our movement.

You can readily understand that it is most unwise, at this writing, to indulge myself in prophecy, but I hold that no matter what the result, a great moral victory has been won, and no one can deny that our campaign has conspicuously brought before the attention of the people the fundamental principles upon which our movement is based. The voice of Labor has been heard. It can no longer be dismissed with a contemptuous shrug of the shoulder.

The movement of Labor through the ages has been a struggle for justice. It is founded upon truth, and truth is eternal. Our cause needs but to be understood to win and hold the sympathetic, patriotic support of right-principled men.

It is additionally interesting to know that a large mass of the unorganized workers has been in entire accord with their organized fellow-workers in this campaign, and that a considerable portion of them have become imbued with the conviction to make a common cause with us within the beneficent fold of unionism.

Now, I desire to address myself to a feature to which it seems your attention should be called. Severe criticism has been launched against some, true, not many, but still some of the men in our movement who, for reasons good enough for themselves, have not been in entire accord with the campaign as conducted by the American Federation of Labor.

Our conventions have frequently declared that our movement has neither the right nor the desire to dictate how a member shall cast his vote. It has been my privilege and honor always so to insist. I have not departed, and can not now depart from that true trade union course. At the Minneapolis convention the following declaration was adopted:

"We must have with us in our economic movement men of all parties, as well as of all creeds, and the minority right of the humblest man to vote where he pleases, and to worship where his conscience dictates must be sacredly guarded."

That solemn and binding declaration is the guarantee to every member of our organized labor movement; and though it be true that now, as never before in the history of the labor movement of our country have the people been so practically unanimous in their determination to make the contest for justice and right and freedom as in the campaign which will have come to a close before I submit this to you, yet if there were not but one man in all our movement who chose for himself to vote and cast his lot contrary to the practically unanimous determination of the great rank and file, that is a right which our movement

can not and must not deny him. This fact I can not refrain from recording: that, so far as concerns any action which I may have taken during the campaign, it has been far within the limits of aggressiveness as exemplified by the expressed judgment and action of the mass of the organized wage-earners of our country.

It has been my purpose to place before you the entire matter in connection with my participation in the campaign whatever consequences it may entail. I submit it to you for such judgment as you may deem best to render and such action as you may care to take. I am deeply conscious of this one fact, that I have endeavored to give voice to the wrongs which Labor has endured, and to which the toilers are subject. I have plead for the righting of these wrongs. I have pressed home to the fullest, the sufferings and the injustice done my fellows. To the very limit of whatever ability or power I may possess, I have thrown it into the scale of the cause of my fellow-workers.

Upon the platform in public meeting, and in editorials in our American Federationist, I have discussed the great principles involved in the campaign. These should be again read by you and considered in connection with whatever action you may take.

# ECONOMIC POWER MOST ES-SENTIAL AND POTENT.

The trade union movement, true to its history, its traditions, and aspirations, has done, is doing, and will undoubtedly do more in the interest of mankind to humanize the human family than all other agencies combined. Devoting primarily our efforts to the membership of our organizations, yet there is not a declaration which we can make, or an action we can take for their protection and their advancement but which will have its correspondingly beneficent influence upon the unorganized workers and upon the masses of the people. Resistance to wage reduction by union workers is the check upon still further encroachments upon the unorganized. secure an advance either in wages or the reduction of hours of labor by union workers is to correspondingly bring these advantages to the unorganized toilers. We can not obtain legislative enactment to protect the rights and interests of the organized but that it must equally include all our people.

Our movement is the barrier and check to aggression and tyranny on the one hand; on the other it is the leaven for the common uplift of all. It is, therefore that the economic power and influence of the labor movement is the most potent. We have exercised, and we shall continue to exercise, our political power; and that, too, without becoming politically partisan. We shall aim to elect to our law-making bodies national, State and municipal, men from the ranks of labor; men who are earnest, honest, intelligent, and sincerely devoted to the cause of the toilers and the people generally.

In whatever form or shape the men of labor may exercise their energies and activities, in inception and result, the effort is for the common uplift of all, though our political activities must of necessity now be primarily devoted to acquire for our economic movement its freest and fullest natural development.

Our movement has not asked and will not ask at the hands of government anything which the workers can and should do for themselves. The movement of labor is founded upon the principle that that which we do for ourselves, individually and collectively, is done best. It is, therefore, that the exercise by the workers of their economic power is, after all, the greatest and most potent power which they can wield.

The possession of great economic power does not imply its abuse, but rather its right use. Consciousness and possession of economic power bring with them responsibility, wisdom and care in its exercise. These have made the labor movement of our country a tower of strength, inspiring the confidence and respect of the masses of our workers, as well as the sympathetic support of students, thinkers, and all liberty-loving people.

The labor union movement, as understood and expressed by the American Federation of Labor, is the historic struggle of the toilers; it has brought light and hope into the factory, the workshop, into the lives and homes of our workers; it has borne the brunt of battle and bears the honorable scars of past battles. It embodies Labor's hopes and aspirations for a brighter and a better day, not only for the future, but for today, tomorrow, and tomorrow's tomorrow, each a better day than the one which has gone before.

### LABOR PRESS.

The official journals of our international unions and the Labor Press, as a rule, have continued to render the cause of Labor invaluable service. In spite of the precarious financial conditions of many of the latter, and the temptations to yield in their loyalty to the cause of labor and justice, they have intelligently and heroically thrown the weight of their influence and power with the toilers.

Early in the summer the editors of international union official journals met in Chicago, and by a practically unanimous vote determined that because of the critical situation in which the toilers found themselves, they would support, by every effort in their power the plan of campaign for the re-establishment of Labor's rights, as outlined by our American labor movement.

The editors of these journals, the editors of the labor press generally, have performed magnificent service to our cause during trying times and I am confident that in the near future greater tangible good results will follow to the cause of which we have the honor to be a part.

No language of mine can express too strongly my own personal appreciation of their co-operation and excellent work, and I sincerely hope that the men of labor will attest their appreciation of the labor press of America by greater financial and moral support than has been given heretofore.

### CONCLUSION.

Looking over the vast field of the activities of our labor movement, the great good it has accomplished for our fellow-workers particularly, and for our people generally, the conviction has become ingrained in my very being that there is no force so potent



in all society making for the material, moral, and social uplift as the much abused, and as yet little understood, labor movement.

Upon the platform, in public addresses or private conference, in addressing the workers and students of our time, I have, with whatever ability I possess, and with all the fervor of my being, sought to impress upon all the duty of man toward his fellows to help bear our brother's burden, to make life the better worth living, for the ennoblement of mankind and womankind; to impress this duty upon mankind, that the struggle of the children and the countless millions of yet unborn may be made lighter to bear, less keen, than that with which we have been confronted and which made us burden-bearers in our time.

With earnestness and sincerity to carry the gospel of human freedom and human brotherhood to its fullest fruition; with insistence of my deepest conception of duty and right and justice, yet tolerant as any man to mental differences, it has been my aim and purpose to be helpful to my fellows.

No word have I uttered but which was attuned to the highest and deepest concern for the loftiest aspirations of my fellows. Conscious of the struggle and the intensity with which it is waged against us, and the bitterness and relentlessness of the antagonists to our cause, I have not flinched from the path, but I have met them and sought to overcome them through whatever power has been given me.

During the past year my time has, perhaps, more than ever before, been engrossed by our movement, and my activities accentuated without let hindrance, or regard for self.

Appreciating and recording the deep obligation I owe to my fellows, it is my one constant aim and hope, whether as your president, or as one in the great rank and file of the toiling masses of our country, to aid to the fullest limits my fellow-workers, my fellowman.

### A WARNING.

HE International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes is the recognized representative organization of the railroad trackmen, fore-

men, etc. It has been in existence more than twenty-two years, is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, and has been a source of great benefit to the trackmen of the United States and Canada in materially increasing their remuneration and generally bettering their working conditions.

The Editor of THE TELEGRAPHER is personally acquainted with the two principal officers of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes, Bro. A. B. Lowe, President, and Bro. S. J. Pegg. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and recognizes in them men of the highest personal integrity, energetic, thoroughly devoted to the cause of unionism and of marked ability; in fact, men of such a high standard in every way that any organization could well be proud of them as its principal officers.

The following communication is self-explanatory and is published for the information of the members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers and all others who may be interested, in order that no one may be deceived by this latest attempt of a few "sore heads" to injure an organization that it has taken so many years to build up to its present high state of efficiency:

St. Louis, Mo., October 22, 1908.

Mr. L. W. Quick, Editor THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Our attention has been called to several newspaper clippings taken from Fort Worth, Texas, papers, stating that an organization known as the "American Brotherhood of Railway Trackmen," was soliciting the people of Fort Worth, and also at Little Rock, Ark., for inducements to locate its headquarters in that city, and that it was being aided in this by the officers and members of a number of the other railway organizations.

My object in addressing you is that the officers and members of your organization may be informed as to the history and nature of the organization referred to. It was started a few months ago by a disgruntled organizer, who was in the employ of our Brotherhood by the name of Robert H. Eaves. He has copied our laws and methods almost verbatim, and proceeded to

formulate an organization of his own. He has since secured the co-operation of another organizer, who was relieved from service by this organization, on account of unsatisfactory services, to act with him as an associate grand officer, and as far as we are aware this constitutes the origin of the so-called American Brotherhood of Railway Trackmen. We have no knowledge of any convention ever having been held, nor so far as we can learn, is there anything to warrant their recognition, except the desire of the so-called grand officers for the emoluments of office. It may be possible that they are aided by some few malcontents, who have fancied grievances against this organization, but there is and can be no general demand or use for the organization, as the field is already covered by our Brotherhood, which has been organized twenty-two years and with whose history you are familiar.

We will appreciate very much anything you may be able to do to prevent your membership from being misled by these dissenters representing that they are unionists, while as a matter of fact they are disruptionists and disgruntled ex-members from this organization.

Thanking you in advance for anything you may be able to do, I am,

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) SAMUEL J. PEGG, Grand Secretary-Treasurer.

International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes.

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(All members of the Order are requested to call the attention of the foremen and section men to this article.)

### THE ROLL OF HONOR.

During the month of October the following-named members of the Order secured one or more new members by individual effort:

Chas. Appleton (2), R. R. Bird (2), C. S. Bell (2), F. A. Boswell (3), J. P. Blondeau

(7), V. L. Burns (4), T. L. Butler, Chas. Brubaker, R. F. Brothers.

H. H. Chambers (3), H. M. Clay, G. E. Chance (3), Sherman Correll (12), J. A. Cross (2), O. Cooper (2), J. H. Cook (3), A. W. Cue (3), C. O. Collard (5), J. J. Collins (4), G. B. Calvert.

L. M. DeLong (2), James J. Dykeman (2).

M. W. Frix (9), C. F. Fisher, R. D. Fentress, W. P. Fowler.

R. F. Gillett, R. G. Garber, F. H. Grover.

W. H. Henderson, F. B. Hester, Jr., H. C. Hamm, N. C. Hines (3), C. E. Hosler (3), G. W. Holt (4), Z. R. Hook (4).

C. F. Ingersoll, P. E. Jenkins (3), M. E. Jacobs (3), E. P. Jenkins.

W. Kelly, J. C. Kelly (3), T. E. Keyser (2), J. F. Knox, E. H. Kauffman.

Anson Leeds, H. M. Loveland, C. E. Lynde (3), C. F. Loring (3), G. A. Littell, Jos. Leeti.

A. E. McCullough, Carl Martz, H. L. Mann, Jesse McFarland, C. R. Mohler, G. D. Miller, W. H. Morrison, E. H. Moore.

J. E. Nelson, F. O'Hern, D. J. O'Connell, B. O'Brien.

E. C. Park (4), T. A. Pendleton, E. L. Porter (2), E. J. Quinlan, W. M. Rusk, A. F. Retzlaff, A. F. Ritter, R. C. Rudy (2), H. J. Reeves.

Thos. Sasser (2), J. R. Sandifer (2), J. A. Shields, T. H. Stanton (2), C. R. Swope (2), H. W. Stabler, L. D. Stabler, L. E. Smith, I. Smith (2), W. W. Smith.

L. R. Taylor, Thos. Truitt, F. W. Thurman, C. C. Tennant, W. H. Thornton.

Mrs. C. A. Van Sandt, W. R. Van Deusen (5).

C. A. Walter, E. F. Webb (6), W. J. Webster, E. H. Webster (2), C. E. White, W. F. White, J. H. Williams, E. B. Wilcox, W. L. Wilmarth.

A. G. Youst, E. J. Zimmerman.

In order to secure credit in the Roll of Honor for new members secured members should promptly notify the Grand Secretary and Treasurer by postal or letter of each application secured.



Six hundred and four new members were initiated into the Order during the month of October.

It is said that W. E. Reed, whose name appears on the Katy scab list, is now agent for the Chicago & Alton at Lexington III.

Members of the Order generally rejoice over the election of Bro. A. P. Murphy, father of the telegraphers' nine-hour law, to Congress.

Eugene McQuillin, for the last several years general counsel for the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, was elected Judge of the Circuit Court in St. Louis, at the late election.

The Andrew Ewing located at Glasgow, Mo., for the Chicago & Alton Railway, is not the Andrew C. Ewing whose name appears on the Katy scab list. The similarity of their names has caused the Ewing at Glasgow considerable embarrassment, which fact prompts the publication of this notice.

Bro. R. P. Rubin, for many years general chairman of the Denver & Rio Grande Railway General Committee, was re-elected a member of the Legislature in Colorado. His re-election is a matter of general satisfaction to all the laboring people of Colorado, whose active champion he has been for many years.

Complete returns from the eleven counties of the Eighth Congressional District of Iowa shows that William P. Hepburn who has served in Congress for the last twenty years or more, was defeated for reelection by 439 votes. It will be remembered that Hepburn opposed the telegraphers' nine-hour law in Congress.

The accompanying is an engraving of an official O. R. T. gold ring. These rings



can be had from the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for \$4.50. In ordering them it is only necessary to give the size

desired, which information can be secured from any jeweler.

The member (officers receiving salary or expenses, or both, and secretaries barred) who secures the most new members before December 31st, will receive \$200 in cash. For further particulars in regard to this matter, reference should be made to the article appearing in this department under the caption "Prizes," in the January Telegrapher.

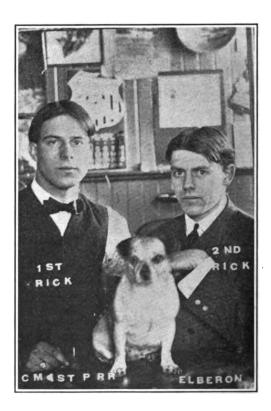
The attention of certificate holders in the Mutual Benefit Department is called to the second paragraph of Article V of the laws governing that department, which provides that certificate holders shall pay their dues in the Order within sixty days from the beginning of the semi-annual dues period. Holders of certificates in that department who have not already paid dues for the current term should do so at once.

Telegraphers are constantly showing their ability in other lines besides that of railroad service. Bro. M. M. O'Bryan, of Division No. 23, was recently admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Iowa, and will enter into the active practice of his newly-chosen profession in the spring. Bro. R. C. McClellan, of Cordele, Ga., has recently taken up the practice of dentistry, having previously graduated from a college of that profession.

Individual effort has been greatly instrumental in increasing the membership of the Order to its present high standard of over 43,000, and a continuation of the same effort will bring about thorough and complete organization in the near future. In order that credit may be given to those to whom credit is due, a Roll of Honor will be published in each issue of this journal, showing the name of each member who secures one or more new members during the month preceding such issue. Each member securing the petition of a new member should promptly notify the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of that fact by postal card.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of September, 1908, shows that there were 38,238 aliens

landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during that month; that there were 581 debarred from entrance, classified as follows: Idiots, 3; imbeciles, 4; feebleminded, 13; epileptics, 3; insane, 8; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 147; professional beggars, 3; likely to become public charges, 216; physically or mentally unsound 22; contract laborers, 69; accompanying aliens, 14; under sixteen years of age and unaccompanied by parents, 6; assisted aliens, 8; criminals, 5; polygamists, 2; prostitutes and procurers, 35; under provisions of the Chinese exclusion act, 11; other causes, 12.



# PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. R. K. Thomas, of Godfrey, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. G. Hardwick, of Ponder, Tex., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. A. Fleming, of Finleyson, Ga., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. R. Blecker, of Catawissa, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. T. Burton, of Holmes Park, Mo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. C. Hahn, of Cranesville, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. M. Erwin, of Tunnelton, Ind., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. R. Pelton of Manvers, Ont., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. B. Hussong, of St. Marys, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. Taylor, of Haywood, W. Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Blancett, of Haywood, W. Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. C. Slaven, of Jersey City, N. J., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. P. Powell, of Woolley, Wash., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson, of Reddick Fla., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. Olson, of Hinton, Iowa, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Cliff Jones, of Greenville, S. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. T. Crain, of Ilsley, Ky., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Cook, of Irving, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Crouch of Irving, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Tom Beaver, of Lewistown Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. I. J. Thelin, of North Loup, Neb., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. D. Bowman, of Cabool, Ark., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. F. Pierron, of Pierron, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. O. Young, of Effingham, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Northrup, of Ramsey, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. L. Ratigan, of Chili Station, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Rob Seyler, of Pelican, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Kilsdonk, of Combined Locks, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. W. Barge, of Hoskins, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. A. Gould, of Ranchester, Wyo., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. G. Stegman, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. Joyce, of East Syracuse, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. Winston Overton, of Spout Springs, Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. W. Harvey, of Bonsack, Va., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor, of Crane, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. R. Butler, of Sycamore, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Ready, of Mountain Lake Park, Md., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. C. Hahn, of Cranesville, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. E. Sloan, of Summerland, Cal., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. W. Brewer, of Manitowoc, Wis., twins.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. McGuire, of Marionette, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. W. Cotton, of Winona, Minn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. B. Fryberger, of Exira, Iowa, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. C. Clarke, of Torrington, Wyo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. L. Lamb, of North Bay, Ont., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. A. Westbrook, of Brandon, S. D., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. A. Mills, of Renova, Minn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. L. Ross, of Gloucester, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. H. Quinlan, of Gloucester, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. McKnight, of Melvin, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Murray, of Unionville, Ind., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Chas. Allen, of Bureau, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Ed Zink, of Sterling, Neb., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. T. Basham, of Pearl City, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Floyd Seamans, Himrod, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Hardy, of Foreston, S. C., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. S. Bell, of Hallett, Okla., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. S. Prime, of Wendling, Ore., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. R. Moore, of Joppa, Md., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Roscoe L. Patch, of Irvington, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. E. Whiting, of Standley, Ohio, a girl.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of The Telegrapher:

At Flatwoods, W. Va., Bro. A. Waggoner, of Div. 33, to Miss Bessie L. Harper.

At Clarksburg, W. Va., Bro. C. E. Ogden, of Div. 33, to Miss Bessie Parish.

At Richmond, Minn., Bro. Ludvig J. Johnson, of Div. 123, to Miss Agda V. Nelson.

At Burrwood, La., Bro. Graham Myers. of Div. 132, to Miss Mary Belle Margaret Dickens Simms.

At Clinton, S. C., Bro. O. I. Sheely, of Div. 97, to Miss Fowler.

At Chester, S. C., Bro. W. A. Orr, of Div. 97, to Miss Kate Ferguson.

At Muscatine, Ia., Bro. E. B. McCulloch, of Div. 126, to Miss Nettye T. Crippen.

At Jarratt, Va., Bro. C. A. Sanford, of Div. 59, to Miss Pearl Augusta Grizzard.

At Dover, Ky., Bro. Mont Fulton, of Div. 55, to Miss Willie Fulton.

At Youmans, Fla., Bro. W. R. Davis, of Div. 132, to Miss Ola Brown.

At Oviedo, Fla., Bro. B. F. Wheeler, of Div. 132, to Miss George Lee.

At Lilly Chapel, Ohio, Bro. Wm. H. Herren, of Div. 138, to Miss Herb.

At Danville, Ill., Bro. A. H. Barcklow, of Div. 2, to Miss Ina B. Fleming.

At State Line, Ind., Bro. W. C. Bear, of Div. 2, to Miss Ethel White.

At Des Moines, Ia., Bro. J. O. Budd, of Div. 23, to Miss Frances Riddle.

At Lewistown, Pa., Bro. T. J. Moyer, of Div. 3, to Miss Pearl Reigel.

At Gap, Pa., Bro. C. H. Handwork, of Div. 9, to Miss Mollie E. Shertz.

At Rathdrum, Idaho, Bro. J. A. Lukanitsch, of Div. 54, to Miss Edna Hollister.

At Milwaukee, Wis., Bro. W. S. Barn-hart, of Div. 76, to Miss Sarah Wheeler.

At Wausau, Wis., Bro. E. R. Schuette, of Div. 76, to Miss Olga Pophal.

At Monica Junction, Wis., Bro. N. J. Semmelhack, of Div. 76, to Miss Lena Storke.

At Cumberland, Wis., Bro. P. Peterson, of Div. 130, to Miss Belle Ayers.

At New Richland, Minn., Bro. L. J. Johnson, of Div. 123, to Miss Nelson.

At Silvis, Ill., Bro. Harvey Hill, of Div. 126, to Miss Helen Donahue.

At Superior, Wis., Bro. L. M. Craig, of Div. 130, to Miss Josephine Amberson.



At Rock Island, Ill., Bro. Earl Victor, of Div. 130, to Miss Myrle Epperson.

At Washington, D. C., Bro. B. K. Spiers, of Div. 132, to Sister Nellie G. Jarratt, of Div. 132.

Bro. H. A. Huckeby, of Div. 32, to Sister Mary Josephine McGinnis, of Div. 63.

At East St. Louis, Ill., Bro. Jesse M. Cummings, of Div. 27, to Miss Myrtle L. Schmollinger.

Bro. A. E. Rummel, of Div. 57, to Miss Jessie Sorrell.

At Mattison, Colo., Bro. J. C. Krouse, of Div. 126, to Miss Gertie Dunlap.

Bro. Louis Lehmann, of Div. 93, to Miss Esther Moore.

At Chenoa, Ill., Bro. D. T. Clarke, of Div. 2, to Miss Mary Sommers.

At Wellsboro, N. Y., Bro. Fay Furman, of Div. 8, to Miss Hilbolt.

At Shamokin, Pa., Bro. G. S. Vought, of Div. 110, to Miss Belva Paul.

At Kingsbury, Ind., Bro. C. J. Marsh, of Div. 33, to Miss Maud Barnes.

Bro. F. J. Murray, of Div. 99, to Miss Marinie.

At Diamond Bluff, Wis., Bro. Wm. Garber. of Div. 130, to Miss Leonore Gantebein.

Bro. C. E. Lucado, of Div. 14, to Miss Macie Anderson.

At Vickers, Va., Bro. Harry L. Parrish, of Div. 14, to Miss Blanche Harman.

At Bismarck, Mo., Bro. J. I. Kness, of Div. 31, to Miss Belchambers.

At Lafayette, R. I., Bro. B. P. Greene, of Div. 35, to Miss Lottie Cranston.

At Webster, Mass., Bro. Jno. C. Allen, of Div. 89, to Miss Bessie Jenkins.

At Brier Hill, N. Y., Bro. E. A. Giltz, of Div. 8, to Miss Avis Coonrodt.

At Fillmore, Ind., Bro. O. M. Coffin, of Div. 27, to Miss Ruby Ruark.

At Chicago Junction, Bro. P. M. Geer, of Div. 33, to Miss Argo.

At Garrett, Ind., Bro. J. W. Odum, of Div. 33, to Miss Emma Manion.

At Woodbine, Ia., Bro. C. E. Case, of Div. 23, to Miss Edith Waldemer.

At San Francisco, Cal., Bro. G. W. Northamer, of Div. 53, to Miss Mary Mc-Leish.

At Eden, Wis., Bro. Walter Trinwith, of Div. 76, to Miss Mary Burchardt.

At Rich Valley, Minn., Bro. E. R. Dowell, of Div. 96, to Miss Turner.

At Richmond Hill, N. Y., Bro. C. C. Nicholson, of Div. 44, to Miss Cater.

At Penn Yan, N. Y., Bro. Francis Mahoney, of Div. 8, to Miss Bessie Barnes.

At Churchville, N. Y., Bro. A. D. Stewart, of Div. 8, to Miss Helen Turner.

At DeLorne, W. Va., Bro. A. L. Peake, of Div. 14, to Miss Sarah Chapman.

The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of The Telegrapher:

At Illmo, Mo., mother of Bro. W. A. Lippard, of Div. 2.

At Clifton, Wyo., Sister Anna L. Thomas, of Div. 130, wife of Bro. H. C. Thomas.

At Magnolia, Md., Bro. Joseph Rollins, of Div. 17.

At Paterson, N. J., Bro. T. E. Hipple, of the Grand Division.

At Presho, N. Y., Bro. John M. Hovey, of Div. 8.

At Wellsville, N. Y. Bro. D. L. Sullivan, of Div. 42.

At Indio, Cal., Bro. Frank Ridgeway, of Div. 53.

At Rock Island Junction, Ill., Bro. W. G. McCullough, of Div. 76.

At Vancouver, B. C., Bro. Archie Fraser, of Div. 7.

At Pierre, S. D., Bro. H. W. Porter, of Div. 76.

At Houghton, N. Y., Wm. Eric, son of Bro. Frank Woodside, of Div. 42.

At Allenport, Pa., Bro. R. B. Furnier, of Div. 52.

At Clifton, Wyo., sister of Bro. A. L. Thomas, of Div. 130.

At Grayling, Mich., child of Bro. W. J. Shaw, of Div. 16.

At Great Cacapan, W. Va., wife of Bro. B. A. McCullough, of Div. 33.



At Garettsville, Ohio, wife of Bro. C. C. Fenstermaker, of Div. 42.

At Tuscaloosa, Ala., infant of Bro. I. N. Atkinson, of Div. 62.

At Galesville, Wis., Bro. Frank L. Crivits, of Div. 76.

At Henvelton, N. Y., father of Bro. E. W. Lowery, of Div. 29.

At New York City, Bro. Granville Hatcher, of Div. 8.

At Redding, Conn. Bro. Geo. E. Branson, of Div. 37.

At Davenport, Mass., Bro. J. C. Williams, of Div. 41.



R. P. RUBIN

Member Division 49, Elected Member Legislature in Colorado.

At Irvington, N. Y., mother of Bro. J. M. Moss, of Div. 8.

At Chelsea, N. Y., child of Bro. G. T. Way, of Div. 8.

At Concord, Mich., Bro. Lyman Carter, of Div. 16.

At San Juan del los Lagos, Jal., Mex., mother of Bro. C. B. Padillas, of the Grand Division.

At Sandusky, Ohio, Mrs. Laura S. Hudson, mother of Sister Grace M. Hudson, of Div. 93.

At Manchester, Iowa, infant of Bro. J. W. Benda, of Div. 93.

At Pawnee, Ill., mother of Bro. G. W. Spicer, of Div. 93.

At Sullivan, Ill., Bro. J. M. Starbuck, of Div. 93.

### WANTED.

Present address of O. R. Dorsey, H. L. Walgamont and R. R. Byrd.

S. A. Thompson, Lobo, Tex.

Present address of A. J. Farley, worked on C. & N. W. in 1906.

O. E. LOEK, Lake Villa, Ill.

Present address of B. E. Breedlove, A. L. Saunders, Roy Dyke, H. J. Gray.

W. C. Dory, Lancaster, Ky.

Present address of Ray Flowers. Last heard of at his home in Blockton, Iowa. M. L. House, Weston, Iowa.

Present address of Robt. H. Pierce. Last heard of at Evanston, Wyo., in 1906. GRANT HIX, care U. P. Ry., Grand Island, Neb.

Present address of Operator Smith, was working at Rock Point, on the B. & O. in March. "O" if you see this, write me at Oakmont, Pa. F. N. WILLIAMS.

Present address of Carl F. Piersdorff. Last heard of working at Demoplis, Ala., on Southern. "Carl," write me. H. L. Mann, Merritt, Wash., G. N. Ry.

Present address of Walter Ragsdale. Last heard of in B. & O. general office, Cincinnati, Ohio. Important.

C. P. Young, Swoope, Va.

Present address of J. P. Duck. Worked in "CX," Chicago, in 1903. "Piker," if you see this, write me. Have news for you.

M. E. WHITING, R. F. D. 2, Holgate, O.

Present address of Wm. Thackery. Last heard of working at Winfield, Iowa.

M. L. Sell, 3957 Wedge St., Calumet, Mich.

Present address of Frank Shrimpton. Frank, if you see this, write me at Kansas City, Mo., 135 North Drury avenue.

W. H. SHRIMPTON.

Present address of T. F. Chauncey. Last heard of with the Sou. Ry. Supt's Office, Memphis, Tenn. M. W. Chauncey, ' Gen. Del., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Present address of R. E. Voigt. Last heard of was in Cheney, Wash., July, 1908. "Voigt," if you see this, write.

F. W. BAILEY, Care Cotton Belt, Ardeola, Mo.

Present address of Jesse F. Cornell. Last heard of on Zamboanga cable in Philippines. "Shake," if you see this write your old friend "C," at Chickamauga, Ga., care of G. Ry.

G. W. Morgan.

Present address of S. M. Moody. Last heard of on his way from Little Rock, Ark., to Memphis. "S. M.," if you see this write me, care Iron Mountain, Hope, Ark.

S. Nelson.

Present address of Ed Guinn. Last heard of was working for the U. P. at Topeka, Kan., in 1897. "Ed," if you see this, write your old pal at Morse, Kan.

A. L. FISHER.

Present addresses of the following: J. B. Mann, M. Z. Tillotson, W. C. Baker, and M. L. Mathis. Boys, if you see this write me.

A. J. Crew,

Care Can. Northern, Sprague, Man.

Present address of Joe Overly. Last heard of working on the C. & O. Ry. Joe, if you see this, write me quick. I am in trouble over that trunk. Nothing against you. F. Huff, Glenwood, W. Va.

Present address of O. D. Johnson. Last heard of working for I. M. at Texarkana, Ark. Also present address of Harry Bettis. Last heard of working for the Rock Island at Randolph, Okla.

R. B. GARRISON, Eldorado, Ark.

Present address of A. J. Storrs. Last heard of at Des Moines, Iowa, about March 15, 1908. Supposed to have gone West. "A. N.," if you see this write me at Herndon, Iowa. Parents anxious about him.

J. G. ETZEL.

Present address of John W. Hall, enlisted in United States Signal Corps at Macon, Ga. Last heard of June, 1907, on his way to the States from the Philippines. "H," if you see this, write me at Bakers Mill, Fla., care A. C. L. C. A. WELCH.

Present address of Woodson Fearis Higgs. Last heard of twenty years ago. Left Texas for New Mexico. Well known by name of "Specks;" about forty-eight years old. I have found a deed to some "Bard" land in Kentucky, belonging to his mother, which she never transferred to anyone. Information concerning him or his heirs will be greatly appreciated.

WM. M. WHITE Covington, Tenn.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

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W. B. Schlich, 1763 Park St., Peekskill, N. Y.

John Wojciechowski, Park Place and Grafton Avenue, Woodhaven, N. Y.

C. M. Sloane, Union City, Mich.

J. Lamy, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Harry S. Carr, Gladstone, Minn.

J. B. Powell, Seaside, N. Y., Box 9.

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Card 2,727, Cert. 1701, Div. 2, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Cárd 8,890, Cert. 263, Div. 21, tor term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 5,862, Cert. 72, Grand Div., for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 13,773, Cert. 392, Div. 119, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 22,227, Cert. 2,559, Div. 93, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 21,452, Cert. 126, Div. 128, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 20,711 Cert. 214, Div. 59, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 4,299, Cert. 1,403, Div. 76, for term ending December 31, 1908.



Card 24,320, Cert. 1,005, Div. 59, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 22,596, Cert. 1,265, Div. 32, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 26,520, Cert. 2,104, Div. 76, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 25,480, Cert. 27, Div. 106, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 7,800, Cert. 179, Div. 29, for term ending December 31, 1908,

Card 23,602, Cert. 99, Div. 135, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 15,233, Cert. 809, Div. 14, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 111, Cert. 150, Div. 2, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 29,419, Cert. 24, Div. 59, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 16,750, Cert. 1,387, Div. 54, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 23,465, Cert. 232, Div. 92, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 1,527, Cert. 1,231, Div. 54, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 26,273, Cert. 2 Div. 40, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 9,720, Cert. 402, Div. 29, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 16,218, Cert. 1,306, Div. 42, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 8,205, Cert. 845, Div. 40, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 1,036, Cert. 1,521, Div. 32, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 10,795, Cert. 4,720, Grand Div. for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 2,386, Cert. 5,454, Grand Div., for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 22,418, Cert. 349, Div. 43, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 21,652, Cert. 5,491, Grand Div., for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 20,373, Cert. 502, Div. 31, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 23,235, Cert. 8, Div. 35, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 16,675, Cert. 1,479, Div. 130, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 789, Cert. 2,646, Div. 93, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 11,492, Cert. 647, Div. 130, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 8,727, Cert. 832, Div. 23, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 6,026, Cert. 2,064, Div. 8, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 2,679, Cert. 7, Div. 2, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card III, Cert. 150, Div. 2, for term ending December 31, 1908.

Card 25,582, Cert. 1,042, Div. 138, for term ending December 31, 1908.

### NOTICE.

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A. W. Rogers, Hutsonville, Ill.





#### HOW THE SHIP CAME IN.

STELLA sat by the window looking out at the pouring rain. A piece of mending lay in her lap with the patch only half finished. Presently the door opened and a delicate-looking woman with hair thickly sprinkled with gray, came in. She carried a crying babe in her arms.

The cries of the child filled the room and caused Stella to frown. "Oh, goodness, mamma!" she exclaimed, "I never saw such a cross child as Ben is. I think he needs a spanking."

The weary woman sat down and began rocking the baby. "No good to spank the child," she said, "for he is crying because he is sick. But, hurry, Stella, with that mending. Tom needs that shirt badly. The one he has on is all in rags."

Stella raised her face, a look of mingled anger and despair on it. "When will I ever have opportunities like other girls?" she exclaimed, taking up the needle to thread. "I have to work every minute_of my life—no time to read or sit and rest. It's dishwashing, sweeping, cooking, scrubbing, and patching and darning all the time. Other girls don't have to work for their families as I have to. And it's all because we're so disgracefully poor! I hate poverty—I despise it!"

Then Stella thrust the needle into the patch and began stitching away, tears filling her eyes and a lump in her throat.

"I know, dear, it's hard on you," spoke her mother in a quivering voice. "But I don't see hardly who's to blame. Your pa's been sick so much lately, and the drouth last year killed the crops. Of course, those were things none of us could prevent. But—I've been thinking, daughter, that there is one way in which you may get better ad-

vantages than we-your pa and I-can give you."

"How?" asked Stella, looking up eagerly from her work.

"You might go East to your Aunt Lizzie's. You know she has no children of her own, and when you were a little baby she wanted me to give you to her. Of course, we weren't so poor then, and I'd have as soon thought of parting with my own head as parting with my little girl. But now—now it's different.

But the peevish little Ben set up another deafening cry, and Stella's mother said no more. Meanwhile, Stella's fingers flew, her face soon began to clear, as she planned on the thing her mother had suggested. For a long, long time Stella had dreamed of going East to live with her Aunt Lizzie, her father's only sister, who was what the world called rich, and who was childless. But she had not dared to propose doing so. for, being her mother's only daughter, she knew she was needed at home. Besides, there had been so much sickness in the family and ill-favored seasons for crops that need now menaced them. But now that her mother had spoken of that which lay nearest her heart, Stella found the courage to pursue the subject, and as soon as little Ben's tears were dried and he asleep she laid aside her mending-finished-and said to her mother:

"I should love to go to Aunt Lizzie's to live, for I would have so many advantages; but how would we raise the money to buy my railroad ticket?"

"I've been thinking of that," said the good, self-sacrificing mother. "You know your pa has promised to buy a new sewing machine for me this summer. I do need one badly, with all the family sewing to do—which would cost about \$35. Of course,

he would have to sell some of the young stock to do it—stock that would bring their price next year. But I can sew by hand a while longer, and you may have the money to go to your Aunt Lizzie's."

So the thing was settled, and Stella, with a light heart, sang at her work all day, for in the near future there was plenty and happiness in store for her. Her aunt would adopt her and dress her in the latest fashion, send her to school and give her a musical education. Ah, how her ship—just entering the harbor—was coming in!—her ship filled with good things for the future.

So the days glided by, and the young stock was sold to get the money necessary to carry Stella to the East. And during these days before the going Stella's mother made over her own best dress into one for Stella to travel in. And Stella, in the selfish anticipation of the grandeur that her new home would provide, when the old farm with its homely ways and manifold tasks would be easily forgotten.

In and out of the house, up and down the rose-kissed lane, twinkled the fairyfooted little elf. Her father, bent and weary, looked up from his task, gazed on her with a tender love light in his eye as he heard the merry song she sang, and his heart echoed back only a sigh. "Ah, me!" he said; "it should be a solace for me to know that she is happy in the thought of her heart's desire for the new home that will give her little hands a rest from unrelenting toil. But somehow or other my heart in an undertone of sadness whispers these words: 'She is an ungrateful daughter! How can she be happy in the thought that her happiness will come through leaving all of us, her mother, little Ben and myself?' Oh, if she would only once in a while grow serious and look just a little bit sad and say: 'Father, mother, little Ben, I will often think of you when I'm away off there in the big city.' But no; she don't do that! She don't do that!"

For a moment he was silent, and then looking across the barn lot he beheld Stella chasing a gilded butterfly and he said, while his voice spake out the sorrow of his soul:

"Ah, little, thoughtless birdling, poising now on the edge of the old home nest, anxious to try your tender wings and fly away from all that is dear and sweet because it savors so of toil. Little birdling, remember this,

'That fly ye fast or fly ye far, You will never find a spot Under sun or under star Where a father's love is not.'"

Alas! how the stress of hard times jangles the heart's sweet bells out of tune. Stella's mother in the kitchen dividing the dreary moments between wiping the dinner dishes and nursing little Ben. She fain would call Stella and ask her to attend to the little sufferer, but a second thought told her that tomorrow Stella would go from her, and why make her last day one of care and toil? So seating herself in the rocking chair she crooned the weary little fellow into a fitful slumber, and laying him tenderly on the sofa, returned to her task.

How melancholy she felt. Ah, more than melancholy. The crystal tear drops from her soul's fount told that she was dreaming of the days when she would be bereft of the one on whom she leaned—the one whom she hoped would be the staff of her declining years. What thoughts the wounded soul will think when the all in all of one's life goes over the hills and far away! Poor Spartan hearts! when they let the idol go the lamp must drown the sob and the smile obliterate the tear.

'Tis evening. Supper is ready and the little family are gathered around the board that holds only a frugal repast. The father bends his head and weaves with the petition for divine blessing on the meal a little prayer that the loved one who is about to go out into the world may always rest under the shadow of the grace of Him who watches the swallows of the air and the lilies of the field. His accents tremble in unison with the hand that is held up in reverence by him who prays, while the mother tries to keep back the sound that is half sigh and half sob.

The sweet, pathetic picture in the cot of the lowly poor momentarily touched Stella's heart, and her eyes rested first on her father and then on her mother with a deep and loving look; the corners of her mouth trembled, and heigh! ho! 'twas gone in a jiffy, and then she began to tell of the wonderful things that she knew were ready to unfold to her magic wand there in the great city.

Bed time came at last, and Stella's father, in anticipation of his early start in the morning to drive his daughter the six-mile journey to catch the train for the city, was the first to give her the good-night kiss. Perhaps, who knows but what his embrace was fonder and his kiss more tender and lingering.

Stella was nodding in the rocking chair when her mother said to her: "My little girl, go to bed now. You need a good night's sleep to freshen you up for your trip tomorrow. I will fix all your things in the trunk, and everything will be ready for you in the morning." Then the silver threads mingled with golden tresses, as mother and daughter said good-night with a kiss.

"Oh, how happy I am!" chuckled Stella, as she crept into bed. "I can hardly realize that my good fortune is not just a dream, and that I will wake up and find myself darning stockings." Then Stella pinched herself to convince herself that she was awake.

Just then came a moan from little Ben, and Stella crept to his crib and bent above him. The poor little pinched face was drawn with suffering. Then and there a feeling of self-reproach took possession, and she felt that this poor little brother of hers had so often of late come to her while she was wrapped in her own selfish thoughts, with his little broken toys, and plead in his artless, childish way for her to mend them for him, and how she would refuse and send him sobbing away. No wonder she smoothed back the dark little curls with a soft caress, and kissed away a little tear and left another of her own. A tender song that was part of her life for many years is now wafted to her. The singer had neither gift nor art, but that dear song stirred up the fountains of her soul as it never did before, and it seemed that the little old attic bedroom took on such a homelike sweetness that the thought that tomorrow she would leave it made her feel sad for the first time. Her mother was singing:

> Just a song at twilight, When the lamp is low; And the waving shadows Softly come and go. Sad the day and weary—

Then a new thought came to her, and it brought its sting as Stella said: "Mamma means that the day will be sad and weary when I'm gone. Oh, dear! oh, dear! I'm afraid I will break down and cry when it comes time for me to go. And when I'm away, trying to be happy and gay, how can I think I am anything but cruel in running off from mamma, the sweeping, cooking, patching, and darning. And just think, she took her best Sunday dress and made it over for me, and she will have to stay home from church. All this for me just because I got tired of what God meant me to bea farm girl. I heard a song down at the Grange Hall last winter. A man in the show sang it, and it comes back to me tonight:

'I'll stay with the old folks,
For they are dear to me,
I'll do the work and keep them from all

Tom can be a banker and Bob can sail the sea;

But I'll stay with the old folks at the farm.'

Oh! I wish I could say that, but I can't. I'll have to go through with it all—kiss mamma and papa good-bye, give Ben a hug and a kiss, and go away making out like I'm happy, and when I'm out of sight to just break down and boo-hoo like a baby. Why can't I do like the man in the song—be brave and say I must go? 'I'll stay with the old folks at the farm.'"

At this point little Ben awoke and sat up in bed, and with a hungry look in his eyes reached his thin little hands out to Stella and said: "Sister, let me sleep with you tonight? You won't be here no more. Take me, sister, and hug me up close. I'm 'fraid!" Where breathes the human heart that could resist such an appeal? The simple faith of childhood when it feels fear in the lonesome dark reaches out to those who have older grown, thinking that in their protecting arms he need not fear. Poor little fellow, some day you will learn how weak and frail the strongest of us are in whom you put your trust.

Stella eagerly lifted him from the crib and clasped him hungrily to her bosom and kissed him again and again. It was a glad surprise to the little fellow as Stella took him to her bed and laid her cheek close to his so wan and pale.

"Sister, will you mend my wagon before you go away?" asked the little fellow, reaching up and patting her cheek tenderly.

Nature had reached its limit, and a great sob was the only answer Stella gave.

"Oh! sister, don't cry. What is the matter?" and Ben put his arms around her endearingly.

The storm that had been long approaching broke at last. And the brutal lash of conscience spared her not, and not until an humble and contrite mind had made plans of atonement for shameless shortcomings in filial duty did she again become calm and beg little Ben's forgiveness. He dropped off to sleep with Stella's assurance that she would mend his wagon.

The storm was abating—she could see light ahead. She arose from her bed and tip-toed to the stairway, with the showman's song ringing in her heart like a tocsin: "I'll stay with the old folks, for they are dear to me."

Down the stairway she softly crept. The door that led to her mother's room was ajar, and she peeped in. There she sat faithful at her allotted task, folding the articles of apparel and laying them daintily in the trunk. The made-over church dress came in for extra attention so that not a wrinkle should spoil its smoothness. Then the last thing was about to be put in—Stella's picture, taken in her mother's arms when she was a wee bit of a girl. The mother held it earnestly before her and gazed at it lovingly, and as she gazed she

bowed her head and wept in that soft, gentle way that a loving mother can.

Softly the door opened and the whiterobed intruder approached the weeping woman, although she knew it not until the girl was on the floor at her mother's knee with her face buried in her mother's lap.

"Don't cry, mother. Don't you know your little Stella still loves you?"

The poor woman took on a sad smile as came this sweet assurance of words that she looked for for many days.

"Oh, Stella," she said, "it makes me feel so good to hear you say you love me, but I have been thinking, daughter, that perhaps you did. Pa and myself thought it would be best to let you go away and rest from all the hard work, and we did all we could to show that we loved you so, but at the same time hid all the sorrow that was breaking our hearts to part from our dear little Stella. And whenever we felt like crying we would go off by ourselves where no one could see us. But, Stella, what made us cry the saddest and deepest was the thought that you were so gay and happy when you knew you were going to leave us. Oh! how we longed to hear you say you loved us, and would only give us some little assurance that you appreciated the great sacrifice we are making. Oh! Stella, you didn't even appear sorry that you were going away. But, my darling, you have told me you loved me, and I know you will tell your papa that when you kiss him good-bye when you go away. Now, my-"

"Mother, I'm not going away. Oh, forgive me, forgive me! I've been so cruel to all of you. It seems that I have awakened from a horrid dream. Oh! let me stay and be a comfort to papa, to be a help to you. Come, mother, kiss me and say that you forgive me. Count me your little girl who was lost and found again. Come, mother, let's go and tell father that the wanderer has returned, and she wishes to tell him that her ship, "The Sweet Content," has come in, and its cargo is—"

"What, Stella?" eagerly asked her mother. "Love for home, sweet home."—By MAUD WALKER, in Express Gazette.

### A NEAR DISPATCHER.

By F. W. H. M.

HE D. & N. R. R. wanted a dispatcher for third trick in their train office. To be more exact, the eighthour law, just about to be enforced, literally compelled them to have one.

In past years, their simple expedient had been to make the second trick man, whose hours were supposed to be from 2 p. m. to midnight, remain on duty until all the trains had reached their terminals. Very often this would mean 4 o'clock in the morning; and, at the best, 1:30 or 2 a. m.

The doubtful prize had been offered to me, but for various reasons I did not care to make a change at that time. The work, of course, would not be very heavy, but then, neither would the salary. Besides, I held first trick at Denville, and I preferred to remain there until I found myself in a position to realize a pet ambition which has no place in this narrative.

I was thinking over the matter one morning when the arrival of the D. & N. accommodation train gave other occupation to my thoughts.

Quite along the usual lines, the train discharged a score or more of passengers, who quickly crowded before the ticket windows, and in a discordant chorus, made their wants known. It was up to me to hand out the pasteboards and rake in the ducats, and this I did as gracefully and obligingly as possible.

There were the usual varying experiences, enacted almost daily, of the fugitive coin or pocket book that had stowed itself in some unknown place, and which would yield to discovery only after a long, hurried, perspiring and exasperating search. Finally, however, all were supplied with tickets to their respective stations, and I had time for a breathing spell once more.

Before this charge of the ticket brigade had threatened to overwhelm me, and while my thoughts were yet running on that doubtful dispatchership, I had not noticed a young man standing before one of the windows in the men's waiting room.

He was of slim build, rather shabbily dressed and appeared to have no other oc-

cupation for the present than to roll a cigarette every few minutes, and consuming them in the short intervals while staring out of the window. His capacity for smoking the paper-rolled weed seemed marvelous; and I had mentally conjectured that at the present rate of consumption, he could easily dispose of two hundred per day. On afterthought this appeared unreasonable, as no man's vitality could withstand such a strain for any length of time.

Strange to relate, when I once more looked his way, he was still occupying his old position, puffing away as industriously as ever. Thus far I had had no view of his features, but I began to feel a curiosity to see the face of one who seemed so inordinately fond of the baleful cigarette.

The few remaining passengers had just filed out to board the last of several trains, when the young man finally roused himself to action.

Casting aside what must have been his fifteenth cigarette, he turned, and made for one of the ticket windows. Upon reaching it, he appropriated a small pad of telegraph blanks, and with evident care, wrote a message.

The first and second efforts apparently did not meet with his approval, so that a third attempt became necessary.

I could not help watching him a bit more closely than politeness would allow, but he appeared so earnest and particular in the wording of the troublesome telegram that I inferred it must relate to a matter of deep importance.

After the completion of his third attempt, he regarded the result with something akin to misgiving, and for a moment or two it looked as though he would once more have to rewrite it in a different fashion.

He was still in this state of indecision, when I had occasion to answer a call on the wire. The moment I was disengaged I arose to receive the expected telegram. He had pushed a single sheet just within the trellis work, which shielded the opening, and now stood with his back to the window, leisurely awaiting my pleasure.

Quite naturally I picked up the blank, and was about to check the words in order that 1 might compute the tariff charge, when I was surprised to see that it was no telegram at all, but simply a note, and that it was apparently intended for me.

"Any eight-hour jobs up in the air waiting for a first-class pilot about the size of yours truly, J. Rufus Banks."

It certainly did not look like a very imposing bit of work for a third attempt, but I had to acknowledge that it had the merit of being lucid and pointed, answering the purpose almost better than a more lengthy composition would have done.

My first feeling upon reading it was one of genuine amazement. The writer was far trom being a stranger to me; in fact, we had worked the same office on the U. P. less than five years previously, I holding it down days while he held the owl trick. I knew him for a good, generous-hearted boy, and a brilliant telegrapher, with but one apparently unconquerable failing, which was that he soon grew tired of a place, and, consequently hied himself to pastures new at the earliest opportunity.

I had a momentary impulse to go out to the waiting room and shake an arm off while recalling our old friendship. Prudence suggested, however, that I go slow, as there was no saying how much five years might have changed his nature—and there was that cigarette habit of his, which was certainly a new and undesirable acquisition.

"Well, J. Rufus, I believe we have met before," I said, tapping him gently on the shoulder.

He turned, somewhat startled in manner, and looked at me in a very dubious way.

"You have the advantage of me, all right," he said at last, sheepishly, "but do you know I thought I had run across you before, and I went through a whole lot of smokes trying to get the inside of my lid to bring back the lost thread."

"That's a bad habit, Rufe, and you ought to cut it out," I remarked, without apparently caring to enlighten him.

"O, I don't do much of it as a general thing, but I can't afford anything better just now," and then, in a half-frightened way, he continued: "Say, pard, you got anything against me in any way—that is, do I owe you any money or anything, or—O, well, where or when did you meet me before?"

I shook my head, smilingly.

"No; you don't owe me anything more than about twenty-seven hours of time, as near as I can remember, when we worked at Sinclair on the U. P. about five years ago."

A look of great relief spread over his face.

"Forget it, Billy, old boy, and put her there," he said, laughingly extending his hand. "Gee, but you had me guessing, all right. Wouldn't have remembered you in a hundred years. But say, it seems to me that Maryland and Nebraska are pretty far distant from each other, so it's no great wonder that I couldn't place you."

To abridge the matter somewhat, I told him about the opening on the D. & N. staff of dispatchers, and, nervy as ever, he already saw himself holding down the chair.

Having been ousted from a position at a small station on one of the Southern roads through a reduction of the force and seniority rights, he, as might have been expected, was quite broke in the way of legal tender wealth. This trifling circumstance, however, did not appear to make him feel the least bit uncomfortable, as he had an unusually hopeful disposition, and the future always looked exceedingly bright to his mind.

After considerable beating about the bush he asked for the loan of a trifling sum so that he might make himself a bit more presentable, while interviewing the superintendent of the D. & N. Of course there was no refusing so slight a favor; and, very shortly afterwards, he set off with a light heart to land the job.

And land it he did, as I learned the very next day, when he once more appeared at the office looking quite different from that on his first visit.

I naturally expressed some surprise at the improvement in his appearance, while at the same time congratulating him on securing the position.

The good fortune had apparently thrown him into a philosophical mood. Pulling out a new pipe he carefully filled it with tobacco, without spilling a single grain, ap-

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plied a match, took a few preliminary puffs, then drew out a new watch, and looked at it in a thoughtful way.

"Yes, I made connection with the job, all right, Billy, and I'm much obliged for your help. Money may be the root of all evil, but just the same a little bit of the stuff goes a long way when it's used right. I don't want you to think that I'm stuck on myself, but I'll wager that I look fully 100 per cent better than I did; and nothing but the one fifty you loaned me did the trick."

A few more puffs at his pipe in an appreciative way, and another glance at his watch.

"I made it fly, all right, Billy, but I don't believe anyone could have done much better. Now, let's see—a new watch—not up to the standard, perhaps, but it will do for the present—that's ninety cents; a new clean collar, fifteen cents; a patch on one shoe, and a good shine, fifteen cents more; a fairly decent pipe and some tobacco, thirty cents; and that ate up the whole bank account. Maybe, you think that I shouldn't have wasted any on the smoke apparatus, but, Billy, to give it to you straight, that will have to be pretty nearly my breakfast, dinner and supper until I get a bit more settled."

All this was appetizing food for serious thought. A forcible example of frugality with a vengeance.

"I had no trouble in qualifying for the job at all. Fact is, the super. didn't stand on much ceremony after I had spun my little tale of woe. I gave him a long list of my experiences, which, as you may not know, included everything from an O. S. job at a water tank station to that of copier in a dispatcher's office. I didn't like to tell him that I also once held a job as trainmaster of a two-mule branch road for two whole days, as he might have got under the impression that my shoe soles had been accommodatingly greased so that I could gracefully slide down and out."

To save a match for the future, he had to give his pipe a bit of attention.

"No; and I didn't have to fall back on my lively imagination, either, as the truth answered the purpose quite well. Probably the super. thinks he struck a gold mine in me, so I'll try not to disappoint him. He gave me a pass good over the whole road, and I'm down here to post up on the layout of things in general. I'm to get acquainted as soon as possible, so I'll have to be going. You'll see me again first chance I get; and don't think that I'll forget your kindness in a hurry."

With one more glance at his watch, in which he seemed to feel a foolish pride, he left me. His very apparent enthusiasm appeared to augur well, and I was more than half inclined to believe that he would make good in his new position.

But an unkind fate would have it otherwise. I was indulging in a jejune vagary, and my dream of the future prosperity of J. Rufus Banks was soon to be rudely shattered.

Just about ten days had passed when the near dispatcher once again dropped in on me. He was quite as cheerful as ever; the same buoyant, hopeful look shone from his eyes; but I could not help discerning some undercurrent of expression, an intangible something, which seemed to spell disaster for his present hopes.

As a sort of preamble, and also as an evidence of confidence well placed, he handed over the exact amount of his former loan.

"There you are, Billy; many thanks to you for the favor. I may as well tell you that I am moving further north. Fact is, the D. & N. crowd is too conservative for me, and I had to drop the job. It seemed a shame to do it, as I had the entire road down pat, knew every inch of track, and was ready to tackle the work itself, but my efforts were not appreciated.

"Hang it, anyhow! I went to more trouble to learn the layout of the D. & N. than if I had been trying to qualify for the job of railroad commissioner of the United States."

His outraged feelings as of a grievous wrong inflicted almost overcame him. It became necessary for him to employ the sedative influence of his pipe before proceeding further.

"Perhaps you know as much about the D. & N. as I now do. At any rate you

know that there is no such thing as a main line on the whole pike; nothing but about a dozen small branches, all starting at nowhere in particular, and hitting each other on the way back to places equally as important, so that there are really more junctions and terminals than anything else.

"Well, each morning the super. would give me a note, showing what part of the blooming old system he wanted me to cover that day, and I tried to give him satisfaction as far as my constitution would stand. I managed to get over the road the best way I could; sometimes on drill engines, often on the tail end of freight or passenger trains, and, occasionally, I indulged in the luxury of walking over the picturesque roadbed.

"I think it was the third day I was out when I came to a little shed that looked like a watch box or tool shanty. Anyhow, two single tracks crossed there at grade, and I wondered what kind of a joint I had run up against.

"There wasn't a soul around, and no house in sight, so I made bold enough to try the door; and, sure enough, it wasn't locked. It didn't need to be for that matter, as there was nothing there worth stealing. Only some kind of a register book chained up against the wall, and a telephone, with a list of calls tacked up alongside of it.

"While looking over the latter, I saw that I could reach most any point on the D. & N., and as the superintendent's office seemed to be on the line, I thought it would be a good plan to call him up, and let him know that I was on the job, all right enough.

"To make sure that I wasn't butting in on any conversation, I first took down the receiver and listened for at least a minute. Nothing doing, Billy, so I rang two long and three short a couple of times, then waited for developments. While I was awaiting their arrival I couldn't help thinking of the calls I had just given; "23" it would be as a fire alarm signal, you know, and I wondered why someone didn't have sense enough to change it to something less humorous.

"I guess the super. was busy; anyhow I rang the combination about nineteen times more, then had to quit as my arm was tired.

To sort of balance my anatomy I took down the receiver with the other hand, and began whistling 'Coming Through the Rye.'

"I had just got through with the chorus after the first verse, when someone shouts in my left ear: 'Who is that?'

"It struck me that the joker was mighty inquisitive, and I didn't approve of that on general principles, so I said: 'You're not used to hearing classical tunes like that in this part of the country, are you?'

"'Blame the tune. Who are you?' came back that rumble-dum-dum of a voice.

"'I don't like to introduce myself to a stranger, as there's no knowing but what you might try to get credit at some bar in my name,' I said, nice and gentle like.

"'Confound your impudence,' roared the unknown. 'Tell me who and where you are, or you'll be sorry for this.'

"'Worse and worse,' I sighed. 'Really, I can't tell you anything until I know more about you.'

"'Weren't you ringing for the superintendent's office?' bellowed that beautiful voice.

"'I was, yes; but I couldn't raise L'

"Well, no wonder you couldn't, when you didn't sign your office call. Tell what you want and be quick about it.'

"'And why should I tell you?' I snapped back at him.

"Because this is the superintendent's office, smarty, and I can't fool with you any longer."

"'Well, of course, I'm not in a position to prove you a liar, but I know one thing, dead sure, and that is that the superintendent hasn't got a voice like a rusty, cast-iron fog horn as you have. Is he in?'

"Weeping willows! Why, Billy, for the next half minute I thought that receiver would melt in my hand. The sensitive plate on which the sound vibrates actually got hot, and I'm sure all the apple blossoms within half a mile of the wire were scorched. Suddenly he regained his equilibrium.

"'He's busy, but this is Palmer, chief clerk. What do you desire?"

"'I am surprised to hear a man in your position indulge in such reckless profanity,' I said, reprovingly.

"Gee! I have to smile when I think of the way that fellow carried on. Guess the super. heard him, too, for just then his voice floated over the line.

"This is Mr. Towns; what can I do for you? he said in a bored sort of way.

"'Good afternoon, Mr. Towns,' I said, very affably. 'This is Banks, the new dispatcher. Thought I'd call you up to let you know that I was on the job.'

"I could hear a suppressed chuckle, but I couldn't figure out whether he was laughing at me or his chief clerk.

"'And where are you now, Mr. Banks?' he asked.

"'Guess the answer, and you win,' I said, truthfully enough. 'There's no label on the shack, and I don't believe there's any natives within a mile or so. The only living things I have seen in the last hour were a crow and a couple of sparrows, but there's a skunky smell in the neighborhood, perhaps you can tell by that just where I'm at,' I suggested.

"'No witticisms, please,' he said, a bit tartly. 'You are on the Plymouth Branch today, are you not?'

"'Yes, sir; about five miles this side of Shoretown.'

"'Then you must be at Stanley Junction. Just wait there until about 6 o'clock, then you can ride in on 91 freight.' he said.

"Well, I looked at my watch and saw that would mean more than two hours of a solitary wait in that nameless, forsaken hole, and I didn't like the idea for a cent. Besides I had on a series of pool games for that evening, and I needed the money, so I wanted to get in early. You see, I knew that by walking back about a mile I could catch a trolley and make my point.

"'I am sorry, Mr. Towns, but I have an important engagement for tonight, and if I wait for 91 it will bring me to town too late,' I objected.

"Well, Mr. Banks, just remember that you are under salary, and that we expect you to devote the necessary time to our interests.'

"This was news to me, and I bit like a fresh water sucker.

"'Glad to hear it, but really I was not aware of the fact. May I ask what salary I am receiving?'

"'We decided to start you at fifty, but, of course, we will do much better in a few months if we find that you can do the work in a manner satisfactory to us,' was the encouraging reply.

"Gee, Billy, it didn't look as though they would have to float a loan to pay me my salary; but I wasn't in a position to kick. The only good thing about it was that I had three days pay coming to me, and that seemed like getting money from home. Yes, my personal financial depression was so great that a nickel looked like big money to me just then.

"Well, to cut that part of it short, I didn't wait for 91, but I left a note in the register for the conductor, saying that if the old man asked any questions he was to say that I rode in on his train. Then I made a bird line for the trolley; and between my pass and my bit of nerve, made the ride to town, and got there in titme to make a couple of dollars at pool.

"The next morning I dropped in on the super. and asked for an advance on my salary, as I needed expense money. He wasn't a bit mean about it, as he handed over a ten spot as nice as you please.

"When I started out for that day's stunt I felt pretty good, as might be expected. An elopement with a prospective heiress wouldn't have been any inducement for me to stray from the narrow path of duty while all that good money was in my clothes.

"Everything went swimmingly till along in the afternoon, when I got to a place called 'Dupont Junction.' It was pretty near a twin sister to the junction where I had been stranded the day before. The point, however, was that I was supposed to walk from this blot in the landscape to headquarters. Now, Billy, as you know, I don't mind walking as long as I have a good chum, or, better still, a nice girl to keep me company, but the idea of footing it over that bum roadbed for an unknown number of miles didn't suit J. Rufus very considerable.

"There was nothing else to do, so I made the start in good style, and the way I pedestrined over those ties would have been worth your while to see.

"I guess I must have walked about five miles, when I spied a native with an old cow ambling along behind him at rope's length. When I got real close to him I asked him how far it was to headquarters at Allerton.

"I think, may be, he was a church member and hated to tell a lie offhand. At any rate he brought old brindle to a stop, reached in his hip pocket, drew out a plug of tobacco, cut a square inch off of it, and stowed it away in his jaw. Then he considered for a time, and finally said that it was eight or ten, or perhaps eleven miles along the railroad, but if I took the next road crossing the tracks and turned to my left, it wouldn't be much more than six or seven, or perhaps eight miles.

"Gee! I almost felt homesick for Nebraska and the prairie dogs when I heard that. Well, the country road was good enough for mine, so I let the railroad take care of itself. Best of it was I caught a ride on a wagon and rode almost all the way in.

"A couple of days after that came Saturday, and with it my route as laid out by the super. to cover the last two stretches of the road. He was anxious for me to get finished with this inspection business so I could sit down at the key and hammer away in good earnest. So was I for that matter, as this continuous traveling wasn't as much of a sinecure as it might appear.

"But, for a fact, he wanted me to do a good and plenty spurt on that wind-up, and I guess that's why the plan didn't pan out well. I was to go to Lanesboro by passenger train, walk four miles over a cut-off to Clinton and catch a freight train from there going over the Delaware Division to the eastern terminal at Union City. He gave me to understand that this division was a very important one, and he wanted me to take particular care in noting the location of the sidings. I was to stay in Union City over Sunday, and take a passenger train back to Allerton on Monday morning.

"Well, I got to Lanesboro, all right, of course. Then I footed it over the four

miles of half-rotten ties and arrived at Clinton as per schedule.

Here he gave a shrug of disgust at the recollection and took several hungry puffs at his pipe, apparently without discovering that it had gone out.

"Say, Billy, I have seen several places in my wanderings over the United States of America that didn't deserve a name; and Clinton was surely the worst of the bunch. There weren't more than three or four houses, and about twice as many people, not counting the kids, which were numerous enough to suit even Teddy.

"I wasn't there ten minutes before I was afflicted with that fashionable disease the idle rich always suffer from; I mean that bored, tired feeling with the Frenchified name—ennui. The old, rickety bench in the shack of a station looked inviting in comparison with the undiscovered beauties of that metropolis, so I lay down for a rest.

"Along about 6 o'clock I was awakened from a six hours' sleep by the arrival of that freight train which happened to be about half a day late on her schedule. The super. couldn't expect me to see much after dark, so I didn't bother my head about it at all.

"Well, say, there was a fine gang running that freight, all right, and we didn't do a thing but play poker in the caboose till near midnight. When I quit I was about five plunks ahead; and that lovely ten spot still whole in my pocket.

"Seemed to me I had earned another rest, so I lay down on a cushion and slept the sleep of the just till we struck Union City, about 4 o'clock in the morning.

"I had a suspicion that the crowd was a bit sore on me for cleaning up their loose change; anyhow, they didn't stand on any ceremony about telling me to get out, as they wanted to lock up and go home. Of course there was nothing for it but to crawl out and make the best of it. The air was cool down there along the bay front, all right, and me dressed in light clothes.

"Well, I couldn't get into a hotel at that hour of the morning, so I prowled around the town a while, and finally saw some people coming along and followed them. "Next thing I knew I was inside a church, and I tell you it felt nice and comfortable in there. I was wishing the services would last till the sun got in its fine work on the frosty atmosphere, but it didn't hold out quite that long.

"It was daylight, though, when I hit the street once more; and I thought it would be a good idea to walk down to the D. & N. yards and look over things so I'd be at liberty if anything turned up later in the day.

"They have a nice bunch of tracks in that town, all right; coal docks, iron wharves and all the rest of it you know. But I couldn't see what a train dispatcher wanted to bother his head about such stuff for, so I cut it real short and looked around for something to eat, which was much more to my taste.

"Guess you've never been there, Billy, but anyhow, right across from the D. & N. round-house there's a good-sized hotel, and that's where I landed with both feet. You could tell it was Sunday because the bar room was closed, but the cafe was doing business, and I shoved in an order that would have looked good even in a place like Delmonico's. I made it big on purpose so that it would take a long time to fill it, and I wasn't disappointed in my expectations.

"What I wanted was to pass away a couple of hours, as I had time to burn. Those chaps know whether a fellow is hungry or not, all right enough. If he's near starved and in a hurry he'll order a few things that the waiter can bring right back with him, but if he wants to dine merely for the sake of eating and killing time, he'll order a lot of fancy dishes with a dozen trimmings or so as a side issue.

"The place started to fill up long before I got half started with my feast; and it didn't take me long to catch on to the fact that most of the customers ordered something stronger than coffee with their grub.

"I felt flush that day and I wanted company, so to make myself solid with the crowd I ordered a dozen Manhattans and a pint each of port and sherry. The waiter gave me the wink and filled the order in jig time, "I made several Manhattans disappear in one, two, three order, then sampled the wines. It didn't take me long to warm up, and when I did my heart felt as big as an elephant's ear. I invited the crowd over to my table, and told them to help themselves. They did, too, Billy, and I was the popular idol of the town for the time being you can just bet.

"Funny how good liquor affects some men, isn't it? No; nobody got drunk, but we talked a lot just the same. Guess you know I'm pretty glib with my tongue at any time, but when I get a couple of drinks in my tank, I can beat the best of them.

"Maybe I talked too much, but anyhow the crowd looked good to me, so I up and told them all about the D. & N., and what great changes and improvements I was going to have made just as soon as I got back to the general offices.

"I remember telling them I'd make Union City as big a port as Philadelphia, and that in a year's time the big ocean liners could save a hundred-mile trip up the bay by discharging their cargoes and passengers right at Union City instead of feeling their way up that shallow river to the Quaker City.

"I had everything my own way for a couple of hours, and it was getting close to noon, with the crowd growing larger all the time. Perhaps some of those natives thought I was Harriman or some other railroad magnate. At any rate, no one had the cheek to interrupt me until I sprung the yarn about making Union City the export terminus for all the large Southern roads to save a day's time in ocean freights to Europe. When I was expanding on this beautiful theory some fellow shouted out loud and clear:

"'Won't you please tell us who you are?"
"Sure I would, and I did by saying: 'I'm
Banks, the new dispatcher. Who might
you be?"

"'I might be a fool the same as you, if I'd be foolish enough to get drunk, but I'm not; I'm only Palmer, the superintendent's chief clerk,' then he laughed very insultingly.

"Billy, I was stung, and I knew it. I sobered up mighty quick, and I made myself scarce, with the crowd hooting at me

for fair as long as I was in sight and hearing.

"I rode trolleys nearly all the rest of the day, and I got back to Allerton about the time I was supposed to leave Union City. I felt a bit shaky when I stepped into the superintendentt's office about 10 o'clock Monday morning, and when I asked if there was anything doing, he jumped up, excited like, and says:

"'Yes, you can have your time. Mr. Palmer, in the next room, will attend to you; then get out, and never show up again.'

"Say, I thought that man, Palmer, would rub it into me good and hard, having such a lovely opportunity, but he didn't say a word; only handed me a check for the couple of dollars coming to me, after deducting the advance I had received.

"Well, Billy, here comes a freight my way, so I'll follow the bluebirds further north. I'm off; so long! See you again some day," and that was the last I expected to see of J. Rufus Banks for some time to come.

# WHY DYE LEFT VALENCIA.

By "RD."

A FTER spending three months' savings in three days at the St. Louis World's Fair I proceeded to hunt work.

I arrived at Topeka, Kansas, one evening and braced Chief Dispatcher W. M. McCormick for a job. He gave me a pass to Valencia, Kansas, the first telegraph office west of Topeka, on the Rock Island, telling me that the man that I was to relieve there had resigned on account of hearing peculiar noises in the depot at night.

I arrived at Valencia that night about 2 a. m. on a freight train and found an operator there (Mr. Blount) keeping company with plenty of artillery. Blount was an old friend of mine, having met up with him several times before. After customary greetings such as "Glad to see you, old pal, where have you been since they canned you on the Big Four," etc., our conversation drifted on to his troubles there. He told me that there was something that made all

kinds of noises there; said the blooming thing even talked sometimes. I paid little attention to his ghost story, as I thought he was trying to play a joke on me.

I stayed with Blount until morning. We heard nothing but some rats in the freight room, and when it became light I found my place of business to be a lonesome spot, bounded on one side by the Kansas River, and on the other by a strip of woods, with the City of Valencia about a quarter of a mile from the depot, which consisted of a few houses and two stores. This situation did not exactly suit me, as I am not in possession of an over-abundance of that stuff they call nerve, but I decided that as long as I did not see anything out of the ordinary I would stay.

The next night about 6 o'clock Blount left, trying to get me to go to Texas with him, but I told him that I did not believe in ghosts and would stick it out anyway until I got a stake.

That night those rats gave me a reception in honor of my arrival that would have done justice to a king. It started with a game of tag overhead with everybody it, and wound up with a free-for-all fight in the freight room, over a bag of corn. Some of those rats were as large as a small dog; it is impossible to distinguish a thoroughbred Kansas rat from a jack rabbit, without looking at their tails.

The next night my troubles commenced. About 8 o'clock I copied a wait order for an extra and being a "ham," I had to copy the order over, lighting my pipe with the original copy. The extra came, got the order and went on and in about five minutes, as I thought, I heard it thunder, the earth trembled and all the wires went down, and in about fifteen minutes several cows and horses went by on the track, bellowing, squealing and kicking. I wondered if I was dreaming. A little later a brakeman came in covered with blood, said that the extra and No. 95 had hit about a mile and a half from Valencia, for me to hold all trains, that he was going back to do what he could for an engineer that was still alive, and that everybody else were dead.

Well, I had copied the order for the extra, and had copied it over, and naturally

supposed that I had caused the wreck. It is easy to imagine my feelings about then, as I supposed I had caused several people to be killed which made me feel like changing residences.

If the wires had been going I could have listened to them, but I had to sit there and listen to a hoot-owl and those rats.

After awhile the rats seemed to become quiet, and as I was wondering if they would put me in jail, I heard a sweet voice say: "Where is my darling boy?" Oh, Lord, I had killed somebody's darling boy. Goodbye, the window was open, through it I made my exit head first and went to town. I didn't run fast; I didn't have time. I would just touch the ground now and then and float along in the air.

I woke up the agent and told him about the wreck, but did not tell him about the ghost. I knew he wouldn't believe me; he woke everybody else, and we all returned to the depot, some going on to the wreck.

About 8 o'clock the next morning I went out to the wreck, which was the worst one I have ever seen. No. 95 was a stock train, about 200 head of stock were killed and injured, some getting away alive. The tank of the extra succeeded in straddling the telegraph wires, and thence into the Kansas River.

The customary investigation was held the following day, which terminated in the dispatcher being held to be at fault. Of couse I was elated over this and returned to work.

The depot at Valencia sets back about seven feet from the main line.

Fast passenger trains do not stop at Valencia

The next night after I returned to work, as the fast west-bound mail was going by, I was sitting at my desk when biff! crash! all the window panes broke, the glass flying all over me and a foot came through the window, hitting me in the face, which broke my nose, and removed two of my front teeth. I am not bothered with heart trouble, but the old pump refused to work for a minute or so. I took the lantern and went out and found the iron ladder on the semaphore pole bent all out of shape, and some blood on the platform. Following the blood

I found a woman laying on the ground at end of the platform, which was about five feet from the ground; so I jumped down, lighting on a large nail which went through my foot, coming out through the top of my shoe. I tried to pull the nail out of my foot, but I did not have strength enough to do so. In about ten minutes the passenger train came backing up, and a sheriff claimed the poor woman, whom he said was crazy, and that he was taking her to an asylum. She had asked him to get her some fruit, and while he was in the other car she had raised a window and jumped out, just as the train was passing the station, hitting the semaphore pole. The woman was dead, so they carried her back on the train and went on.

My foot and nose pained me considerably all night, and should have been bathed. There was plenty of water in the freight room, but I was afraid to go in after it. I was expecting every minute that the ghost would go to talking about its darling crazy girl. I actually believe that if anything else would have happened that night I would have pased into "the place provided for railroad men when they die."

I figured that if the ghost showed up I would not be able to qualify in a sprint, so I went to the company hospital at Topeka the next morning.

My injured foot proved to be more serious than expected, and I was at the hospital three weeks, confined to my bed part of the time.

Every time I would go to sleep I would dream of wrecks, ghosts and crazy people.

While I was confined to bed I was provided with a nurse, who was the prettiest girl I have ever seen, and we got to be good friends.

The doctor told me one morning that I was all O. K., so I went to say good-bye to Daisy. As she gave me her hand she said: "Ralph, if you ever have those teeth replaced, you may write to me; I don't care anything about the nose."

I had decided to return to Valencia and try it again. I went up to the dispatcher's office, and McCormick sent me back, saying that the office had been closed since I had been gone; that he was short of operators, and that no one seemed to be anxious to have my job.

I returned to work, and that night the same passenger train that the crazy woman had jumped from ran over a drunken man coming into Valencia, who had fallen asleep on the track. They brought him in the office and laid him on the agent's desk in the rear of the room. They said he told them before he died that he lived at Valencia. One of his arms was completely off, and one leg hung by a few strings of flesh. The arm they laid on his body.

Now a dead man is all right in his place, but his place ain't with me, and I decided he had to leave there or I would. I told the dispatcher what had happened, and asked him to be out about forty minutes. He told me I could go as soon as No. 92 was by; that they would be there in about ten minutes. I sat down and waited. The operators along the line heard what I had told the dispatcher, and they kept me busy with: "Look out, he's after you," "Watch him," "Look in his pocket and see if he has any whisky left," etc. This made me nervous. How I wished that train would come. I knew anyone there would recognize him and would have him taken home. I intended to wake up the people at the first house I came to.

Finally the train came and departed and I started to report it to the dispatcher, when I heard something fall. Looking around I found the arm had rolled off on the floor. I went back and started to pick it up when my knee bumped against the desk. This caused his head to fall over, his mouth fell open, and his eyes rolled around toward me slowly and just then that same voice said: "Tonight."

This time I went through the ticket window, my coat catching on a nail in the ticket case, pulling it through after me. I landed on a dog that had gone to sleep in the waiting room, and the ticket case on me. I thought it was the dead man. When I finally got to my feet I was headed toward Topeka, up the track.

I went about a half mile when I came up to the caboose of the freight train, which had stopped on the hill to blow up. I made that half mile in exactly the same time I made the quarter the night of the wreck. As I passed the flagman he says: "Hey, there, mister, what you running so fast for?" I didn't answer him, but I thought to myself, "Oh, how I wish I could fly."

When I got in the caboose I noticed something in my hands. Holding them up I saw the dog's tail in one and a ticket punch in the other. Poor dog.

I went to Topeka on the freight. The next morning I resigned, got my money, and went to the Block wire to tell Brown, the agent, why I had left. I then told him what I had heard the ghost say. He asked me again to repeat it just as I heard it. I did so. He opened the key and asked me to wait a minute. He came back and said: "If you will come out here I will show you the ghost."

I went out on the evening train and when Brown saw me he just looked at me and laughed, and then took me in the office and pointed at a talking machine, and then pointed to the freight room and said: "It was in there." He then started the machine to going, and it sang the song, "Where is My Darling Boy Tonight?"

I scratched my head and thought.

"What you reckon made the thing talk by itself?" I asked.

"Must have been those rats," he replied.

Daisy says supper is ready, and G. R., Jr., is crying, so adios.

## REMINISCENCE A LA EXTRAVA-GANZA.

DUSINESS was somewhat dull in "X" office upon this particular afternoon. The Dynamiter had wandered through the "Woods," but, except the occasional chirp of a sounder calling, all was clear and peaceful. He had finished the rounds of the different quads, but no one wanted to "double," and so giving it up as a stale one, he wended his way toward a pony, which happened to be located upon the same table at which his friend, the Boomer, sat.

After the usual "Howdy," and, having eyed each other with much the same air as of two young lovers who know and under-

stand the every thought of the other, they engaged in a kind of a mutual soliloquy, if a series of alternative rumination and expectoration could be so termed.

At length the Boomer blurted out: "Sober?"

"Always, my boy," replied the Dynamiter, who had been making a desperate effort to reform. "Right on the front seat of the water wagon. Be tryin' to beat the 'Shuffer' out of his job next. Still going to the bad, eh?" "Yep," said the Boomer, who was a liberal partaker of the cup that cheers, "still going to the bad."

"Well, it's all your fault, son, all your fault. You know what Shakespeare says: There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood—'"

"Enough, 'tis false," broke in the Boomer, "I took my tide at the flood once, and by the Shade of Jehosophat, I haven't had a dry day since."

Thus their conversation drifted, as it usually did, the all-important water wagon forming a means of opening wide the gate to the broad rich fields of their experiences. For, be it known, both the Boomer and the Dynamiter had been every place, they knew everybody and neither could tell a yarn that the other could not match.

A rather long silence followed, when the Dynamiter broke out again. "Say, did you know Napoleon Bonaparte? Used to work there in Paris, you know. Learned the business down in Corsica—"

"Old 'NB'? Sure Mike! Used to room with him there in Gay Paree. Yes, I knew Nape well. You know, we used to work the Rome bonus together. He was a swell operator, but was rather inclined to fight on the wire, somewhat of an all round scrapper. Got in a mix-up with that man Wellington, from England-mixed it pretty lively there for a while, over some girl, I guess, when old Welly got a half Nelson on Nape and put the old scout all to the bad. You know 'NB' tried to get away with his share of the stakes, but they caught him before he made his get-away good and sent him to some God-forsaken place-Helena, Mont., wasn't it?—to spend the rest of his days. Yep, poor ole Napey certainly had his share of rough luck."

As the Boomer finished his little discourse he gave each of his trouser legs a hitch, in a self-satisfied way, and took another chew.

"Yes, sir; Nape did have it rather rough, I'll admit," came back the Dynamiter, "but I used to know a guy there in Rome, who would make old 'NB' look like a four-flusher. Julius Cæsar, signed 'J,' you know. He used to copy the Jerusalem wire for the Associated Press. Good man. too. Know him?"

"Well, I should say. I used to work in Jerusalem and send the stuff to 'J.' Knew him personally, too. Nice fellow—'J' was."

"Yes, Julius was a nice fellow, all right; as fine an old pioneer as ever came down the pike. He was a good-lookin', roughneck, popular with the ladies, and always ready and willing to help a man out of a tight place—belonged to the O. R. T., you know. He was a game fellow, too, and quite a scrapper, like 'NB.' Heard one of the fellows say one day that he had a good deal of Gaul; don't know about that, though. · He was quite a gambler in the early part of his career. Used to own several gambling dives there in Rome before the W. C. T. U. started all that prohibition business. Well, when they had at last succeeded in putting the lid on good and tight it was up to Julius to hie him thither where he wouldst not. So he hikes away up into the northern part of Italy and starts a gambling den there upon the bank of some river. the Rubicon, I believe. Used to be lots of the fellows go up there every payday and spend their spon with Julius. you've heard about how Cæsar cast the die on the Rubicon.

"'J' used to have it pretty bad about a little dark-haired, brown-eyed woman operator who used to work down in Egypt, named Cleopatra, signed 'CP.' She certainly was a swell looker and always kept dressed right up to the latest fashion, and all that, but she couldn't telegraph. Couldn't get anything and couldn't make anything. Anyway, Julius fell madly in love with the lady and used to lay off every once in a while and take the excursion boat over to Cairo to call on the lady, and I guess he would have married the girl if he

hadn't met with such an untimely fate. You know history says that Cæsar was assassinated with swords. That's all rot. This is how it really happened. There used to be a beanery just across the street from the office there in Rome, where Brutus, Cassius and all that bunch used to eat. Now all these guys took a dislike to Julius, because they thought that he had a little heavier drag than they did, and got out a whole lot of rot about Julius wanting to run for mayor or king or something like that at the spring election. Well, they got their heads together and decided that they would put Julius out of the game. So after a good deal of intrigue and some strategy they induced Julius to come over to the beanery for lunch one day. Now 'J' was just a little bit higher strung than the rest of the bunch and usually ate down town at the Y. M. C. A.—couldn't stand the grub at the beanery. So, after they had gotten Julius into the beanery, Cassius ordered him two over, well done. 'J' was a game old dog, all right, and ate the dope without a whimper. But the moment he had swallowed the stuff he became deathly sick,; he turned white as a sheet and his eyes rolled in his head. He looked at Brutus, who happened to be sitting beside him, and exclaimed, 'Et two, Brute!' and fell to the floor a dead man. His friend, Mark Antony-"

"Man on the second," rang out a voice on "GO." So the Dynamiter reluctantly arose, adjusted his necktie, took another chew and went to work, while the Boomer peacefully continued the blissful mastication of his cud.

#### **REAL RAILROAD STORIES.**

By Albert H. Modricker.

HAVE danced on the grave of the man who was my worst enemy, and I've thus fulfilled a vow I made nearly twenty years ago!"

The foregoing assertion was made by a well-dressed man to an acquaintance at the union depot in Chicago, in the hearing and presence of the writer, who was then awaiting the arrival of a train to take him to his home in Indiana. I may remark, incidentally, that I am also a stenographer by

profession, and being a little rusty for want of reporting practice, and, moreover, being always on the qui vive for anything that will furnish material for a new story, I whipped out my note book and pencil—the time-honored, though chestnutty earmarks of my profession—my newspaper instinct at once scenting a story. Naturally, curiosity was aroused by those who had heard the remark quoted, and, being pressed for details, the gentleman continued:

"As I have just stated, I've lived to dance on the grave of the man who was my worst enemy, and, to accomplish this purpose, I traveled from my home, Veedersburg, Indiana, and I am going back satisfied. To make a long story short, I will add:

"I became involved in a business deal when quite young and inexperienced, and was robbed by a merchant of my last penny, and who turned a deaf ear to all my appeals for mercy. He was clearly within the law, but almost any man would have given an ambitious youngster another chance. When he laughed at me I told him I would live to dance on his grave, and he laughed again.

"Five years ago he retired from business and came to Chicago; six weeks ago he died. When I heard of his death I remembered my oath. The world is using me well, and neither expense nor time interfered with a determination to fulfill my pledge. I came here Saturday, and Sunday went to the cemetery where my enemy is buried. When I found the burial plot I waited until there were few persons near by, then slipped over the iron railing and did a dozen steps on the newly-made grave. I must confess that I felt better right away. That's all, gentlemen," he concluded, as he made a "run" for his train, which was ready to leave.

As I have intimated, the writer was also awaiting a train. This presently appeared, and boarding it, I was soon safely seated in one of the coaches. I "picked up" some material for a few sketches, and, as already indicated, it is the purpose of this article to tell them.

Having comfortably seated myself, and the "newsboy" on the train appearing, I bought a copy of *Evening News*, and one of the first articles that arrested my attention, after carefully reading and looking over the editorial page, was captioned:

"ENGINEER RESCUES BABE.

"CRAWLS FROM PILOT AND SNATCHES LITTLE ONE FROM PERIL.

"Special Dispatch to ———

"Evansville, Ind., Mar. —.—While an engine on the Evansville & Newburg Suburban road at Newburg, Indiana, was coming down a steep grade from a coal mine at a rapid speed today, Engineer George Burke saw Stella Peters, aged three, standing on the track. He reversed the engine, but saw he could not stop in time, so he crawled out on the pilot and snatched the little one up just in time to save her at the imminent risk of his own life."

The writer would remark that, although the engineer risked his life in this instance, at least he had the satisfaction and happiness of realizing and knowing that he was instrumental and fortunate enough in saving a human life, but to see his only son fall between the cars and know that he is in charge of the engine that is to crush out the life of him without possibility of his doing something, is vastly different, but such was the awful experience that came to one Bartlett Ballou, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

As near as I can recollect from reading an account of the awful incident in the daily papers, Ballou and his son were working on a new branch of the Wisconsin Central. At 6 o'clock they were going into camp, Ballou's engine pushing several cars—flat cars—with fifty men and Ballou's son aboard. The boy was acting as brakeman. He saw another engine ahead and started back to flag his father. As he did so he fell between the cars and the train passed over him, killing him instantly.

Ballou saw his son stumble, throw up his hands, and drop out of sight between the cars. He reversed and put on the air, but his boy had been crashed to death.

Speaking of the locomotive crushing out the life of human beings, in the same coach with me was a railroad engineer—the driver of a passenger train—and, getting into conversation with him, the subject of killing people in the manner indicated having been "touched" upon, he remarked:

"Yes, indeed, I've run over a few people in my time—I mean, of course, with the locomotive—and, you may be sure, it is not a pleasant sensation, no matter how unavoidable on one's part. The chills and creepy feelings that come over one under such circumstances are really awful. I have also hit persons who were bent on destroying themselves.

"I recall an incident of that kind that came in my way not so long ago; and, come to think of it, it seems to me that, to throw one's self in front of a swiftly-moving train would naturally be supposed to be a certain method of committing suicide. However, one Glenn Evans, of Pittsburg, Pa., can give evidence that the efficacy of even that route to the great beyond has its limitations.

"I understand that Glenn Evans, who is only twenty-one years old, returned to school at the opening of the term, only to find that he had suffered complete loss of memory and ability to study. Becoming despondent, he left school, and while walking along the track, he suddenly decided upon suicide as the only way to end his troubles. Accordingly, he deliberately threw himself in front of the train I was then controlling.

"You may imagine my feelings, if you can. However, I quickly recovered myself, backed up the train and the young man was picked up, not dead, as I had naturally supposed, but alive! He had been thrown a considerable distance and nearly every stitch of clothing was torn off him.

"Another time I struck a child who rode unharmed on the pilot. The child was hit by my engine as she was trying to save her pet dog which was on the track. For some unaccountable reason, save, perhaps, we were busy with work in the engine—seeing to the mechanism—neither my fireman nor myself saw the child when we struck her. Anyhow, I know that, grasping her curly little dog in her arms, little Anna Lutz—that was her name—a nine-year-old girl, was found sitting on the pilot of our engine as we pulled into a station one night.

The child was the daughter of one J. J. Lutz, a tailor, I understand, residing at present in Chicago."

At the conclusion of the engineer's story, the train had just pulled out of Cedar Lake, and the conductor was on his fare-collecting tour. In the same car with me sat a woman, alone, dressed in deep mourning, her heavy veil having been lifted to allow a breath of air. When the conductor approached her the woman burst into tears. As she cried as if her heart would break, the conductor asked her what was the matter. She sobbed this reply:

"Ten years ago I took my husband over this road to be cremated; five years ago I took my second husband on the same trip to be cremated; and now I am taking my third husband to be consumed to ashes?"

Just then there were heard loud sobs coming from a seat on the opposite side of the car. The conductor turned, and saw another woman crying. Approaching softly, he asked the weeping one:

"What is the matter, madam?"

Taking her handkerchief from her eyes the second one, in tears, answered:

"That woman has husbands to burn, while I can't even get one."

Passing to another coach a little later, I was witness of an incident wherein two fresh drummers were severely "called down." In that particular coach sat a poor Ouakeress. She wore a silver-gray dress, snowy collar and such a sweet hat. She was a big, handsome woman, and her large Madonna face beamed with benevolence and love. A ruby or a diamond ornament would, of course, have marred her beauty. Two fresh, smart young commercial travelers came in the car at a station and sat down just back of her. One could easily observe by their actions that neither of them had had much experience on the road, and a fellow passenger of mine remarked "that it was doubtless their first trip as drummers."

After they had discussed the liquor and tobacco trades for a while, and told each other what large orders they had received in different towns they "had made," they looked at the old woman ahead of them,

smiled at each other, then one of the fresh young snipes said:

"Fred, I guess the old lady is inflated with Quaker yeast."

Turning in her seat without lifting her eyes, the old woman remarked, so low that only a few passengers heard it:

"If thy father and thy mother had consumed more sweet Quaker yeast and less bad beer and tobacco, thee would have been better raised and better bred."

Then it was so still that you could hear the engine pump.

My fellow passenger, seated in the same seat with me, smiled in a knowing way, as much as to say, "a good 'calling down," and then remarked:

"That reminds me of an incident in which I figured, although, of course, not to the extent of the one just witnessed. I had just returned from a Western trip, and though I don't think our American women are spoiled exactly, yet I would like to see more of the Quaker variety, so to speak. Of course, the American beauty is queen of the world, but sometimes they do acquire a peculiar point of view. For instance, the other day, when I left town, I was too late to get a seat in the parlor car, so I went through the coaches, looking for a vacant seat. There was none, but near the middle of one car two women who were sitting together had their luggage and wraps, thus occupying six seats. I asked them to move some of their possessions so I could sit down, but they refused. I called the attention of a husky trainman to the situation, and he promptly made room for me. I took my seat, feeling fairly calm, but their revenge was swift, for one of them said, in a tone intended for all the passengers: 'It is easy to see who had been raised the gentleman!""

At the conclusion of my fellow passenger's story a farmer, who had boarded the train at LaFayette, Ind., and who was decidedly under the influence of liquor, entered from another coach, and after throwing his half-consumed cigar on the floor, sank into a seat and soon was in the arms of god Morpheus. The appearance of this tiller of the soil recalls to the mind of the writer one of the oddest pranks connected

with railroad life that ever came in my way or notice. It was one in which an intoxicated agriculturist wrecked a train on a wager of twenty-five cents—one in which a drunken farmer mounted an engine that was, at the time, without a keeper and ran it into some freight cars. I will not mention the name of the place the incident occurred nor the correct name of the man, as no one was seriously hurt by his escapade, and for the further reason that the man has, since the affair occurred, reformed and is walking in the straight and narrow path.

One day Charles Saunders—that name will do as well as any other—climbed into the cab of a freight engine on the Lake Shore Railroad, and, after crowding on full steam, tried to bunt a work train off a siding. The train and engine were demolished in the collision, and four Italian section hands were injured, but Saunders got off unscathed. He explained that he had made a bet that he "would give the sleepy old town some excitement!"

Saunders drove into town early in the morning, and after hitching his team in front of the postoffice, sauntered forth on a long tour of the saloons, in the course of which he acquired an exhilaration that led him to great ambitions. He offered cheerfully to thrash any man in the "sleepy old town" regardless of weight, color or church affiliations, and when his challenge went unaccepted, cast about for other means of amusement.

After walking up and down the principal street of the town he noticed a large freight locomotive standing on a side track with the steam hissing from the safety valve. The crew had gone to dinner.

"I'm going to wake this old graveyard up—sure thing!" he boasted.

"G'wan, you said that before," jeered a companion, who, of course, as may naturally be supposed, had been drinking quite freely at the expense of the agriculturist.

"I'll bet you two bits I'll give it plenty of excitement in just about ten minutes! Just you watch 'my smoke.' Do you hear?" he questioned, looking around, inquiringly.

He was "heard," the bet was immediately taken, and the farmer lurched in the direc-

tion of the switch yards. He managed to pull himself into the cab of the locomotive, and propping himself against the engineer's seat, began to juggle with the levers. He wrenched the water cocks, shoved over the reverse, and finally pulled out the throttle to the last notch.

The engine sped down the track, gaining speed with every revolution of the driving wheels. Half way down the yards was a siding on which was a construction train. At the rear end was a freight car used as a place to dine by a gang of section men. Inside were six Italian laborers, who were sitting down to a frugal meal of spaghetti and bacon.

Plunging along at the rate of forty miles an hour, the wild engine rushed into the work train, telescoping four cars and piling the Italians in a mass of debris. Four men were injured—not seriously, however—and the engine, as may be supposed, became a mass of twisted iron and steel.

When help came Saunders was climbing out of the wreckage, sobered, but otherwise uninjured. The two Italians who had escaped without injury had dragged their four companions to places of safety and were advancing on the farmer with drawn knives. Saunders took to his heels, regained his team at the postoffice and hastened farmward.

Later Detective Runnels, of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, captured him and brought him to town. He was taken before a judge, who assessed a stiff fine, together with a pretty good jail sentence. Saunders served his term, and, as already indicated, and not to unnecessarily prolong the story, reformed, was forgiven by the Italians, and it is needless to state he has not indulged in such crazy freaks since.

I was nearing hy destination when an elderly woman, all fixed up for travel, got aboard at Peru, Ind. When the conductor came along she gave up her ticket, and he looked at her with wondering eyes.

"Madam," he said, "this is a half ticket."

"Yes," she said, "I know it."

"But you can not ride on it!"

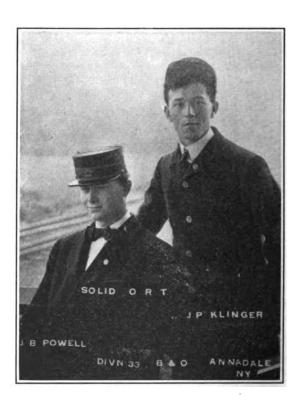
"Why can't I? I am only going one way. I came up on the trolley."

It took the conductor a long time, comparatively, to convince the woman that half-tickets were for youngsters below the age of twelve years, and even after she had been convinced she seemed to feel that there was something wrong somewhere—at least that was my supposition as I alighted from the train at my destination.

#### A "CUB'S" WORK.

"At one of our stations," said W. L. Connelly, chief train dispatcher of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, recently, "we have an agent whose name is Lee.

"A short time ago he reported on his telegraph car blank one Lake Erie and Western flat-car as not needed. I instructed the way freight by telegraph to get it. On arrival at Bloomington the conductor, accompanied by the Lee family, called at my office, the agent asking what was required of him. As I did not understand his question he produced a message addressed to the conductor, which read: 'Pick up Lee and wife at ---- and bring to Bloomington.' A search of the files in the telegraph office was made and resulted in finding the original which was written: 'Pick up L. E. & W. flat at ——— and bring to Bloomington."





#### By Injunction.

If perchance you've a wife whose one object in life Is attainment of social position,

And she finds she can't get in the niftiest set, Don't let her abandon ambition.

You need but resort to the handiest court
On the eve of a Four Hundred function,
And pray that the judge quash society's grad

And pray that the judge quash society's grudge Against the fair dame by injunction, And then, if by footman or page she's molested

When she tries to break in, she can have him arrested.

If it further should chance that by some circumstance

You belong to the light-fingered gentry,

And, your living to make, you've occasion to break

Into houses by forcible entry,

Don't feel ill at ease if you haply displease Your victim; respect his compunction Against your profession, but at the next session Of court get a first-class injunction;

And once you are safely provided with that, He can't call a cop when you go through his flat.

If, 'twixt virtue and sin, the last mentioned has been

To your mind decidedly sweeter, And you're not very sure, when you show them, that your

Credentials will get by St. Peter,
Don't let him insist that his gold-lettered list
Of fortunate souls don't include you;
Any mundane J. P. will inform him that he
Would get in contempt to exclude you.
For nothing on earth or in heaven falls short

Of the awful control of his honor the court.

—By JAMES J. MONTAGUE, in Exchange.

## Why Don't They Vote Together as They March on Labor Day?

I stood upon the sidewalk and viewed the passing throng

Of union men in uniform who proudly passed along

With flags and banners flying—how sweet the band did play.

It was a scene that once a year occurs on Labor Day.

The thousands who were looking on kept up a constant cheer

As union after union passed—how fine they did appear.

I thought, while gazing on the scene—I'm thinking yet today—

Why don't they vote together as they march on Labor Day.

The Allied Printing Trades passed by, a splendid set of men.

Their mettle has been tested, and they stood together when

The outlook seemed extremely dark, and yet they never flinched,

But pulled together with a will till victory was clinched.

The people had a welcome for the men who built the town—

The unions in the building trades have often won renown.

I thought as they were marching by—I'm thinking yet today—

Why don't they vote together as they marched on Labor Day?

The boys from mill and factory, comprising every trade

Which goes to make a city great were in the grand parade.

No one could help but be impressed at such a splendid sight,

For all admire the men who stand for justice and for right.

Fraternalism reigned supreme; 'twould do a person good

To see the workers marching on in one grand brotherhood.

I thought while gazing on the scene-I'm thinking yet today--

Why don't they vote together as they march on Labor Day?

-By Thos. H. WEST, in Exchange.

#### Battle Cry.

More than half beaten, but fearless, Facing the storm and the night; Breathless and reeling, but tearless, Here in the lull of the fight, I who bow not but before Thee, God of the fighting Clan, Lifting my fists I implore Thee, Give me the heart of a Man!

What though I live with the winners Or perish with those who fall? Only the cowards are sinners, Fighting the fight is all.

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Strong is my Foe—he advances!

Snapt is my blade, O Lord!

See the proud banners and lances!

O spare me this stub of a sword!

Give me no pity, nor spare me;
Calm not the wrath of my Foe.
See where he beckons to dare me!
Bleeding, half beaten—I go.
Not for the glory of winning,
Nor for the fear of the night;
Shunning the battle is sinning—
O spare me the heart to fight!

Red is the mist about me;
Deep is the wound in my side;
"Coward" thou criest to flout me?
O terrible Foe, thou hast lied!
Here with my battle before me,
God of the fighting Clan,
Grant that the woman who bore me
Suffered to suckle a Man!
—JOHN G. NEIHARDT, in The Outing Magazine.

#### Two Pictures.

BY ADELBERT CLARK.

The church is decked for their marriage,
And a happy pair are they;
The time is in early summer
And cloudless is the day.
The birds in the trees are mating
And they are happy, too,
And sweet are the flowers that blossom,—
Lilies and violets blue.

She looks like a queen from heaven,
In her gown of snow white lace,
And her face is like an angel's,
So full of love and grace.
And the gallant youth beside her
Is proud as any king,
As he slips upon her finger
A golden wedding ring.

But over there in the court house Is sorrow and tears and gloom With never a ray of sunshine To open one small bloom. She is standing before the people In grief with head bowed low; She, too, was a bride and happy Only a year ago.

But the tongue of the gay deceiver
From the ut'most part of hell,
Has poisoned her with his speeches
Until from life she fell;
And so she stands in the court room
With bowed and aching heart,
And forgets the sacred promise,
"Until death do us part."

The divorce is freely granted,
And as she turns to go
She hears from the church, the organ
Playing sweet and low,
And before her gleams the vision
Of her own wedding day,
When she was Nellie Bartlett,
And he was Bernard May.

She clutches her throbbing bosom
Like one in throes of pain
And falls to the floor unconscious,
Never to wake again.
Stout hearts are bowed with weeping;
There are sobs in every breath—
She is only a fallen woman,
And "wages of sin is death."

These are the pictures I've painted
For the whole wide world to see;
In one, there is hope and heaven
And love eternally.
In the other, there is sorrow
And blackness of despair.
I'll hang them up in life's hallway
For you to study there.

#### Life.

Give me a taste of life!

Not the tang of a seasoned wine;

Not the drug of an unearned bread;

Not the grape of an untilled vine.

The life that is really life;

That comes from no fount afar.

But springs from the toil and strife,

In the world of things as they are.

Give me the whole of life,

The joy, the hope, and the pain,
The struggle whose end is strength,
The loss that is infinite gain;
Not the drouth of a cloudless sky,
Not the rust of a fruitless rest,
Give me the sun and the storm,
The calm and the white sea-crest.

Give me the best of life!

To live in the world with God,
Where the seed that is sown and dies
Lifts a harvest over the sod.
Where beauty and truth are one,
Where the right must have its way,
Where the storm clouds part for stars,
And the starlight heralds the day.

Give me the life of toil!

The muscle and mind to dare,
No luxury's lap for my head,
No idly won wealth to share.
Whether by pick or plane,
Whether by tongue or pen,
Let me not live in vain;
Let me do a man's work among men.

George B. Cleaves, in Youth's Companion.



#### A Suggestion.

The Parson—Now, Patrick, I intend to pray that you may forgive Casey for having thrown that brick at you.

Pat—Mebbe yer riv-rence would be savin' toime if ye'd jest wait till Oi get well an' then pray for Casey.

#### Known by His Friends.

A forlorn looking man was brought before a magistrate for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. When asked what he had to say for himself, he gazed pensively at the judge, smoothed down a remnant of gray hair, and said:

"Your honor, 'Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn.' I'm not as debased as Swift, as profligate as Byron, as dissipated as Poe, or as debauched as"—

"That will do," thundered the magistrate.
"Thirty days! And, officer, take a list of
those names and run 'em in. They're as
bad a lot as he is."

#### The First Helio Girl.

They were seated around a table in a well-known cafe, and the conversation had turned upon the development of the flying machine and other fruits of the inventive genius of the day.

"Tut, tut!" exclaimed a solemn-faced, lantern-jawed member of the party. "What of it?" The old folks were not so slow. Look at the telephone, claimed as a modern invention. Why, say, it's the oldest on record."

"You better see your doctor. What's the matter with you?" asked another.

"Oh, I mean it," said the solemn-faced man. "Telephone service dates back to the garden of Eden—that's where it originated. The garden's call was 2-8-1 Apple."

then he dodged the remnant of a sandwich, reached for his hat and was gone.—
New York Globe.

#### Wanted One Mourner.

The lawyer was drawing up Enpeck's will. "I hereby bequeath all my property to my wife," dictated Enpeck. "Got that down?" "Yes," answered the attorney. "On condition," continued Enpeck, "that she marries within a year." "But why that condition?" asked the man of law. "Because," answered the meek and lowly testator, "I want somebody to be sorry that I died."—Argonaut.

#### Fatal Questioning.

Judge—Have you been arrested before? Prisoner—No, sir.

Judge—Have you been in this court before?

Prisoner-No, Sir.

Judge-Are you certain?

Prisoner-I am, sir.

Judge—Your face looks decidedly familiar. Where have I seen it before?

Prisoner.—I'm the bartender in the saloon across the way, sir.—Harper's Weekly.

#### Legal Reasons.

Prof. Booth Lowrey, the lecturer, says the Louisville Courier-Journal, is fond of telling stories of court-rooms. His favorites emanate from an old Virginia judge, noted as a stickler for court ceremony, and who is seriously handicapped in his efforts through the personality of the witnesses with whom he generally has to deal. Their answers to his sonorous questions are often ridiculous.

This particular judge once had a damage suit before him which necessitated the appearance of several witnesses. Knowing almost every person in his jurisdiction, it was his custom to see that the witnesses were always in court at the proper time. While the clerk was calling the names of the witnesses in this case he came to the name of James Brown, which no one in the

room claimed to possess. Knowing James as a ne'er-do-well, the judge could not understand his absence.

"Does any one in the court know a good reason why James Brown should not be here?" he finally queried.

After a short silence the question was repeated, when another witness spoke up.

"Yes, sir, Judge," he said. "I know of two reasons why he should not be here."

"Well, what are they?" asked the judge.
"One is," said the witness, "that Jim died last night, and the second is that he is still dead."

#### Answered the Purpose.

"Will," said a newly-married friend to Will Maupin, the Nebraska poet, "I'm in a quandary as to just what I should call my wife's mother. I don't want to call her 'mother-in-law' on account of all the comic paper jokes on that name, and somehow there's a certain sacredness about the word 'mother' that makes me hesitate to apply it to any but my own." "Well," said Maupin, "I can tell you of my own experience. The first year we were married I addressed my wife's mother as 'Say,' and after that we called her 'Grandma.'"

#### Got the Wrong Door.

They were newly married, and on a honeymoon trip. They put up at a sky-scraper hotel. The bridegroom felt indisposed, and the bride said she would slip out and do a little shopping. In due time she returned and tripped blithely up to her room, a little awed by the number of doors that looked alike. But she was sure of her own and tapped gently on the panel.

"I'm back, honey, let me in," she whispered.

No answer.

"Honey, honey, let me in!" she called again, rapping louder. Still no answer.

"Honey, honey, it's Alice. Let me in," she whispered.

There was a silence and still no answer. After several seconds a man's voice, cold and full of dignity, came from the other side of the door:

"Madam, this is not a beehive; it's a bath room."—Mountain Pine.

#### He Saw Two.

Two Irishmen were returning home one night after a rather drawn-out trip uptown. When they came to the corner where they separated, one of them stepped off a few feet and said to the other: "Pat, do I same to be standing stiddy?"

Pat, after looking carefully, replied. "Yes, Mike, you same to be standing stiddy; but who the divil is that beside you?"—New York Call.

#### A New Way.

It was at Montauk Point, after our soldiers had returned from Cuba, and the hospitals were crowded with sick and wounded, that the ladies visited them daily, carrying delicacies of every kind, and doing all they could to cheer and comfort the suffering.

It happened one day that a pretty young woman of sixteen was endeavoring to cheer those around her, when she overheard a soldier exclaim: "Oh, Lord."

Thinking to rebuke him for his profamity. she said:

"Didn't I hear you call upon the name of the Lord? I am one of his daughters. Can I ask Him anything for you?"

Looking up into her bright, cheerful countenance, he replied, "I reckon you can. Miss."

"What is it you wish?" she asked.

Raising his eyes to her, he extended his hand and said: "You might ask Him to make me his son-in-law."—Harper's Magazine.

#### Not Herself.

Farmer (to medical man)—If you get out my way any time, doctor, I wish you'd stop and see my wife. I think she ain't feelin' well.

Doctor-What makes you think so?

Farmer—Well, this mornin', after she had milked the cows, an' fed the pigs, an' got breakfast for the men, an' washed the dishes, an' built a fire under the copper in the wash 'ouse, an' done a few odd jobs about the house, she complained o' feelin' tired-like. I fancy she needs a dose o' medicine.—London Scraps.

# Our Correspondents

### THE BOTTOM OF HUMAN TROUBLES.

N the Journal of the Medical Society of New Jersey for October we have the addresses of several of its members in their annual banquet on June 19th. Two of them are very significant, their theme being "The Doctor as a Teacher and the Doctor as a Politician," the latter being a State Senator besides an M. D.

Those two men had a great opportunity to give to their audience of 700 ladies and gentlemen some pointers about our many troubles as a nation, particularly in the midst of a presidential campaign, when we could do something to improve our conditions. Well, the doctor who had to talk as a teacher did not even refer to any of our twenty or more important social deformities. He only referred to the personal heroisms that most doctors exhibit, and for which we all give them due credit. The doctor who talked as a politician chanted the glories of the State of New Jersey in the exalted wisdom of its laws. its wonderful good roads and the prosperity of the people.

Few men have had better opportunities than the writer to respect the noble types that almost all the 150,000 doctors of this nation exhibit in their constant efforts to relieve human suffering. For nearly forty years have we been in close contact with medical men, although no sickness, pains or aches of any account have afflicted our system for over sixty years. All the same we have always deplored the existence of a flaw, with medical men, the same flaw we can find with most people in high social positions and opportunities to be—sensible citizens. Is not that a fatal flaw?

Take now the great fallacy which practically controls the mental machinery of all the citizens in this nation and every other. We mean the fallacy that if we vote for this or that political party when elections come, all our citizenship duties are thereby fulfilled. What a blasphemy that implies! Because please remember that even our political vote is yet a farce and shall so remain until we are allowed to vote for certain given laws legislating processes on tangible finalities, even if the details are left to the judgment of the executive officers, subject to modification by popular vote, if necessary.

Then there is not a citizen in any 500 who can tell us what it is that constitutions have the right to say, or have not, about principles for legislation to rest upon. That alone implies a miserable hash in all forms of government, past or present. And that means that education has never yet taught men how to become sensible citizens or any approach to it. No wonder that we all feel that politics means-confusion and corruption, right and left. No wonder that so few men ever dare to say in public: "We should legislate this or that, in this or that form, to suppress, root and branch, the land monopoly iniquity, to begin with, all other political atrocities resting on the land monopoly business by which we feed the principle of human selfishness at the fountain of all social and national life." What is then left for us to say? To simply dabble in the machinery of national life, so that to keep alive the giant evil of all nations past and present, and thus progress remains a pandemonium of subsidiary evils under the protection of the all powerful land monopoly business, that we don't even dare to mention to each other, in private or public life. Is not that the worst moral cowardice that we can perpetrate against each other and God Himself?

Take now the 500 or more pestiferous diseases and forms of sickness to which we

all are subject, we, wise or ignorant, wealthy or poor, saints or sinners, heroes or hoboes. Why to assume that they are inevitable, that we have to have them, that they are the product of human life on earth, and, by implication, the result of natural or divine law, so that to teach us how to be good fellows, when we don't even wish to know the meaning of goodness in the essentials of our own development? Yes, as the men before the deluge, we still refuse to know the meaning of fundamental goodness, fundamental honesty. That is proved by the fact above mentioned, by our tenacity to keep alive and blooming the most fatal social sin that is possible for men to stand by, so that to have a chance to get on top of each other in our industrial activities.

We thus generate the most transcendant spiritual disease that can be had, in conscious life. We thus abnormalize, poison our whole physical existence. And thus sickness and disease in human development is evolved in perpetuity.

The dreadful abnormalities which vitiate all our physical life are visible everywhere. At first sight most of our medical men seem to live in affluence, in comparison with the multitudes of our working population. Well, there may be one or two per cent who obtain, from their own harsh lives, a very respectable income. At least 97 per cent have to go through life with incomes that imply a pretty unsanitary existence, unless they happen to have incomes from property that has nothing to do with what they have earned in their profession. And do you know what is the cause of that? Our infernal industrialism, which makes but one business profitable in the long run, and with but occasional exceptions. Some form of wealth gambling-that is the only business which creates wealth somewhat freely. giving to some the power to live in sanitary comfort. Even that comfort is fallacious, because it implies excitable lives, and that is essentially unsanitary.

The whole situation of human development thus far is clear enough if we only try to grasp it as a whole, in its ensemble of results, and commence at the beginning. With our foolish, unnatural constitutions and laws we sell our best faculties, our solid

joys and manhood to the god of land and wealth monopoly. That gives to a small number of men the power and taste to phantastic, evolve unsanitary, methods, and needs of life, necessitating far more wealth than we have yet learned how to produce. We only produce one-third of what we today need for a healthy existence with all of us, and about one-half of what we are allowed to produce goes in the unhealthy needs that each class is forced to incorporate in its existence, to answer to the vicious standards of life that only a few can afford to indulge in and yet have an abundance for sensible comfort. Hence the 500 or more forms of sickness we all are afflicted with or subject to; all produced by our spiritual disease, by our refusing to live in accord with the divine plan of human life, by our love for our precious laws of sin.

The march of progress today, as ever before, rests on hiding some of our subsidiary evils and thus making them more and more fatal. By the logic of their own existence, subsidiary evils can only be suppressed, and remain suppressed, all of them, after we have suppressed, killed, destroyed, root and branch, the parent crime of—land and wealth monopoly, vitiating all our industrial and social existence.

Jose Gros.

#### THE U. S. MAIL.

I am prompted to write this because of a situation that developed on the train wire just a few minutes ago.

A certain passenger train was losing time on its schedule and the dispatcher was calling the next office in advance to put out a time order for the benefit of several trains which could not otherwise move. The other men were lined up, but the dispatcher's most insistent calling failed to raise the office desired. This man was one of our most attentive operators, and being also agent at that point, and the train nearly due, what could be the matter? The trainmen were "cussing" and the dispatcher was "sputtering," but no one answered the call. Then, just when it was too late to make the movement, this man answered up. Like the popping of musketry came the question,

"Where you been?" Slowly came the reply, as though from a man agitated and out of breath, "Been after the mail."

The dispatcher subsided with a mild "OK" and the trainmen retired to their "doghouses" to figure out the overtime they would make out of the delay.

Boys, how many of you recognize the foregoing as a duplication of your own experience a hundred times over? You have been hoping year after year that this most impracticable duty would be taken off you, and you are wondering now whether or not it will be perpetual. In a vague way you believe that sometime, in some way, you will be relieved of it. Your innate sense of justice tells you that, but still you wonder "how long?"

The writer of this does not carry the U. S. mail, but he believes "the wrong of one is the cause of all," and that we should all stand together against this thing until our brothers are relieved of it in some way.

At a certain station the postoffice is just a little over eighty rods from the station, and a carrier is paid \$15.00 per month. Now, if there should be a change in administration, the postoffice will be moved about seventy yards nearer the station and the agent would have to perform this service for nothing. Is there anything just or equitable about this? In fact, is there anything just and equitable in the whole thing?

There ought to be some solution to this matter, and I believe there is.

What have our several very able correspondents to say about it?

A LIVE ISSUE.

## PRESIDENT C. T. U. OF A. TO MEMBERS O. R. T.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAPHERS' UNION OF AMERICA.

930 Monon Building, Chicago, Ill. Fellow Telegraphers:

Through the courtesy of our national officers of the O. R. T. I wish to address you in behalf of the C. T. U. A. with a view of enlisting your aid in the work of reorganization. It is seldom the officers of one labor union find it expedient to call

upon the members of a sister organization to assist in the work of building up their ranks, but the close affiliation between the two unions has been brought about by the fact that the line between the railroad and the commercial telegrapher is not so tightly drawn as some would imagine. The books of the O. R. T. will show that during the years of 1897-1902 thousands of dollars were spent in trying to organize the commercial telegrapher, and this expenditure was the forerunner of the C. T. U. A.

During the past year you rendered the commercial telegraphers splendid assistance, which has been deeply appreciated.

In fact, ever since the inception of the O. R. T., in 1886, it has assisted in the work of organizing the commercial telegraphers, actuated to a great extent by friendship, but for the greater part by an enlightened selfishness which suggested the benefits the railroad telegrapher would derive from having his commercial brethren well organized. The advantage to be gained is greater than ever today; therefore, as a member of thirteen years' standing in Division 52, O. R. T., and as president and charter member of the C. T. U. A., I wish to ask for your hearty co-operation in reorganizing the C. T. U. A.

Our progress during the past eight months is encouraging, but you can help make it more rapid. You are acquainted with our aim and object. You can offset the objections offered by nons, and nearly every O. R. T. man has among his acquaintances a commercial telegrapher. In your little town there may be one or two employes of the commercial companies-"managers" -who correspond to the station agent of a railroad, with less remuneration, but duties about the same. These we want in our union. In the larger cities we find O. R. T. men working for brokers, press associations, leased wire concerns, and in the employ of commercial companies. These we should have enrolled in the C. T. U. A.

You may room or board with or associate with commercial telegraphers, or your telegraph duties may bring you in touch with them. Speak to them about this organization; explain the advantages to be derived therefrom. Call their atten-

tion to what has been done and have them send in the application for membership you will find inserted in this magazine.

Remember, you do this for your own good as well as for the benefit of the O. R. T. and C. T. U. A.

Should you desire any further information or wish to suggest names of available members, I will be pleased to hear from you.

Thanking you for the assistance rendered in the past, and with best wishes, I am, Yours fraternally,

S. J. KONENKAMP, President.

Cert. 16, Div. 52, O. R. T. Cert. 1, Local 6, C. T. U. A.

## The Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America

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#### TELEPHONE, SENIORITY, ETC.

An article in the September issue of the Railway World, written by Mr. E. A. Chenery, superintendent of Telegraph of the Missouri Pacific Ry., St. Louis, Mo., deserves more than passing attention.

Mr. Chenery chooses for his subject what he terms adverse legislation, and its possible ultimate effect on telegraphers.

The article is quite lengthy, and I presume the editor could not afford space to publish it in detail. However, it is worth reading, and members who can get hold of a copy of the Railway World for September would do well to read it because it expresses the sentiments of the average rail-road official.

After saying that eighty per cent of the railroad officials were at one time telegraphers, or words to that effect, we are informed that within a period of two years following their efforts and success in very thoroughly effecting a strong organization (this is a compliment, not intended as such, however), a spirit of unrest in keeping with the times has pervaded the ranks of telegraphers engaged in both the railroad and commercial fields, and it only needed the torch of disgruntled agitators to fan the flame through a hitherto unthought of method-legislation-that it seems to Mr. Chenery is fraught with possible disaster to the profession.

It is true that a spirit of unrest will exist where a number of men or any class of men are required to work from twelve to eighteen hours or more for a day's work, seven days in the week or every day in the year, and such conditions should be prevented by law. The railroads of this country are the public highways. Their expenses and a dividend on the actual capital invested is to be covered by a toll charge and in dealing with this subject we must never lose sight of the fact that any railroad that is not overcapitalized and bonded for two or three times more than it is worth, can render good service and pay good wages to its employes and not work any employes, whether they are telegraphers or section hands, over eight hours out of twenty-four hours.

As the railroads are the property of the public, and exist solely for the public good and for the welfare of all the people, they should be operated along the same lines as the government, and the employes as regards to hours, wages and working conditions should be treated as well if not better than persons actually employed by the government, whether national or state.

If it is conceded to be a fact that the railroads are the great highways of the nation, and that they should be operated in the interest of all of the people, then it must be conceded that the people have a right to make laws to regulate traffic, to regulate rates, and to protect their property, to protect their lives and to protect the lives of the employes.

The writer believes that every telegraph operator in the United States, who handles train orders, should be twenty-one years old, of good moral character, honest, sober and reliable; should pass an examination before a competent State or national board, and be licensed and should receive a minimum salary of \$80.00 per month, or \$960.00 per year, and be allowed to work but eight hours out of twenty-four hours.

Any telegraph office that is not important enough to meet with the above requirements should not exist. Certainly the lives of the traveling public should not be endangered because it pleases the railroads to hire cheap, inferior and incompetent telegraphers.

There are three classes of railroad employes of whom the public has lilttle knowledge of their responsibilities.

First is the telegraph operator.

Next is the section foreman, and then the car inspector.

These three classes have in the past been paid the poorest wages for their services, yet in all the walks of life there are few if any vocations that have the grave responsibilities of these employes.

Take, for instance, a train leaving its terminal. The inspector should know to a moral certainty that the cars and equipment are in perfect repair. Then, if the track is in good condition and the rolling stock in perfect order, the train will, as a rule, stay on the track.

And last, but by no means least, when the conductor and engineer receive their orders from the operator, if they are correct, and understood, the cause of accidents is brought down to the lowest possible minimum.

Thus it can be seen that in order to properly protect the lives and property of the people it is necessary for the people to make laws to protect themselves.

The railroads have themselves to blame for legislation, and this movement for protection by the people through legislation is only in its infancy. The railroads for the past twenty-five years or more have not tried to see how good men they could employ in these departments, but how cheap they could get them.

Mr. Chenery complains very bitterly about the seniority clause in force on various railroads.

He says that rules relating to seniority are conducive at all times to the encouragement of ambition and advancement.

I can not conceive how any experienced man can make this statement. An employe who is positive of advancement to a better position by reason of his seniority, provided he is competent, can not help but be more ambitious than a man working in a position where he can not see anything better in sight and is perhaps anchored for all time.

The reason given for objecting to seniority is not the real reason. Many petty railroad officials would like to show favoritism in placing men, and as a matter of fact, in the old days it was all favoritism.

A man who was a friend of the "boss" would get the best position, and even now in selecting men for good positions no thought whatever is given to their qualifications.

The large terminal stations are, as a rule, in charge of men who could not do the work at a small busy mixed station to save their lives.

Railroad officials are selected and appointed, not because they are the best in the market, but through favoritism.

The writer has been twenty-five years in the railroad service, and in that time has seen many officials come and go, but never knew of a railroad official being selected strictly on his merits.

In many cases poor operators have been selected for positions in the dispatcher's office when there were first-class men available.

We have seen men come right out of college and be appointed superintendent of a division, without a day's railroad experience, and this goes to show that there should be a seniority law instead of a seniority rule.

Now the telegrapher is informed that the telephone is about to take the place of the telegraph. Well, of course, if it does that will put the commercial telegraph companies out of business, because there are about eighteen thousand railroad offices in the United States that are commercial offices as well as railroad offices. If they are closed up, the commercial companies would, of course, do some business between the large cities, but the country towns would be cut off from telegraph communication.

Twenty years ago we were told that the telephone was going to take the place of the telegraph. Wages then averaged throughout the United States about \$39.00 per month. Now, thanks to the efforts of the O. R. T., the average wage is somewhere near \$57.50 per month, and twenty years hence the average wage for a telegrapher will be better than \$75.00, and this will be accomplished through the work of the organization, working along the lines of the past, profiting by whatever mistakes have been made or may be made in the future.

The telephone will never be successful in the handling of train orders, because it will never be reliable. Suppose you could at all times hear over the telephone as clearly as you could when talking direct with another person, it would not be reliable then, for there would always be the chance for a misunderstanding.

A train order should be written out, and it can not be done with any degree of success when received over the 'phone. The telephone is useful and has its place in life's work, but it has no place in connection with the handling of train orders. And speaking about legislative matters, the thought

occurs to me that it might be well to put forth our best endeavors to have a law passed to prevent its use for this purpose.

For the sake of argument, let us suppose that the railroads do succeed in displacing the telegraph and go to the unnecessary expense of installing a telephone system.

In the first place, they would have to pay for the installation of the telephone system and also pay for its maintenance and repairs.

Ninety per cent of the railroads have contracts with the commercial telegraph companies whereby the commercial companies not only install, own and maintain the telegraph line, but they also pay the railroad from one-third to one-half of the commercial receipts. Thus it will be seen that as a plain business proposition it would be poor policy to make a change such as our learned friend from St. Louis suggests.

However, let's go into the matter a little further. It must be admitted that the telegraphers, as a class, have, as a rule, been paid small wages. Do you think that a class of telephone operators would work any cheaper than the telegraphers?

If it is true that the average telegraph operator's wages is less than \$2.00 per day, and the average trainman's wages is about \$2.15 per day, and you can take a green man right off the farm and make a fullfledged trainman of him in five days, why is it that they are paid more? It is because in the past they have had a stronger union than the telegraphers. In looking over a New York newspaper I noted an advertisement for men wanted as conductors and motormen, wages \$2.25 to \$2.50 per day, pay while learning. These men will become full-fledged railroad men in ten days. But a man can not become a competent operator inside of one year, at the very least, and more often it takes two years, and all telegraphers will admit that some men will never become competent operators. Many of the latter class will be found among the nons, and comparatively few, if any, within the ranks of the O. R. T.

If the members of this organization strive hard to do their work well, be honest and straightforward in their dealings with the public and the railroad officials, try to render to the company the very best of service, and be loyal to their employers in so far as the selling of their labor by giving good measure for value received, few if any need worry about the change of conditions. But it is important to have a thorough organization to meet with any and all changes that may come in the future.

Remember that without organization and work along proper and conservative lines nothing can be hoped for except the old order of things to which none of us old-timers care to go back—long hours, hard work and small pay.

A New York hod carrier, as a result of organization, gets \$3.00 per day for eight hours, and double pay per hour for overtime. Do you?

AN OLD-TIMER.

#### POLL TAX.

A few days since I had occasion to converse with a nearby brother on the wire regarding the code of law which compels all men within the age limit to perform two days' labor on the highways in their respective townships. The motive which led up to this conversation was this: I had only a few moments before been notified by our district supervisor to appear upon the county highway and perform thereon two days' labor, or pay for same. A flood of thought filled my mind and anger rankled in my bosom. Insomuch I decided to ask for information on the subject, if we, railroad telegraphers, working for tax-paying corporations, were not exempt from this particular phase of this law, and if not, why not? My appeal for light on the subject, however, was a dismal faillure, even after a citation of the case to a worthy follower of Blackstone, Bro. J. H. Bell, who only said he hoped there was exemption for our class, but had never been able to find it. The more I pondered over the situation the clearer the idea occurred to me. Why should I be compelled to work county roads? Be it remembered that I do not as much as own a "yaller dog" that traverses that particular thoroughfare, and I venture nine-tenths of the telegraphers of the United States are not possessed of any stock or vehicles to tear down or damage Along this line it occounty highways.

curred to me this subject would be a capital one to introduce among the fraternity and get interested to the extent of acquainting your particular representatives, and when the great law-making bodies convene, possibly in the dim future, our craft will be exempted from this, one among a great many evils, local and national, which now surround us. Being an enthusiastic advocate for reform and progress, you will of course kindly pardon my immediate jump from one subject to another. Being extremely desirous of outlining my position for the benefit of the boys who seldom hear through our columns of our division.

The telegrapher of this day and age occupies a unique position in the world of commerce. So unique in fact that beyond the shadow of doubt his emancipation from serfdom and tyrannical abuse lies within his own grasp. Without his work traffic and commerce would immediately wane into a paralytic state. Idleness, misery and want would be the condition of our country in its backward flight. Therefore, does it now seem reasonable to you that all that is necessary is the united effort of the fraternity from the length and breadth of this land to accomplish at one bold, masterly stroke, all they have wasted years in trying for. We no doubt believe, or a few of us at least, that we are gaining ground, slowly, but surely, in our easy-going way; that "the mills of the gods grind slowly." But let me remind you, brothers, one and all, there are others keeping just as close tab on our progress and doings as we ourselves. They are no one else than the railroad companies themselves. They know absolutely what it requires each one of us per month to meet our bills, how much we have left, if any bank account, etc. They have it all figured out to a nicety; still I doubt if we were handling our own ledger we could keep it more accurately. This is wide-awake business policy on their part, however. They do not wish, nor will they permit us to become any better off financially lest we get independent, and independence means no supply of available telegraphers. Nothing but boys, whom they can hire at \$35.00 to \$40.00 per month.

Now, brothers, I have a hobby, and after being buffeted around for twenty years in the storms of discord and man's inhumanity have grown radical. Here is the plan:

Bro. Perham to set a day and date requesting each general chairman of each system division and each local chairman, where no system division exists, from all railroads in the United States, to meet him on the date specified and then and there perfect the plan; following the completion of the plan (a date being set to make a general demand), each general and local chairman so entrusted with the instructions to notify their general managers respectively that on and after 12 noon the day specified there will be no more telegraphic work of any character done, except on the following basis: Offices to be classified as "A," "B" and "C." Class "A," 50 cents per hour; class "B," 40 cents per hour; class "C," 35 cents per hour, all classes to be computed on a strict eight hours per day basis. This is no more, and in many cases not so much, as union carpenters, brick masons and other skilled mechanics make for the same hours, and who among you so little value your profession with its whirlwind of responsibilities as to place yourselves financially lower in skill? I favor the salarying of all general chairmen on all system divisions, who shall do nothing else but cater to the wants of their constituents. Do not forget, brothers, election time for our officers will soon again be here, and it is essential that you all do some hard thinkinng for your welfare before casting your vote. I had only intended, in starting out, to write a few lines, but if this note will serve to arouse the latent talent of our division and members everywhere into radical action, with Bro. Quick's permission to pass it, I feel amply repaid.

H. W. Lewis, Cert. 1,439, Div. 33.

#### A WORD TO ALL UNION MEN.

I saw an article in both the Burlington Hawkeye and the Chicago Record-Herald, dated October 20th, written by C. W. Post, of Battle Creek, Mich. Mr. Post endeavors to lead the public to oppose union labor in any manner and calls us a labor trust, and accuses our leaders of every mean and de-

grading thing that could be put into words. He does not make any exceptions as to what leader he is casting his reflections on, so it is up to all of us to turn such people down when it happens to come within our power to do so.

After reading this article, I went to the grocery store and purchased a package of Post Toasties, a package of breakfast food that a great many of the laboring class use, and in reading the instructions on the package I found this same signature, C. W. Post, and right under it was written these words: "No package genuine without the above signature." I ask you, and would like to ask him, why he has a right to write big articles accusing us of all the mean things that could be put into words, and then come to us selling us a part of our food and claiming that no other person or firm can make breakfast food or Post Toasties but him? Boys, I for one must confess that Post Toasties has lost its good flavor, and from now on I will not spend any more of my money, which the union labor has gotten for me, for another package of this kind of food, which is manufactured by and advertised under the name of C. W. Post. The man who wrote the article is located at Battle Creek, Mich., and this Post Toasties is manufactured at that place also, and it is very impressive on my mind that the C. W. Post is one man, and is trying to disband us with one hand and render us helpless to the crushing hands of some classes of manufacturers and then sell us food with the other fist.

I think it would be much better if he would try some plan to make a better grade of breakfast food, rather than to write articles in all the leading papers and accuse us of all the mean and degrading things, and then offer us his product, saying on each package that he is the only man that can make good Post Toasties, and if we get a package without his signature, it is not good.

We are joined together to be able to sell our labor to the organized capital at a living price, and we are willing to enter into a contract with our employer and live up to it to the letter; now what is fairer than this, and how can such a man as this mis-

treat us with insulting words and accuse our leaders of all kinds of degrading deeds for only doing that which is right and honorable, and at the same time be attempting to sell us our food with a notation on each package that he is the only man who can make it? He should pluck the mote out of his own eye first.

My advice for every true union man who loves the cause is to cut out these Post Toasties as a part of our living, or any other article that is found to be made by any firm or man who has little or no regard for the people whom he is selling it to. Motto—Do them who are trying to do you. As for me and my home, Post Toasties will look like two figures—23.

Drv. Cor.

#### A GOOD INVESTMENT.

All members of the O. R. T. while seeking new members, run into the thousand and one excuses offered by nons. The one we hear most is, "I can't afford it;" and to show the nons what we think of this excuse, and that there is no foundation to it, I am writing this article. In the first place, there is no excuse for any railroad telegrapher not being a member of the organization devoted entirely to the interest of himself and family. Some say, "my duty first is to my family." Then his first duty is to join the O. R. T. The excuse, "I can't afford it," is utterly baseless, and if he has any principle or any respect for himself and those dependent upon him, he knows he can't afford to be without it. Why? Every dollar invested in the Order by members of the O. R. T. has returned them 100 per cent profit, and in some cases more, while the better working conditions, such as shorter hours, pay for overtime, and many other good things, are worth hundreds of dollars to every operator, and who can say the O. R. T. has not given them all to us? The O. R. T. offers 100 per cent profit on every dollar invested, and has made good, which the schedule on nearly every railroad in the United States will prove, and which no one can deny. The only reason the profit is not larger and does not come faster is because you nons are asleep; you are bucking your own interests. Wake up! Take out a little stock in this good investment. Look at what has been done with only 60 to 75 per cent membership, and you can not help but realize what we could do with a 100 per cent membership.

Take the B. of L. E., the B. of R. T. and the switchmen's union. Do you suppose they could have accomplished anything if only half of the men employed in their respective capacities belonged to the union? No. They know what thorough organization means, and stand together to a man.

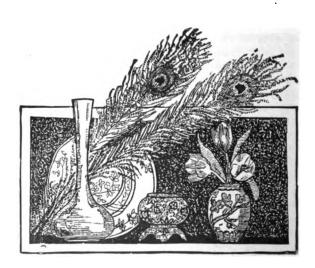
The schedule the operators on the B. & O. are enjoying—a minimum of \$57.50, with two days off a month with pay, is a good

illustration of what a 90 per cent membership will do.

Now, Mr. Non, if you want to enjoy these same conditions, all you have to do is send to your local chairman for application blanks, fill them out and stand by the boys who are working for you, and if you are not satisfied with the results, you would not be satisfied with the world and a fence around it. You are not only keeping the good things from yourself by being a non, but also those who are working for your own interests. Be a man. You can't be a man and a non.

Will all members blue-pencil this and send your journal to some non?

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#### St. Louis Div., No. 2.

Another month has passed and we are still in the ring and if we know our part of the game we will always be found doing business at the old stand.

Notwithstanding the so-called financial panic the Order has accomplished much good for its members and they should by this time realize that organization is the only thing.

In this day and time the capitalists who run the railroads are organized to further their interests. Why not their employes follow out the same plan, as it will work for us as well as for the capitalist?

Div. No. 2 has been having good meetings right along and well attended. At each meeting some seven or eight applications are voted upon and speeches are made by some of the brothers. Should any of the brothers from out of the city chance to be in town on our meeting night, first and third Monday nights of each month, we would be pleased to have you come and meet with us.

So far this year the division, with the assistance of its members, has taken in 350 new members, but we would like to reach the 400 mark, which would be the largest for any one year since the division was organized. Now, brothers, if each of you will just do a little more hustling we can reach the 400 mark easy. Will you do it? Also if there should be a brother working with or near you who is delinquent in his dues try and persuade him to remit Bro. LaFever, who will do the necessary.

Bro. Uhls, of the general office, is spending his vacation in St. Joe, and while there is attending the Grand Lodge of K. of P. Bro. Waples, also of the general office, is rusticating in the country, eating sausage, sorghum, hot biscuit and, oh, don't it make you homesick?

Bro. G. A. Swan, formerly with the Penn. lines, called one day last week. He was on his way south to spend the winter.

Organizers Delaplaine, Shipley and Winbourne were recent callers.

Bro. J. W. Cobb, an old St. Louis landmark, who has been gone two years, is again with us; says he is going to drive his stake and remain.

Mr. X. Q. Faulkner, after a visit with Bro. C. E. Duncan, has returned to the West, where he is dispatching for the Colorado Southern.

Bros. J. W. Burch and J. C. McNairy have returned from their vacation looking as fresh as big Kansas sunflowers.

Bro. Gonter spent two weeks with his parents in Ohio. He studied politics while there and says his State is eafe. Bro. R. H. Reynolds has just returned from a three weeks' trip through Canada. While gone he visited his old home, where he was agent for thirty years. He says the pine trees planted by him are now more than 100 feet high.

Well, brothers, with one request I will close. The request is always carry an up-to-date card. We should make the "no card no favors" our motto and no one without a card should be allowed to work with us.

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#### Lancaster Div., No. 9.

Our regular meeting for October was called promptly on time by our worthy chief, Bro. Shope. The roll call found all officers at their stations, with the exception of Bro. Sandford.

Many were present who went to quite a bit of inconvenience to attend this meeting, especially the boys off the Mount Joy road, who had to come by trolley.

Bro. B. G. Kern, who had been off duty for some time, suffering from poison received while out chestnutting, was on hand and filled his office. The relief committee report Bro. H. E. Toomey still on sick list, but showing signs of improve-

ment. No other cases of sickness at present.

Bro. Robert M. Althouse, the genial operator and ticket clerk at "WR," Bryn Mawr, has left for the Maine woods, where he will spend a two weeks' leave of absence. "Bob" is unable to attend meetings as a rule, but is ever on the alert for nons in his vicinity.

Since the reopening of "SA" block station, a vacancy has been created at "BN," Elizabethtown, 3 to 11 p. m., which has been filled by Bro. H. G. Hess, formerly on the same trick at "DF," Docklow.

Bro. A. W. Conner has been filling in on the middle trick at "BN" during October, but has again returned to his regular place, last trick at "NA," Conewago.

Bro. James Baxter, first trick at "BI," Steelton, has been off duty for a week during October on account of the death of his aged mother.

"Kernel."

#### Sunbury, Pa., Div., No. 12.

Branch Notes-

The brothers on the branch are all feeling very bad over the loss of our worthy Bro. W. A. Blind, who was killed while on his way to work at "HO" tower the night of September 27th. This end of the branch seems lost without his O. K. "B." A large number of members accompanied the remains

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of Bro. Blind to Milton, where interment was made. The burial services of the O. R. T. was very ably executed at the grave by Chief Telegrapher Bro. McCracken.

Bro. Millington, from "KO," second trick, has bid in "BD," second trick. Telegrapher Forrest has bid in "SW," second trick. Bro. J. J. Murray has been bumped from "NA," second trick, by Bro. P. F. Whitenight, who was bumped from "NA," third trick, by Telegrapher E. W. Buchanan.

Bro. Murray has been working third trick at "HO" during the ten days of its advertisement.

Bro. J. F. Betz has bid in third trick at "HO" tower.

Bro. M. A. McHenry went hunting on his relief day.

Bro. G. C. Whitenight, of "AG" tower, is now working one of the second tricks at "NK."

Bro. N. C. Malick working third trick at "AG" tower.

Bro. A. R. Johnson, second trick at Bluf, was off a few days on account of sickness, relieved by Bro. N. C. Malick.

Bro. T. S. Phillips, third trick at Bluf, spent his relief day hunting at Beaver Valley.

The new towers at Port and Nescopeck and also the new double track at that point have been put into service. The tower at Nescopeck contains forty-two levers.

The members were out in force attending the Milton and Bloomsburg Fairs. Why do you not turn out like this at our meetings? There was a nice turn-out at our meeting October 19th, but it could have been much better. Come out, boys, and see what is going on. Don't wait for some one to remind you each month about the meeting. Keep yourself posted. This thing of forgetting when the meeting is, is a very poor excuse. Do you ever forget the pay car? Your presence at the meetings is just as important as the pay car.

There will be an extra meeting held at Nescopeck, Pa., November 12th, at 3:30 p. m., to give the men from that end and the Pottsville side a chance to attend a meeting. At our last meeting Telegrapher S. A. Getz was made a member of the craft.

Business is picking up considerable and the dispatchers are beginning to show the strain of working without copiers. They certainly have their hands full, but no one has any sympathy for them; they were all such easy marks for the superintendent and division operator and believed all the hot air fed them and kept clear of the O. R. T., and on the other divisions of the P. R. R. they all withdrew from the O. R. T. because they held an "official position?" Now they have them just where they want them and are soaking them hard. Let us hope they keep up the good work. Some people are wise, but some are otherwise.

Our worthy chief, Bro. McCracken, was off a few days last month attending the military parade in Founders' week at Philadelphia. "Mac" is a member of Pennsylvania's National Guard.

Bro. A. H. Kershner has bid in first trick at "DU" tower.

Telegrapher J. A. Dunkleberger has bid in the new Postal office, "SK," at Shamokin.

Lewistown Branch-

Bro. C. F. Wagner, at McClure, has asked for a week to look for cotton tails.

Sister Conser, at Beavertown, spent a week under the parental roof at Sunbury; relieved by Bro. Boyer.

Bro. F. R. Miller, at Reedsville, on the sick list; relieved by Bro. Boyer.

Bro. C. A. Herbster and wife, of Lewistown, are spending a week in New York City. What he will do will be plenty; relieved by Mr. S. S. Sigler.

By the time this goes to press we will be calling Telegrapher C. L. Kauffman, first trick at Lewistown Junction, Brother, as he has filled out the required papers and they are in the hands of the secretary.

Brothers, take warning. Two operators suspended on Middle Division for allowing students to do their work, students making errors, operators suspended, not students.

Out of the forty-eight brothers and sisters on the Lewistown Division, eighteen are still employed. How is this for depression in business.

Bro. G. B. Cameron, of Burnham, and Bro. E. S. Boyer, of Selinsgrove, were the only members from this division at the September meeting. There were others who could have been there, but had some poor excuse. Now brace up, you first trick brothers, and make your appearance at next evening meeting. Try and see if the Lewistown Division can not be better represented at the meetings.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our highly esteemed and beloved Bro. W. A. Blind; be it

Resolved, That we thus express our high appreciation of his long service to the cause of truth and right, his sterling manhood and kindly disposition, qualities that endeared him to all; and be it

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow, and point them to the true source of comfort in affliction, our Divine Creator, as their strength and refuge; and be it further

Resolved, By Sunbury Division No. 12, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that a copy of this memorial be spread upon the minutes, a copy sent the bereaved family, and a copy to THE TRISORPHER for publication.

W. C. PEGG, E. G. BERGER, ALVIN BOYER, Committee.



#### Ottawa Div., No. 15.

Thirty-first and Thirty-second Districts-

I have watched the columns of our journal from month to month for a few notes from Division 15, but as yet have failed to see any and fear there is a lack of interest among us.

Boys of Ottawa Division, is it not time we did something towards trying to better our conditions on this division? Are you all satisfied with the way things are going on-your long hours, small pay, etc.? Do you realize that some of us are working fifteen and eighteen hours a day because the company will not put on a second trick man, and if we have the nerve (as they say) to ask for one no doubt they will send a "ham factory gradnate" to relieve you of your own job, with a note saying, "Here is a man who will do your work without a murmur." We have, I am sorry to say, several such "graduates" on this division at present, and some of our agents (Order men) have assisted them in "finishing up" their education. To this or these brothers I would say, beware, some day the result of your own training may take your own job for less compensation than you are now getting. There are plenty of good agents and operators who are out of work and are being kept out of work on account of these students. Consider this before taking another in to "finish

A few of the brothers on the west end are working hard on the nons and glad to say with good results. If we all do our best I am sure we can soon have these two districts solid.

It is near time we were looking for a new G. S. schedule to take the place of the old one issued in the days of the C. A. R. in 1903, Where were we last fall when the increase was given G. S. agents and operators? Why was not that increase extended to this division? There surely must have been some lack of interest somewhere. If our committee will only get busy I am sure they will have all the support they wish for in trying to better our condition.

I have been unable to get hold of any local news of the "doings," but there have been numerous changes of late. Hope to see some brother give us a nice write-up next month, and let our brothers of other divisions know we are not dead, but have awakened from a nice, long sleep. Hustle, boys.

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#### Williamsport Div., No. 24.

Our Lock Haven meeting September 25th, with Bro. Bill Troutman acting in Chief Hepler's place, was a huge success. Every one enthusiastic and while not enough members present, each one had their say and on account of Bob Grugan not being present, Bro. Joe Schlotman had two says, which he took advantage of.

Two old regulars, Klingenberger and Forney, not at the "K" meeting.

Bro. Chas. Bastian has taken the second trick at "BS," and settled down with his bride. This makes "BS" solid, Bill, Charlie and Jim.

Glad to hear Bro. Neagley's familiar swing at "VI" once more. Bro. "N" was off some time on account of sickness.

Any one finding a non between "VO" and "J" inclusive, will be rewarded. Wish I could say as much for Lock Haven Yards, Clyde Bitner and Jack Loy all alone in that city.

Secretary and Treasurer Jonny Sponsler always on hand at the meetings with a smile that won't come off. If we had a few more Johns of that stripe we would have the greatest division in the world.

We have quite a number of Lehigh men on our pike at present.

That money excuse of Waterbury's is getting old; better put Andy Yeager after him.

Bro. Alfred Grieb looking like a new man since its 7 to 3. "GR" had a tough time of it on the twelve-hour stunt.

Was unable to attend the meeting at Williamsport October 9th, but understand that there was a fair attendance. Important subjects were brought up and discussed, which deduced the fact that the speaking brothers are well informed.

Brothers, if you have any information that you feel you should impart for the benefit of all concerned its your duty to do so. Bring your ideas along and don't be afraid to express yourself free speech. It plays an important part in our progress.

I hope all the brothers are attending strictly to business. Always have the interest of the company in mind. Let nothing slip by you that would benefit our employers. Respect your superiors, carry out their orders and thereby gain their respect in return. There's nothing lost and a whole lot gained. Take interest in your work and make it easier for your officers and general committee who represent you.

In conclusion, I beg leave to thank all for the notes they did not send me. If this write-up isn't satisfactory blame yourself, as I'm new at the business and got no outside help at tall.

CONNIE MACK.

#### Providence Div., No. 35.

Despite the fact that the city was billed for a political rally and the streets paraded by the adberants of the party and of the many other attractions to be found in the city, over a hundred brothers turned out to the special meeting held in the Alfredium's Hall, the night of October 7th, to give proper welcome to Bro. L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer of our Order, who with Second Vice-President Bro. T. M. Pierson and General Chairman Bro. E. J. Manion, were our honored guests for the evening. The hearty greeting which was given them could no doubt but impress deeply upon their minds the very high esteem in which they are held by the brothers

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of Division 35, the old banner division of New England.

Bro. Quick's address was replete in sound wisdom and good advice, which can not but strengthen the spirit of unionism in all who were present, and his report of conditions throughout the country was received with great enthusiasm by all.

Bro. Pierson in his address said that he was simply one among us assisting in welcoming our honored guest. Be that as it may we can not disguise the fact that "Tom" is our consulting physician, as it were, in the East, who from his long and varied experience, prescribes the proper medicine to be taken in each specific case in our union life and his welcome was from the heart, although his address was short it was as ever to the point.

General Chairman Bro. Manion was there "with the goods," as is always proved whenever "Doc" makes us a visit, and his news always shows there is something doing along the line.

As to Bro. Quick the unanimous sentiment of Division 35 is that the time between his arrival and departure is altogether too short, and the time between his departure and arrival is altogether too long. He will please be governed accordingly hereafter.

The enthusiasm with which each speaker was greeted was not one whit more hearty than that which the waiters received when the viands were produced. The brothers of Division 35 are determined to maintain that high standard of efficiency as union men so as to meet the hearty approval in the future as in the past of our Grand officers.

Just a fleeting glimpse of Bro. Manion was all I got as he passed on No. 11 the first of the month, but that showed him smiling as usual.

The daily press supporting each of the great political parties are considerably worked up over the slowness in which the contributions seem to be coming in. If either had only secured the services of our noted collector brother here in our midst their constituents would have been unable to resist the modest brother's blandishments, as history proves, and a stream of the "yellow boys" would certainly have flown from their pockets.

Bro. McClusky, first trick, Niantic, made a flying visit to Providence recently.

It seems the brothers exhausted all their excess energy in their attendance at the special meeting, for only about fifteen of them showed up at regular October meeting of Division 35. I think it would be a good idea for the division to adopt the advice which the aged spinster gave the married lady in answer as to how she could hold the love of her husband and that was "Feed the brute," for it is a fact that the mention of a banquet the brothers will turn out in droves. And all with good appetites, myself included.

Bro. Jacobs, of Division 98, and local chairman of Midland Division, was with us, and we trust that he will bear in mind that we meet the third Saturday of each month.

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#### New Rochelle Div., No. 37.

Monday evening, October 5th, New Rochelle Division held a special meeting and entertainment in honor of the visit of our Grand Secretary and Treasurer L. W. Quick and Vice-President T. M. Pierson. The occasion being an open meeting, held in the New Rochelle Theater building, invitations were sent out to our railroad officials and the lady friends of our members. As early as 8 o'clock the lodge room was comfortably filled with our friends and visiting brothers, when Toastmaster Bro. G. W. Wisham called the meeting to order, and in a few well-chosen words of esteem and appreciation introduced our worthy Grand Secretary. Bro. Quick was indeed at his best in reviewing the history of our organization. His reference to the good feeling existing between employers and employes made a deep impression upon all present. We should at all times endeavor to give good and efficient service for wages received, thereby paving the way for our committees to gain better conditions and better results at the next conference with our employers. We were all delighted with Bro. Quick's address and only regret that his appearance in this neighborhood is not more frequent.

Our genial Vice-President T. H. Pierson, introduced by the chairman as the "silver-tongued" orator, entertained us the next half hour with some funny selections from his own stocked vocabulary. His "sallys" in reference to bachelorhood, and old maidenhood brought forth great applause. As Tom was the oldest of the old the laugh was on himself.

Bro. Manion, our worthy General Chairman, as the next speaker, sailed right into Bro. Pierson's reasons "why he remains a bachelor," and our lady friends actually went into hysterics over Tom's confusion, one young woman making the remark, "Isn't he a dear fellow."

General Chairman Woolley, of the New York Central, told us in a very concise way about the organization and conditions existing on that road, which we are glad to hear is of the best order.

Bro. McCormack, of West Haven, the "pronounced" S. & T. of Division 29, said, while Division 37 has some of the most beautiful women he ever saw, Division 29 had the largest assortment of "handsome" men in the organization.

We are indeed indebted to Mr. Charles Young and Sister Helen, of Harrison, N. Y., for their many pleasant musical selections. Mr. Young's singing of the Holy City merited great applause which was heartily given. Among our guests were Chief Train Dispatcher Mr. H. E. Baily and wife; Dispatcher Mr. W. A. Raser and wife and friends from Harrison; Mr. and Mrs. H. Fitzpatrick, Bros. Shields, Leonard and Hudson, Div. 44; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Walther, New York, and Bro. Kelley and others Div. No. 29. After refreshments and dancing were enjoyed the reception came to a close at 11:30 p. m.

Our worthy Bros. Flanigan, of New Rochelle, and DeWitt, of Greenwich, have been promoted to

the positions of load dispatchers on the electric zone at Cos. Cob.

Bro. Geo. E. Bronson, agent at Redding, an ardent member of Division 37, was struck and mortally injured by train 245, the Pittsfield express, at 5 p. m., October 5th, and dying a few hours afterwards. Bro. Bronson was one of our first members on the D. & N. and was at all times ready to contribute and help any worthy brother in distress. To the bereaved wife and children we extend our most heartfelt sympathy, and we sincerely hope our departed brother has received his merited reward in the great beyond.

Mr. Wm. H. Morrell, passenger conductor on the New Haven for the past ten years, was stricken with acute pneumonia a few weeks ago, from which he died after an illness of four or five days.

Fertinand Earle is temporarily located at New Rochelle yard on first trick. Bro. Donovan has made a grievance out of the case, claiming the "whiskers" belong to him. Bro. Pierson says the "paint brush" is not quite heavy enough and puts it up to the local chairman to decide.

Bro. Wm. H. Hynes, of New Rochelle, has been confined to his home with a very severe attack of rheumatism. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Mr. W. B. Fuhst has bid in and received the appointment as agent at Bartow, vice Bro. Bowman, resigned.

All those who attended the reception of the Telegraphers' Social Club, New York City, November 1, report having a splendid time. Kindly accept thanks for favors received.

November 26 being Thanksgiving Day, we give our thanks to the great O. R. T. for the good work accomplished, and the many results obtained.

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#### Springfield Div., No. 38.

Meeting called to order at 8 p. m. sharp, with Bro. Manion, of the N. H. system, in the chair.

We were all very sorry that Bro. Quick, of St. Louis, was not with us, but he could not arrange to be with us this time. Hope he can so arrange as to be with us at our next meeting.

Bro. Pierson, Second Vice-President, was a welcome guest. If the boys listened to his words of advice it will mean very much to the boys on the B. & A. system and the O. R. T. in general.

Eight new applications were read and acted upon, making a total of thirty-five new members since the July meeting, which was a very good showing.

I wish to remind the boys of the east end of the B. & A. R. R. if they wish to see something from that section in the journal they must send in some notes.

Bro. Collins is the only one who has sent me any items and as he is on the west end it does not benefit the east end brothers. Get a hustle on you, brothers, and try and send some items each month.

Bro. Barrett, at the union depot, spent his vacation in Montreal. C. & P. Division-

Bro. Healy bid West Swanza in and will move there in a few days with his family.

Bro. Brill, formerly of West Springfield yard (west end), has taken a position as station agent and operator at Antrium, N. H.

Bro. Pettingill goes to Putney, Vt. third trick. Bro. Buck goes to Deerfield Junction days, and O'Brien, who has been working at Deerfield Junction, takes Bro. Healy's trick at South Vernon This leaves first trick at South Vernon and South Deerfield to go up for bid.

M. A. C.

#### Boston Div., No. 41.

To those of us who were fortunate enough to be able to attend the special meeting called October 8th, these few lines will seem hardly necessary, but for the benefit of the less favored ones who were unable to be with us a few words will not seem to be out of order. As you are all aware the special occasion of the call for the meeting was a desire to meet and listen to some well-chosen words of counsel and advice from that brother with whom we all feel so intimately acquainted, even though it has not been our good fortune to have listened to him before, our Grand Secretary and Treasurer, L. W. Quick. In fact "special attractions" were very numerous on this particular date, for in addition to Bro. Quick our hall was graced by the presence of one to whom we could listen with pleasure and with whose coachings we are nearly all familiar with, Second Vice-President the genial Tom Pierson. Was this all? Not by any means, for behind the footlights were also to be seen Bro. Geo. E. Joslin, a member of the Board of Directors; General Chairman Manion, of the New Haven road, and our own beloved General Chairman J. B. Bode, the only "JO." Had it not been for the familiar faces of our worthy chief and secretary in their accustomed places we might almost have imagined that we were atending a meeting of the Grand Division instead of old Division 41. Not only the west was represented on this memorable night, but likewise the east, as Charlottetown, P. E. I. Division 47, was represented by Bro. Neil Campbell, accompanied by a brother from the far east, whose name has slipped the memory of the writer. We also recognized in our midst some old familiar faces that we were accustomed to see when we were a part of old No. 89, Past Chief Francis, Chief Ross and Secretary Finn, accompanied by a goodly number of their members to swell the occasion.

It was our good fortune to have all the brothers mentioned and enough more to make the attendance over a hundred members, but a feature no less pleasing to the tried and true ones who attend regularly, month in and month out, was the presence of our sister members from the Fitchburg Division, Sisters Mead, Huntington, Young and Curry. We were very glad to welcome them at this meeting and we hope that they will continue to grace the meetings by their presence, and that the brothers will do likewise, and every one possible show up at the meetings.

The remarks of Grand Secretary Quick were listened to with interest by all present, and they should receive careful consideration. Everything for the good of the Order was carefully brought forth in the course of his remarks, and his visit should be productive of good results. He was followed by Bros. Joslin, Manion, Pierson and Bode, each in their usual snappy vein, and everyone went home very well satisfied and those that did not attend are now sorry, as they did not think we would get such a nice crowd. It is to be hoped that we can have a visit from the Grand officers in Boston again in the near future.

In regard to the remarks of all the speakers, it is high time that the members of our division and in fact, all divisions, were getting wise to the fact that our future motto should be "no cards no favors." We have catered to these nons for a sufficient length of time already, and those who have not already joined our fold and shamefully accepting the benefits of our organization, are so bereft of gratitude that further coaxing will be of no avail and sterner methods must be adopted in the future. Could the nons have listened to our Grand Secretary's remarks and followed the logic of his argument, I believe there would be an onrush for applications, but unfortunately they did not, hence it is up to us to use our knowledge and influence to put them wise. We have a number of C. T. U. A. men now holding regular positions, which probably they will hold. They should come in with us; they have all the benefits and should stand by the O. R. T. and by their membership help to swell our ranks. There is no good reason for their being nons any longer. It has been a year now.

I understand Bro. Clifford, ticket agent at Reverly, is very ill. The relief committee has taken his case up and are doing everything possible for him.

Bro. Fuller, ticket agent at Danvers, and his wife, have just returned from a vacation spent in Western New Hampshire and Western Massachusetts.

Bro. Jack Cashman is acting agent at No. Andover. Agent Howes is on his annual vacation through New York State; expects to return about the first of the month.

Bro. J. C. Williams, agent at Danversport, died October 9th. Bro. Williams was apparently in good health, working up to 6 o'clock on the evening of his death. When he reached home he was stricken with acute indigestion from which he died a few hours later. Danversport is now up for bid, being posted on the 10th. Bro. Eggston is filling in.

Bro. Johnson, of Athol spent two weeks' vacation, Mr. Burke, from Boston, filling in. Mr. Burke is one of the boys that lost their jobs in the C. T. U. A. strike a year ago.

Bro. A. Rosberry, agent at Hubbardson, and G. T. Rosberry, second trick at Royalson, spent two weeks' vacation. Mr. Waite relieved Bro. A. Rosberry, and Mr. Burke relieved Bro. G. T. Rosberry.

Bro. Cowick, third trick at Royalston, is laying off on account of the sudden death of his mother. Mr. Farris is relieving him.

Bro. Owen, of Woburn, is in the Maine woods for a brief sojourn. Mr. Heeney is relieving him. We still have some nons on this division. Get after them, boys, with the big stick, if you can't

land them any other way. Don't forget "No cards no favors."

#### New York Div., No. 44.

On Sunday evening, October 4th, a special meeting of the division was held at Fraternity Hall, Jamaica. The occasion for the meeting was a visit by Grand Secretary and Treasurer Bro. L. W. Quick. Bro. Quick was to be in town on the evening of the 4th and notified Bros. Van Nostrand and Hellar to this effect.

Bro. Hellar was away on his vacation when Bro. Quick's letter arrived at his home and Bro. Van Nostrand who spends very little of his time at his permanent address, did not get his letter as intended. Consequently there was no time to arrange a suitable programme for the occasion nor prepare an entertainment.

Bro. Quick arrived at the Grand Union Hotel, New York, at 6 p. m. on Sunday, the 4th, having come direct to New York from St. Louis without stopover. He was met by a committee consisting of Bros. Van Nostrand, Fuller and Brown, who explained to him that although he might be tired and hungry, there was no time to eat. He was simply hustled over to Jamaica via the Subway under the East River and thence to Jamaica via Atlantic Ave. Division.

The entertainment committee, with Bro. Quick in tow, arrived at the hall about 8:00 p. m., where he found about fifty members anxiously waiting.

Bro. Quick's entrance into the hall was a signal for prolonged and loud cheering.

Bro. Van Nostrand called the special meeting to order.

Bro. Jones, of Division 44, was first called upon for remarks and took the floor. Bro. Jones explained that owing to the lateness of the hour he would not take up any of the time of the meeting. He said we assembled to do special honor to one of our Grand officers whom we had not had the pleasure of entertaining since he came into office. Many of the members would have to leave for their homes soon on account of train service, and he wanted all to hear our honored guest and if possible meet him after the meeting, enjoy a hearty handshake and become personally acquainted with one of labor's most earnest workers. He suggested that our worthy chief introduce our Grand Secretary and Treasurer as the first speaker.

Bro. Quick was then introduced, but on account of the prolonged cheers it was impossible for him to proceed for some minutes. Space will not permit a review of Bro. Quick's remarks, which were well received and frequently applauded by his hearers who before he had finished his address became his admirers.

The duties of a good union man, a good citizen, husband and father as well, as a good employe, were well defined and at the conclusion of his remarks the members could not restrain themselves and showed their appreciation and approval in a manner that fitted the occasion.

After the meeting broke up every one gathered around Bro. Quick, eager to shake his hand and pay their respects, and when the time came to leave the hall it was with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret.

Bro. Quick's visit had been all too short. Division 44, who plays second fiddle to no division, large or small, had been taken unawares and under the circumstances did her very best.

Someone asked why Bro. Pierson was not present, and for the benefit of this someone and others, let us inform you that Bro. Tom did get there after the meeting was over. He arrived in New York from Syracuse, where he had been in conference with the N. Y. C. General Committee on that day. He started immediately for Jamaica, and owing to the train service did not arrive at the hall until the meeting was over and all members gone to their respective homes. He, however, met Bro. Quick and the reception committee at the Greek Hotel on Forty-second street, at which place Bro. Quick finally got something to eat. The reception committee and Grand officers remained in session for the greater part of the night. If Tom ever goes back to work at the key he will have to have a night job. DIV. COR.

Our last regular meeting was well attended, but space will not permit a full write-up. Business of much importance will come before the next regular meeting. If you are interested don't fail to attend

It is needless to say that you are interested. This is a business organization and its principal business is to create conditions whereby its members can sell their labor to the best advantage. Don't be a curb stone orator or hot air merchant. If you have any idea or plan that you think will better your fellow man there is a time and a place for you to set forth your views.

Action is required to accomplish good work, not knocks, kicks and general fault finding.

Bro. Hellar set many of us comparatively new members right when he gave us the information in regard to the notes written for Division 44 in THE TRIEGRAPHER. Many of us new 'uns 'sposed they were written by a division correspondent, but his explanation that hardly any two subjects were penned by one member; that during the month he received notes from all parts of the island and that he simply forwarded them to the editor just as they came to him is news to some of us.

Assuming that this is true the undersigned is going to try to get some of his ideas in print.

Some months ago one of the brothers made the statement that on a railroad a man was never promoted strictly on his merits. It was necessary to have a pull, and I believe he said that an inch of pull was worth more than a mile of ability. Well,

that may be so, but I want to mention just one case of promotion where ability counted more than pull.

Bro. Frank Morganweck received promotion, having been transferred from Oyster Bay to the largest ticket agency on the road, Thirty-fourth street, New York.

This office is one of the busiest ticket offices in all New York City and the company in selecting Bro. Morganweck for the position has chosen one of the best men in this line of work in the country.

Mr. O. L. Beach has been appointed agent at Holtsville, vice P. E. Tyler, resigned.

Mr. J. D. Kelly dropped in at Cedarhurst for five days and then departed for a warmer clime. Relief Agent Leahly returned to that station until someone bids it in.

Mr. T. J. Lalor, a student from the ham factory at Winfield, remained at Stoney Brook long enough to get tied up into such a hard knot that four auditors, ably assisted by our worthy chief, Bro. Van Nostrand, could not untie, and then moved on his lonely way with the resolve never again.

The changes have been so numerous since Bro. Al. Wells left Stoney Brook to accept a position with a local bank that we often wonder if the officials realize what it costs to lose the services of a good man. Bro. Wells is doing well.

Mr. Rudolph Kaiser has been appointed agent at Stoney Brook.

Bro. J. D. Webster, who has been in charge of the company's affairs at Water Mill, has been relieved by permanent agent Terwilliger, who spent the summer playing golf at Shinnecock Hills.

F. R. Riber, agent at Thirty-fourth street ticket office, has been relieved by Bro. Morganweck.

Mr. A. L. Marsh returns to his former position as agent at Oyster Bay.

Bro. Fuller has moved up town.

Bro. Leonard and Bro. Hudson paid Division 37 a visit recently and report having been royally entertained.

Bro. A. D. Johnson, of West Hampton, away three weeks on vacation. Bro. Van Nostrand relieved him

Bro. W. A. Plumly, of Cedarhurst, has accepted a position with the Metropolitan Street Railway.

Bro. Brooker, our general chairman, is leader of the Glen Cove Military Band of eighty pieces. Richardson, of "FB" Ave., plays the cymbols.

Bro. G. E. Myers, of Flushing, has resigned and accepted a better position with another company. The company loses the services of a firstclass man.

Bay Side is up for bid. Take a tip the job is no good.

Bro. Tibbols is relieving Bro. Weeks, of Babylon, for a few weeks.

Bro. Gaffney, of Hicksville, and Bro. Jack Lynch, of Jamaica, attended the Mineola Fair and succeeded in getting many fine pictures.

Bros. Kremp and Dow, of Hicksville, report business picking up.

Never in the history of the road has the shipments of produce, potatoes and cauliflower been so heavy. The shipments from Wainscott, Water Mill, Peconic, Southold, Calverton, Riverhead and Maner being exceptionally large.

Bro. Lewis, of Brentwood, is coming round all right after being laid up with a broken knee cap for many weeks.

Bro. Amos L. Bougher, of Amaqansett, is still confined to St. John's Hospital. At this writing his condition is not as good as his many friends would wish.

Sister Martin and her son, Luscomb, have returned from an extended vacation in Maine.

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Sister Terry, who is at present with her mother

at the old home at Terryville, reports improvement.

Why don't the brothers on the north side and east end send us some news? A photo now and then would be interesting.

Bro. Thos. Bennett, of Jamaica Block, is now at Penna ave., second trick.

Bros. Webb at Hempstead Crossing, Sharpe at Floral Park, and Breen at Mincola, were kept busy during the automobile races, October 10th.

Bro. E. V. Willis is holding down Queens, and Bro. Godrick, of Division 42, is working second trick at Hempstead.

Bro. Swann, at Flatbush ave., who has been on a three weeks' vacation, has returned to work.

Bro. R. I. Hanlon, of Chestnut st. Junction, is spending his vacation with parents in Pennsylvania; relieved by E. D. Rowland.

Bro. J. J. Sullivan, of Chestnut st. Junction, has returned to work after a pleasant visit to Connecticut.

Bro. T. J. Cunneely and C. Besemer have been handling trains at Belmont Park during the races.

Bro. E. Egan, of Bushmick function, who has been absent for some time, has returned to work again.

Nine petitions acted on at last meeting and four candidates rode the goat, and, oh, my, how he did kick. There will be something new in this line at our next meeting. Don't miss it.

#### Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

Have you paid the price of that new card yet? If not, do so sure December pay day. No card, no favors.

Change of agents at Mason City Junction and Union of night men at Mason City and Grinnell, and day operators at New Sharon. Can't say who new men are, but hope they are worthy brothers.

Bro. F. L. Kirby, of Chapin, was off several days during the land registration in South Dakota, but don't know if he drew any sage brush or not.

Bro. J. A. Holmes and wife, of Steamboat Rock, just back from a ten days' vacation, spent in Wisconsin. Bro. Holmes was relieved by a Mr. Stone.

Bro. E. Scott, agent, transferred from Ackley to Newton; relieved by Mr. J. F. Nelson, former agent at Albia. Nelson is not an operator, and says it is nothing to his advantage to be an Order man. Anyone knows whether it is to a railroad

man's advantage to belong to a union. Bro. E. G. Flatley relieved Nelson at Albia.

Wires have been cut out of Lacey, on account of no one would accept the job.

Another new dispatcher in "DS," Oskaloosa office. Dispatcher Tom Brown relieved.

Division 71 sure had a "hoodoo" hanging round the October meeting night. Quite a number of east end boys had laid plans to attend, but No. 15 was over three hours late, which knocked out all their plans. Hope for better luck at November meeting.

The non they had doing relief work at Newton before Bro. Scott was sent there, Clock by name, got drunk and hiked with some of the company's money, but he returned later, and at last accounts he was in the "quay." Such actions as this, even by a non-member, puts the telegrapher in a bad light before the public.

From now on it will be Bro. Emory Dodson, at Eleanor, he having joined the great army of union men in October. Strange how these younger men can see benefits in the union that older men are "blind" to.

Bro. Geo. Cannon, of Rapatee, is taking a vacation. A Mr. Ralston doing the relief work.

Mr. Burnham, agent at Little York, has resigned. We hope a good man with an up-to-date card will land this place.

Changes seem to be of frequent occurrence at Cramers lately. One of the company's new men got on a glorious "hilo" recently which lasted several days, and he got the "can."

Bro. Anderson, of Elrick Junction, has been transferred to our division, giving us one more member.

Ex-Agent Graham, who was recently touched up for a couple hundred dollars at Berwick, finally got relief about the middle of October, after giving the company twenty-four hours to get a man to take charge of the station. We are certainly glad it was not a worthy brother that had all this hard luck.

The shop strike at Marshalltown was finally settled by a compromise between the men and the company on October 9th. This strike was of five months' duration, and lost lots of money for both the strikers and company, besides putting the rolling stock and motive power in deplorable shape. It is estimated it will be three years before the business lost through this strike will be regained. We will hope for better train service from now on.

During the present year the Iowa Central has lost fifteen or twenty of its best men, a number of whom had been in the service of the company for several years. Why should this be? Is it because they do not pay the wages other roads are paying, or is it because they do not treat their men in a proper manner, or both? There must be something radically wrong, or the men wouldn't be quitting like a drove of sheep. Just look over the list of good men we have lost the past year; boys we have known for years, and that belong in this territory. The nice part of it is, every one of these boys are making good elsewhere, and are writing for the balance of the boys

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to come where they can make more money and be treated like white men. Now turn round and see what we get in exchange for our old standbys. True, we get a good one once in a while, but where we get one as good as the one that goes, we get three that are worthless. Look at them that have been failures, and let the company down by getting drunk, etc. Now have you ever heard of an old Iowa Central boy that has failed to make good, wherever he goes? I have not. It is a "cinch" this company will have to do better by their men, or lose them faster than they can find bonded men to take their places.

How did you vote? We hear a certain Eastern railroad has threatened their men with a decrease in wages if a certain man is elected President of the United States, and an increase if the opposite party's man is elected. And still the corporations claim there is no graft going on in the country.

Again, no card, no favors.

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#### Camden Div., No. 84.

Amboy Division-

It has been sometime since our division has been represented in the journal, and it seems as if there is enough doing along the line to justify a write-up every month. The members naturally look for a few notes each month, and there is no reason why we should not be represented. Then there are quite a number of our brothers so situated that it is impossible for them to attend the meetings. Of course, they are always glad to see an interesting article in THE TELEGRAPHER.

The summer season is over and we have reasons to believe the company has had a very prosperous year, considering we have just passed through a "financial depression crisis," and we hope the so-called "hard times" will be a thing of the past from now on.

Bro. F. H. Reed is working last trick as operator in "DS," train dispatcher's office, Camden. "FR" is the right man in the right place. You hear no complaints from the men in regard to receiving sarcastic answers over the wire during bis trick. What a pleasure it would be if everyone worked as he does.

Bro. T. J. McCabe, our worthy Treasurer, working in "DS" also, helped handle the Mt. Holly Fair trains at "FG" as usual this year.

Bro. Stockton deserves great credit in the capacity of train dispatcher.

Bro. H. T. Woertz, who has been working second trick in "CF" office, Camden, during the summer, has gone back to his old stand at "FH" for awhile.

Bro. C. A. Keisling, at "BU" office, was off duty a couple of weeks with an attack of intermittent fever. Glad to learn he has resumed duty again. Bro. W. C. Worrell of the same office, was also laid up with typhoid fever for about seven weeks. Billy lost some flesh during his illness, but has an extra keen appetite now, and expects to become normal again before long.

The single track between "BU," Burlington, and "MJ," East Burlington, is now controlled by the operators at "BU," and trains run by signals. This does away with the "right of track orders," and from all accounts the new system gives very good satisfaction to our officials, to the trainmen, etc., and we are glad to add that the three men working this office are up to date, Bros. Austin, Keisling and Worrell.

It is rumored Bro. C. F. Van Culin will not return to "MJ" this fall, but when he is through at "H," Bay Head, he contemplates landing first trick at Manasquan. This will permit him to live at home this winter. Bro. H. M. Smith is working first trick at "MJ" until the matter is settled as to Bro. Van Culin staying at Manasquan.

The block system is about to go into effect on the F. and J. Branch, and this will make a few new positions, which will be nice for men living in that section.

There is considerable complaining as to the detention caused by the single track block system on the C. & B. Co. Branch, but it is really the only thing when it is properly lived up to by all. Several new positions were established by opening up of new offices on that branch.

Quite a number of commercial men working on our division now; some hold the proper documents, while others do not. They should all come in line, and those expecting to remain here should make out applications at once for admission to No. 84. Those already belonging to other divisions should obtain a transfer.

Bro. C. H. Smith, at "QX" office, and Bro. Geo. H. Nunamaker, at 'BJ" office, have rather long hours compared to the most of us, but they are living in hopes something better may turn up before winter comes.

It is reported the boys on C. & B. Co. Branch have not been receiving any relief day all summer. This should not be; the men on main line get their relief day regular each month. Why should these men not receive it also? It surely is not on account of no men, as the company claim they have an extra supply of men on hand and coming all the time. It would seem reasonable these men be allowed an extra day's pay in place of each day not receiving relief, or the time be allowed them all at once. The matter should be taken up through the proper channel and with the proper official no doubt it would be satisfactorily adjusted.

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#### Scranton Div., No. 87.

For quite a little time it has been a source of wonderment to some of the brothers who the student was that has been so fond of calling different offices and trying to give instructions when he hardly knew the alphabet, and it makes one think more of a rain storm on a tin roof than the Morse code. We might add for the benefit of the brothers that are annoyed by him, that he is hanging out at "ND." He not only annoys the dispatchers but the brothers out on the road are obliged to "copy" at a "snail's pace" almost, so that this

"ham" may learn to copy, and some day he will walk in to take our jobs for \$30 or \$35 a month, just for the honor of being called an "operator."

Nights, after the evening rush is over and the "owls" are at liberty to take a few minutes to themselves and get out their "steamer" and put the "blower" on, they would be very grateful for a few quiet minutes to themselves without being obliged to listen to this "ham" pounding away like a woodpecker on an old, dry limb.

When we can get rid of such leeches as this then we can feel that our jobs are safe and not until.

Bro. Z. J. Lord, of Fairview, has just returned from his annual vacation. Bro. Lord was relieved by Bro. G. A. Glennon.

Bro. F. S. Stephenson, of Waymont, has also just returned from a much-needed rest; relieved by Bro. W. E. Taylor, third trick man at "J" office.

Bro. C. M. Burlingame, of Lookout Junction, recently took a couple of weeks off and enjoyed a motor cycle trip to his old home in North Brookfield, N. Y.

Bro. W. E. Taylor has been working "BC" office while Mr. Parry has been on his vacation.

Bro. W. W. Olver is enjoying a week's vacation at Lake Como.

We are glad to note that Bro. Carl Parry has secured a position at Sidney, N. Y. We understand he is working for the O. & A.

Bro. L. W. Brooks, of "OU," Lookout, will leave this week for his home in Ararat, Pa., to be gone thirty days.

Chief Dispatcher J. J. Rounds is spending a month among friends and relatives in Arkansas and Texas.

Bro. Taylor has bid in second trick at Olyphant. Third trick at "WB," Wilkesbarre, advertised at present.

On October 5, the Erie company stopped shipping west coal via Avoca and Pleasant Valley Junction to Carbondale, and will haul it over their own line to Lackawaxen in the future. This cuts off a large amount of business for the Delaware & Hudson crews, but we hope for brisker times soon. Already business is picking up and things point to a fairly busy winter.

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#### Boston Div., No. 89.

Regular night meeting of Division No. 89, held October 3d, in Pilgrim Hall. Division called to order at 8 p. m. by Worthy Chief Bro. Ross. All officers present except First Vice-President, Bro. Curtis. About twenty-five brothers present. This is a little better than the last meeting, but it is only about half what we ought to have at every meeting. Two petitions for membership were favorably voted upon.

A very interesting communication was read from Bro. H. B. Perham, president, urging all brothers to urge delinquent members to pay up, and to get after the nons, as our membership December 31st will determine the number of delegates to attend our convention at Atlanta, Ga., next spring.

It is the desire of the Order to made this the largest convention in the history of the O. R. T.

Now you, brothers of Division No. 89, this is a cue for you to get busy, as we want to send three delegates to this coming convention, and to do that we must have at least 300 members in good on the books now, but about fifty of this number have not paid their dues for the current term. Each brother should make it a point to see that all brothers in his neighborhood are paid up, and if any nons are in sight to get after them and keep after them until they come in. There is no reason why every man that we can represent should not come in.

Bro. Perham, in his letter, also refers to the success of the Order for the first nine months of the present year. He said it was thought at the beginning of the year if we could hold our membership and existing scale of wages on the various roads throughout the country during the so-called "financial depression," it would be about all we could expect. But we have done even better than that. We have gained very materially in membership, and since January 1st we have secured thirty-seven new and revised schedules, in some instances getting an increase in wages.

Think of it, brothers, where would we have been but for the good old O. R. T.? It is safe to say we would have had our wages cut from 10 to 25 per cent all over the country.

Now everybody get busy and let's see what we can do before December 31st.

Send all notes for THE TELEGRAPHER to M. E. Jacobs, 123 East street, Franklin, Mass, by the 18th of each month.

The regular daylight meetings of Boston Division No. 89 are held on the third Saturday of each month, so the October meeting fell due on the 17th, and was called to order with usual promptness. One application was favorably voted upon and other business was hustled through to allow more time for speech-making. The night owls did themselves proud by turning out to the tune of thirty, which is an excellent showing, out-doing the night meeting in point of attendance, and yet we can make a better showing if we try, as there are quite a number of second and third-trick brothers with passes in their pockets and living within the accommodation zone, whose faces have not yet, so far, been seen at the daylight meetings. There is always something going on that will interest you and one can never tell what surprise is in store, as was the case at our last meeting. We were treated to a "rarebit" in the form of Worthy Bro. Pierson, accompanied by Worthy Bro. Manion and Bro. Doolin, of New Haven, Division No. 29. Boys, oh boys, you should have heard these brothers speak. Many of you do not understand what it means to have such men as these in our circle and some of you have not yet met them, notwithstanding that every minute of their time is devoted to your welfare, much of which you know little about. Remember these brothers are your representatives; they come to our meetings voluntarily

and acquaint us with what is going on between employers and employes. We hear from them the good that is accomplished and the evil that will not be tolerated. We also get the good advice that is so beneficial to ourselves and company alike. We are instructed to perform our duties in such a manner that it will reflect credit upon ourselves, thereby gaining the desired promotions that usually follow. Thus spoke Worthy Bro. Pearson for over an hour, starting off with a good story, to put the boys at ease and in the right frame of mind. He was pleased to see the large gathering, saying that the daylight meetings usually turned out to be an unsuccessful undertaking, but was forced to admit Boston Division, No. 89, proved an exception to this rule. He said it laid entirely in the hands of the members to make it successful, and hoped we would continue to see the good results derived from these meetings. He spoke at length on the harmonious relations existing between the company and employes of the telegraph department, mentioning the essential points to maintain these good relations. He gave us credit for the business-like way we keep a man in the field to look after our interests, and hoped the nonmembers would see it in this light and soon join the fold to which he is always welcome, depicting the difference between unionism and non-unionism, the advantages the former has over the latter made the boys sit up and take notice.

Bro. Pierson, in a humorous way, then related his barnstorming expedition through the East with Worthy Bro. Quick and Bro. Manion as co-actors. They made a one-night stand at Boston, with Division No. 41, at whose hall a number of reserved seats noticeably vacant, were waiting for the delegation from Division No. 89.

Bro. Pierson related a few incidents of his past life, which was not all sunshine and roses, as many are wont to believe, and that he has been working for the betterment of his fellow-beings a long time is pointed out by the fact that he now stands fourth on the list in point of age of officers governing railroad brotherhoods, and with Grand Master P. H. Morrissy about to retire, puts him up still another notch. To Bro. Pierson belongs a large share of credit for organization on the New Haven System. He is well pleased with the fruits of his efforts and hopes the members appreciate what, so far, has been accomplished and will remain loyal to our union for ever and a day.

A short recess was then taken to allow those present to shake hands with our honored guests, after which they journeyed to Springfield to meet the brothers of that division.

#### Midland Division, East-

Bro. Burke, second trick at Norwood Junction, is away on a two weeks' vacation.

Bro. Lecuyer, second trick at East Douglas, has a new automobile.

All brothers at Franklin are kept busy since the new time-table went into effect. With the additional extras and mixed trains that were just put on the boys find something doing all the time. Bro. Gonsalus, second trick at Putnam tower, off for a few days, and now Bro. Baker, first trick, o.. for ten days. Mr. O. A. Weeks, formerly agent at Abington, Conn., is relieving.

#### Norwich and Worcester Branch-

Operator Ottenheimer, third trick at Plainfield, has resigned. Place filled temporarily by Operator Green.

Bro. Atwood, from Natick, R. I., was the successful bidder for the Navy Yard agency.

Bro. Stetson, agent at Central Village, is recovering from inflammation in the left eye, caused by coming in contact with some poisonous plant.

Understand Operator Darrow, at Central Village, and Operator Fyles, third trick at Webster, have filed application for membership.

With only two or three exceptions this line is solid. Why not make it solid?

Local Chairman Bro. M. E. Jacobs went over the branch getting acquainted and drumming up nons. We were all glad to meet Bro. Jacobs. With such an honest and persistent chairman it won't be long before all are in the fold.

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#### Elmira Div., No. 100.

The regular meeting of Elmira Division, No. 100, was fairly well attended, though several of the brothers were conspicuous by their absence. However, the faithful ones have no grouch coming, as the ice cream and cake circulated more freely than would have been possible had a larger crowd been present.

An item in the September number of THE TELEGRAPHER, in which doubt as to W. W. Mc-Laughlin's standing in the Order is shown, seems to have been entirely out of place. Bro. Mc-Laughlin has been a member for several years, and the division correspondent takes pleasure in removing any doubts which may exist upon that subject.

Several items of this kind have, from time to time, appeared in THE TELEGRAPHER, and the division correspondent requests that brothers sending in items kindly ascertain the standing of persons mentioned in their write-ups, thus removing any cause for dissatisfaction among the members.

While any non would like to see his name in print as "Bro.," it is a cinch that no brother wants to be brought out as a non, or to see his name in the "doubtful column."

Several of the boys have changed about, but it is hard to keep a line on them, owing to the infrequency with which bulletins are sent out.

Bro. Murphy relieved Mr. Wilson at Seneca Castle. Mr. Wilson has left the service, returning to commercial work.

Bro. L. G. Ghent has been appointed agent at Sodus Center, relieving Mr. Browser, who has gone into business for himself.

Bro. C. M. Robson relieved Bro. Ghent at Wallington, first trick. Bro. Robson relieved by Mr. Vandy, who says he will be with us as soon as he gets straightened out.

Bro. H. E. Gray is now working third trick at Columbia Crossroads, while Bro. Murphy is doing first trick at Wallington.

Bro. Miller, at Trout Run, traded tricks, and is now working second trick during the hunting season.

Bro. F. Gray is now working first trick at Bodine Siding, traded with Mr. Taylor in order to hunt for rabbits.

Bro. Eaden, third trick, off a few days, spending the time with his parents; relieved by Sister C. A. Miller.

Bro. Joe Brewer, second trick at Roaring Branch, met with a serious accident, falling from a box car and breaking his right leg. Understand he is now working on crutches.

Bro. H. G. Furman, third at Fassett, off four days, visiting friends in Williamsport and Trout Run; relieved by Sister Miller.

Owing to increase in business, telephone towers are being reopened. McKinney's and Minnequa are now in operation, using same phone operators as before.

Bro. F. W. Gray, second trick at Bodine Siding, spent Sunday with his parents; relieved by Bro. Dunning.

Bro. Hoag, third trick at Ralston, is there with the goods and can tell the nons where they are lame.

Bro. J. G. Young, of Division No. 24, spent a few days with Bro. Miller at Trout Run.

Bro. Bailey, of Canton, landed first trick at Cowley on bid. Bro. Flynn now working relief on Canandaigua Division. Div. Cor.

Bro. U. G. Watkins, first trick at "G," Himrods Junction, off a few days on account of sickness of his father and mother. Bro. J. N. Fuller worked at "G," first trick, two days, Bro. Seamans relieving him and worked first trick the remainder of Mr. Watkins' absence. Bro. Eisen acher worked second trick two days; relieved by J. A. Golden. Bro. Watkins resumed work October 7th and Bro. Seamans returned to second trick same date.

Bro. Milton Hill, third trick at "G," Himrods Junction, relieved by Bro. R. B. Havens, October 4th and 5th.

Bro. H. R. Reynolds, second trick at Milo, attended the Bath, N. Y., fair, Bro. Havens working his trick during his absence. Don't know how many baths Bro. Reynolds has seen previous to this one.

The daylight meeting, called to order with only nine present. A Mr. Watkins, from the south end, rode the goat and changed his name to Bro. Watkins.

Bro. Charles Davis, second trick at Stanley, relieved by Bro. Havens, on account of sickness, a few days.

Ennerdale, Hall and Milo opened third trick, October 6th.

Bro. Leroy Ghent, first trick at Wallington, has accepted the agency at Sodus Center.

Bro. Shumway at Wallington a few days.

Understand Mr. Wilson has left and gone back with the commercial company.

Sister Bower is on the extra list.

Mr. Eaves, the brakeman who had the misfortune to lose his right arm at Penn Yan while doing switching on local freight some time ago, is at Milo posting on blocking trains by telephone and will be given a position as soon as he is competent.

My friend have you heard of the town of Yawn, On the banks of the river Slow, Where blooms the wait-a-while flower fair, Where the some-time-or-other scents the air, And the soft go-easys grow?

It lies in the valley of What's-the-Use, In the province of Let-Her-Slide; That tired feeling is native there; It's the home of the listless, I-don't-care, Where the Put-it-offs abide.

The Put-it-offs smile when asked to join, And say they will do it tomorrow, And so they delay, from day until day, 'Till death comes along and steals them away, And their families beg, steal or borrow?

"OG."

#### Renovo Div., No. 110.

The regular October meeting was held in Odd Fellows' Hall, Emporium, Wednesday evening, October 21st, and much business of importance was transacted.

Bro. E. P. Kearney, of Division No. 52, and Miss Myrtle Baird, of "KS" tower, Sinnemahoning, were transferred and elected, respectively, to Division No. 110. Both of these members are valuable additions to our division and we extend a warm welcome to them.

There will be two meetings in November, one at Corry on the first Wednesday, and at Emporium the third Wednesday of the month.

I wrote to several of the members, asking them to help out on the write-ups, but received no response, except from Bro. Russell, of "CT," Keating, and Bro. Tiffany, of Corry. I am very thankful to both these brothers; come again.

Several members have been dropped from the division on account of non-payment of dues. Some of these people have been used with the greatest courtesy and received assistance from the division, but it seems they can not afford to thank the organization that secured shorter hours for them. As the old saying goes, "Eaten bread is soon forgotten."

We expect three or four new members to join us at the next meeting and they are all of the best material on the division.

Bro. Fleming, of "MS" tower, Wistar, is taking a week's vacation; relieved by Miss Eddy.

Bros. Botsford and Perry, of Keating, are fixing up a hunting camp and have contracted with Bro. Russell for ten bushels of "Murphies" and ten

gallons of election cider; also, 100 spring chickens have been ordered from Bro. Sullivan at "HY," for camp supplies. Everything is union made and of Irish manufacture. All brothers and sisters of the division are invited for a day's recreation as soon as things are ready.

Bro. Frank Emert, of "CT," Keating, has returned to duty, after visiting New York City, Coney Island and Rockaway Beach. Although "Uncle Joe Cannon" and Billy Bryan accuse each other of hot-air shooting, Frank says that neither of them could hold a candle to the red man at Coney Island, and warns all the boys visiting there to keep their sky sails set.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Bechtold, of "MS," Wistar, is again in poor health, and hope he will soon recover.

Bro. Russell, of "CT," Keating, visited the School of Telegraphy at Lock Haven recently and reports "nothing doing."

Bro. Krape, of Cameron, has been taking a week's vacation, visiting in Clearfield County, showing his many friends the new O. R. T. boy that recently arrived.

Bro. G. L. Page, of Cameron, is taking a week's vacation; relieved by Mr. Robison.

Our brother interlockers on the Eastern Division can give the Western Division boys the laugh -66.55 per month—imagine it; this means six sacks of flour or a few extra dollars to buy something for the family. Are we asleep or have we nothing to do but to keep the crows off the track?

How would you like to be the track foreman, with a big annual pass in your pocket after ten years' service.

Bro. Russell, of "CT," Keating, is spending a few days in St. Louis; relieved by Mr. McCartan.

Operators Crissman and Peabody, of the B. & S. R. R., have severed their connection with that road, and are working on the Western Division. We are glad to see both these gentlemen among us, and look for their applications in the near future, as they are desirable people.

Bro. Hughey Coyle, of "CH" tower, Renovo, is at present doing the stunt in "RA," Renovo. It is good to hear his fist on the wire again.

Before this writing appears in the journal we will know whether the people will have a voice in the government for the next four years or not. We hope so at least.

In closing, will make one more appeal to the members to attend the meetings. The best way to keep interest is to attend the meetings and take a lively interest in the affairs of the division.

Bro. Shea, of Waterford, is taking a two weeks' vacation, visiting Philadelphia, New York and other Eastern cities.

Sister Fowle, of Erie, is also taking her annual two weeks' vacation; relieved by Operator Krantz. Bro. James, at Garland, is said to be the cham-

pion potato-grower this year, harvesting over 150 bushels of the finest "spuds."

Sister Hanley enjoyed a two weeks' vacation last month, visiting Pittsburg and other cities; relieved by Operator Carney.

Everything quiet along the line; when the division operator's clerk has another attack of "brain storm," then there is something doing. Wonder what the next "grand coupe" will be? Those elegant "sines" will always be a monument to his memory. DIV. COR.

#### North Adams Div., No. 139.

A large attendance was at our October meeting, and a decided interest in the welfare of Division No. 139 was shown. We are pleased to record the attendance of several who have been so located that it was impossible to be present during the year, but who now occupy positions which bring them near our place of meeting. We hope the renewed interest will continue, as it is the desire of our present officials that "old 139" be alive to its interests and that all its members attend regularly its monthly meetings. Remember the date of our December meeting, which is the 12th, and bring a brother with you.

Most of our men have settled down for the winter. Taking in consideration the financial depression, the B. & M. has prospered and our members have little excuse for complaints. All who have wished to work have been given the chance.

Bro. Phillips, agent at North Bennington, has returned after a six weeks' visit through the West, including Milwaukee and Chicago. While in the latter city Bro. Phillips made a call on former Superintendent Meltcher, who is always pleased to meet an old Fitchburg Division employe.

Bro. Brownlee, of Crescent tower, enjoyed his vacation during the first half of October. were pleased to see him at our October meeting.

Bro. Mook, formerly of "JV," is working third trick at Schaghticoke.

Bro. Barber, from third trick at Schaghticoke to second trick Petersburgh tower.

Bro. Burt, from second trick Petersburgh Junction, to first trick operator and clerk at "NR," North Bennington.

Bro. Richard Niles, from North Bennington to second trick tower man at Johnsonville.

Mr. Wheeler, first trick at "JO," Johnsonville tower, has returned to the eastern section. I am unable to say who is the successful bidder on his position.

Mr. Joy, extra, has located with the N. Y. C., near Albany. Not enough extra work to pay his expenses on our division.

Bro. A. U. Nesbitt has taken his regular position at "HJ," Hoosic Junction.

Bro. Van Wort is on the extra list.

Bro. Wickham from acting agent to Hoosic Junction tower.

Bro. Pitney, agent at Eagle Bridge, on the sick list.

Bro. Speanburg is acting agent on the Van Wort, first trick, until his return.

Pleased to note that Bro. Mannering, of "JD" office at our October meeting. We owe an apology to our brother. In some of our write-ups we have mentioned him as a Mr. While no harm, we desire to place Bro. before the desirable men and to show

the few nons that men of principle do not hesitate to buy the union goods.

Bro. Doble assigned the position as time-keeper in the assistant superintendent's office.

Bro. Quick, formerly of "JD," dispatcher's office, back to regular position, Rotterdam tower.

Chief Bourne has returned from his vacation.

Mr. White, third trick at "JD," from third trick dispatcher.

Mr. Price, regular second; Mr. Barry, regular third trick.

A new board of directors elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders—from the Boston papers—a general change in officials is looked for about January 1st next.

New officials to deal with, but the same old defense, a well-organized band of O. R. T. men, with an eye to the interests of its employers, as well as its members.

It is the general opinion of our leaders that future schedules will exclude nons of the razor-back breed. We still have a few of this sort with us, shedding crocodile tears in their efforts for sympathy. By members of labor organizations with the interests of labor at heart, these shanghis who hibernate the well-earned positions of organized men and women are held in contempt. When schedules are drawn excluding these fellows the problem will be solved.

Bros. Pinkham and Bankes, agents of Schoghicoke and East Schoghticoke were in attendance at our regular October meeting.

In a former number of THE TELEGRAPHER mention of an operator intoxicated while on duty was made and was criticised by a number. It is easy to stand outside, with folded hands, and criticise the acts of members who have the welfare of the profession at heart. It makes no difference whether a member of the O. R. T. or a non, any operator employed by a railroad who uses intoxicants is not safe to handle the lives of the patrons of the company, and when they go to the extent that they are stupefied, it's time they are shown up. It was possible once, years ago, for those things, but an awakened people has brought a change and the clear-headed man is in demand in preference to the liquor-befogged brain of a tippler. What's our object in life? To bow and bend to the criticisms of a few who live for personal gain or to stand for principle and the welfare of the true American citizen, whose thought is of the future posterity. No use trying to hold back an advancing intellectual people, "De sun do move."

Will some of the members of Division No. 139 interested in its growth, bring in an application of some non, who will make a desirable member? The watchword of our leader, President Perham, is "Forward." Who is with the general. Let's make a clean sweep.

Who has paid the \$1 assessment for the Emergency Fund. Get in line and remit to Bro. Cook, secretary and treasurer, Shelburne Falls, Mass. Who knows but you will be the next to need assistance.

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#### Grand Trunk Ry.

Nineteenth and Twenty-first Districts-

Pursuant to notice given by our general secretary-treasurer, a meeting of telegraphers of the Nineteenth and Twenty-first Districts was held at Simcoe on the evening of October 23d. Members from various parts of the above districts were present, evincing an interest and enthusiasm in the cause that is certainly encouraging.

Bro. Shaw, in an interesting address, outlined very clearly and impressively the policy of the General Committee during the coming year, and urged continued activity on the part of all members, with a view of enrolling the few nons who are still hesitating. Our progress during the current year, in the matter of securing new members, has been marked, but there are still a few who are holding back, and it behooves every brother to be up and doing in order to make our organization complete. We are our own organizers. Let us make a good showing during the balance of the term. As we have often been reminded, thorough organization brings corresponding results.

A general discussion of the points brought out in the remarks of the general secretary-treasurer showed remarkable unanimity of opinion, and intention to prosecute a thorough canvass, which augurs well for this part of the division.

Bro. Shaw also reported well-attended and enthusiastic meetings held at many other points, all of which goes to show that this division is determined to substantiate its right to the position it occupies in the directory, i. e., No. 1.

There is important work before our committee during the next twelve months, and in order that they may be able to undertake it vigorously, it is indispensable that they have the hearty support of the membership. Let every member be prompt in remitting dues, and watch that next-door neighbor of yours. If he is a member, make sure that he is up-to-date. If he is a non have him earolled. A very little work on the part of each will produce astonishing results. We owe it to the Order and to ourselves. Let us pay the debt.

ONE OF THE OLD GUARD.

Referring once more to our ring contest. I desire to say that it would seem a number of our members who have already secured one and, in some cases, two new members, leaving the former only two more, and the latter, one, to get in order to win one of our emblem rings, have forgotten about it. The conditions of the contest are, that any member securing three or more new members between now and December 31st, will be given an O. R. T. emblem ring. Try it, boys, and see if you can't be a winner of one of these emblems without any cost to yourself. At the same time don't forget that by being a "winner" you perform a duty you owe the Order by assisting in the work of strengthening our forces.

The so much desired and talked about nine-hour law and revision of schedule are two very important matters to be dealt with during the coming year, and the success your committee is to

meet with, whether it be a revision of schedule or the nine-hour bill that's taken up, will largely depend upon the support they receive trom you as an organization. Therefore, it is hoped that those who would be directly benefited either through a revision of schedule or a nine-hour law, will take the interest in the work that is expected of them.

Dues notice and remittance slips for the ensuing term will be distributed on or about November 30th, and members are urgently requested to re spond promptly as soon as these slips reach them.

Trusting all concerned will keep the good work going, I am, with best wishes,

Fraternally,

D. L. SHAW, G. S. & T.

#### PRISON LIFE.

There is a very great grievance of which I wish to draw our brothers' attention, not but that all are aware of its existence, but that for the simple reason that very little, if anything, appears in our worthy journal on the subject, with the exception of what is said regarding the eight hour day, which would, in a slight degree, lessen this tremendous evil. I bring this matter to your attention through our journal, as I believe it to be the proper course by which to give one's views a wide-spread distribution which should result in great effectiveness.

The subject on which I wish to write is the prison-like life which nine out of every ten of our class, especially on this road, have to live. Do you ever consider that in one week, exclusive of Sunday, at the rate of twelve hours per day, you work three days of eight hours duration more than the person who enjoys the eight hour day? And what of the man who works fourteen and fifteen hours per day? It is not the length of hours alone, but the absurdity of asking a man to work until 8, 9 and 10 p. m. every day, including every holiday. This is unparalleled in history. Even the Galley Slave in the state prison was compelled to rest on the Sabbath and legal holidays.

What is expected by the company of their agents? They are expected to be intelligent people. The man who knows nothing but railway rules is far from being intelligent. What are the great majority of we agents and operators, who are not given the opportunity during one evening in the whole year to attend a lecture, political meeting, or any other source of knowledge, not even given the time as is the case where a man is given two men's work, to even read the valuable books which today are thrown on the market.

Then, again, how about the daily exercise so necessary to a person subjected to close confinement and great responsibility, not saying anything of the overwork, but instead of these simple wants we are compelled for a whole year, and in many cases, not a few of them, from early morn until late at night to remain with naught

to view but the dingy walls of a cramped up railway office, the monotony itself being enough to goad one on to commit suicide.

Some say, how are you going to overcome this state of affairs at a point where one man is employed, say, from 7 or 8 a. m., until 9 and 10 p. m. I say, employ two men, one to come on duty, say at 7 and leave at 5, the other to come on at 10 and off at 9, or if he remains later at night, bring him on in a. m., so he will not have to work more than 10 hours. I am greatly in favor of 8 hours per day, but will gladly accept 10 for a start, the younger man taking the second trick. Some will say, oh, this would be too great an expense on the railway company. Well, if such is the case, let it be investigated, and if needs be a very slight increase in freight rates would cover it. There can be no excuse accepted for a man having to throw his whole life away day after day, week after week, month after month, and year after year, being denied all the enjoyments and enlightenments of the times. You are robbing your families of the comfort of a home which demands that every man should be able to enjoy his family circle if he so chooses, and I venture to say ninety-nine per cent desire it. Do you ever recall to memory that our fathers enjoyed this cherished privilege, and why should we not? Is this world going backwards? Yes, as regards the rights of railway employes, for the simple reason that it has been drilled into the minds of men that railways are different from any other sort of corporation. What foolishness. Just imagine, a lifetime without one evening, one legal holiday, and if the railways could, not one Sunday, and last but not least, annual holidays. Old time slavery is not to be compared with it. Think of it brothers, being denied leave of absence, even without pay, after serving in prison like this. Some are afraid to ask for holidays, and correctly so, as it is a positive fact that our officials have become so hard hearted that they do not want to be bothered arranging relief, and if forced to do so, mark an "X" opposite your name and give you the cold shoulder for some time to come. We have given our life to this railway work and should receive proper protection. If the railways will not grant it, let us tsy our government. I believe if they knew it they would see the peril in which it places the traveling public, not saying anything of liberating us from prison. Our state of affairs is worse than that of Napoleon on the Island of St. Helena, for in his case, there was a cause, although Britain is now censured by her own subjects, even by one of her greatest statesmen, an Imperialist at that, and I believe if another Napoleon were to come to light and rid despotic rule from off the railways, as Napoleon rid Europe of Despotic Government, it would be a Godsend to thousands.

One thing has been promised by our premier, and that is, with a separate Portfolio, a Minister of Labor, but there is one thing we must do,

and that is elect some Labor Representatives to strongly present our grievances in Parliament.

Did it ever appear to you, brothers, what a deaf ear the railways have to the cause of Christianity when they force you to work Sundays, thereby preventing your attending means of worship, without which the soul ultimately becomes dead? I again state this is a grave state of affairs. Become a solid union and abolish it.

A BROTHER.

#### Seventeenth District, Middle Division-

There are others in our ranks, who could, if they half tried, furnish our members with lively news galore, and I hope some one will wake up and see that our district is represented every month in our journal. In fact, boys, I think its time we all woke up and got busy, and do our part towards making our membership show a decided increase by the end of December. According to our worthy secretary's circular letter of a recent date, the matter of a new schedule on this road during the ensuing year largely depends upon our own actions. I, for one, would like to see a new schedule in 1909, but if that is to be a real thing, it means, we, you and I, who pretend to have the good cause in our hearts, must wake up and make it possible for our general committee to do business for us in a business way, by increasing our membership. Without a thorough organized state of the men concerned, the hands of our committee will be somewhat tied, and in order to prevent such a catastrophy, I would suggest that every present member reach out and do all possible to have those whom we know to be nons, fall in line and build up a strong front.

In speaking about the Seventeenth District, I may say that there are a few non-members here and there, who are a hard proposition to understand. If you mention the matter to them, you get the same old chestnuts thrown at you, namely, "come in next month," "send me papers and I'll fill them out," "I'm hard up this month, but will join next," notwithstanding, they receive their increase right along, but for some reason, while these papers have been in their possession for months, yet you never see them wearing "the button" honorably, or proudly showing an up-to-date card. Therefore, brothers, let us get after these fellows and show them, if possible, the benefits they are getting out of our efforts and the order generally. One month's increase would procure an up-to-date card, and put them in a position whereby they could look a person square in the face and not sneak away or try to put you off by puttiing up the plea that they are too busy to attend to it just now.

Glad to hear Bro. Oliver back at "DO" nights, after being relieving agent for some time. Bro. Maguire, we are glad to see back at Copetown again, after taking a few weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. Oliver.

We are pleased to see Bro. Bridge back at "NF" again. Understand he has spent the last couple

of months traveling through the west, and while away was relieved by Bro. Shaw, who is now holding down "MY." Bro. Little has been relieved at "XY" by Bro. McLeish. Bro. Johnson, third trick man in "S," is off duty through illness. There has been so many changes in the Hamilton office lately, it is hard to keep track of the men. Operator Vicary is holding down second trick in the above mentioned office, relieving Bro. Watson, who is holidaying. Operator J. A. Aikman has been transferred from London office to St. Catharines for a few days. Understand J. A. proposes returning to his old stand soon; first trick in Hamilton office. Mr. Robertson doing the night owl stunt, at Junction Cut office, was held up the other night and relieved of all surplus coin. Think it was about twenty cart-wheels, he reports having lost. If he was to get an up-todate card and display the emblem, no doubt the robbers would steer clear of his office in the future. At Copetown, Bro. W. G. Baker, is a new arrival among us.

Now, boys, let's get busy and reach out after these nons, and all work together, or the nine hour day will never come to us.

At an O. R. T. meeting, held at Chatham, Thursday evening, Oct. 15th, by Bro. Shaw, our worthy treasurer, one more member, in the person of Ed. Griffith, night owl at this point, was added to the roll.

If the members would wake up and take more interest in the work, and attend these meetings when they are held, much good would result. Let's have another meeting soon, and see if we can not make this end of the Southern Division 100 per cent strong before the end of the year.

An enthusiastic meeting was held at the Station Hotel in Berlin, Wednesday evening, Oct. asst. Under the circumstances it was more than successful. When the heat of the general election is considered it's a wonder we had the crowd we had. A joint debate between the two parties was being carried on at the time, though at present can't say that any of the boys left up in the lurch for that.

After meeting the different trains and giving the boys a shake, the bunch at once repaired to the hotel parlors (passing the bar) where they were all provided with smoke materials and proceeded to thicken the atmosphere with the blue hase eliminated from a brand of the "Bar Tenders' Revenge."

Matters of import were discussed by Bro. Shaw, who was with us to liven things up with humor and information. Think he underwent more hardship through getting here than any other as he had to sit up until 1:20 a. m. to catch his train back to London. Wonder why it is the rest of us can not go about it in the same way our secretary-treasurer does? It wouldn't take so long to get things straightened up then. Come to the meetings and air your grievances, don't chew the rag over the wires about what you

are not getting, but get together and say what you want and ought to have and then back it up by your full support.

Meetings are hard on the nons. I mean as a bunch, for they are the cause of thinning out their ranks and helping the Order to grow. At Wednesday's meeting we roped in Mr. Rowe, a relieving operator for this district, and we believe he will prove a "Find." We also received a promise from a non who could not be present, that his papers were coming. Keep the ball rolling.

Many of the boys did not show up, which fact is their loss for much interesting matter was discussed, the most important to many being the proposed revision of our schedule and the eight-bour law.

The next meeting will be held at Brampton, at least it was proposed for that place, and it is to be hoped we will have a larger crowd. "Watch Us Grow" should be our motto, and it is going to be very appropriate.

The meeting broke up early, on account of men having to catch trains out again, but much good was accomplished during the time spent, for every one present agreed to turn "non hunter."

Have to get busy with trains so will give some one else a chance. "Booster."

#### Southern Division-

Bro. Owens transferred from Welland to Fort

Bro. Austin promoted from "CA" nights to "ND" days, and Bro. Congreve from "MH" nights to "CA."

Bro. Troyer, agent at Courtland, off for a few days' vacation, relieved by operator Johnson, of "HI," the latter's place being filled by operator Kellum. Wonder what is keeping these two out in the cold so long? When they are doing so well out of the efforts of the Order, it surely is up to them to fall in line and assist in protecting the benefits others have secured.

Simcoe Junction office has been closed and am unable to locate Bro. Baldwin at present, but understand he is farming.

Bro. Newman, operator at "J," has been off for a few weeks' vacation, relieved by Bro. Sutherland, our worthy local chairman.

R. T. spent a few days in Toronto and Delhi, last month.

Operator Marshall, Pt. Robinson, spent his vacation in Montreal and Toronto, relieved by operator Williamson, of Grimsby. The two latter should also fall in line and add brother to their names, through which act they would be doing their part towards protecting the benefits they, too, are enjoying at the hand of the organization.

Now, brothers, reach out after the nons in your neighborhood, and do all possible to make the Southern Division 100 per cent strong by the end of the year.

Benabout.

#### The Chicago & Alton Ry.

All members of our grand Order will now extend a friendly hand to Bro. Elwood, of Lawndale, who has filled out his papers and should be shown all favors for his good move in joining the O. R. T.

An organizer passed through here lately, and am glad to say he had success although most of the boys know what brought about the ninehour law, and are staying with the ship.

One operator who refuses to join is Miss Saas, of Lawndale, although she is enjoying the nine-hour law. The organizer had no success there. Here is an operator that deserves no favors. "No card, no favors."

Bros. Eads, of McLean; Pruett and DeVault, of Atlanta, and Fickle, of Minier, all spent an enjoyable day in Bloomington, Tuesday, Oct. 13th.

Bro. Colson, of Funk's Grove, has resigned and is attending school at Champaign, Ill.; relieved by Bro. Caples.

Bro. Minor, of Funk's Grove, who was so sick with appendicitis, and was off a couple of weeks, is back. All the boys are glad to see him well again and back in the ranks.

Anderson Crow.

#### Western Division-

Next month I hope to read some news sent in by some of the other brothers on both Eastern and Western Divisions.

Bro. Landrun, at Odessa, off for a vacation, relieved by operator Goldsberry, who is a good man, and I don't think would be hard to land.

Bro. Mahon, at Odessa, relieved by Bro. Carroll, don't know where Bro. Mahon went to, "13" he is down in Oklahoma.

Bro. Croven, at Mayview, is still doing all of the work. "13" they had him up all night for a couple of nights this month. Now, boys, don't you understand that it is a violation of the law?

Col. U. S. Foy, who never saw an up-to-date, is going to blow himself by taking a month off. I hope that the man who relieves him will be one who knows a little more about the O. R. T.

Bro. Dalton relieved operator Cushman in Big Blue Tower. "13" he likes it there as he can board at home.

Agent at "GN" is off for some time. "13" he is in Roadhouse station, being handled by Bros. Thomason and Anderson, operator Schupp and the baggageman.

At Blockburn we have a man for agent who says the O. R. T. never did any thing for him. Why don't he get an up-to-date and give us a chance to show him what it is to belong to the flock; as long as he stays out and talks the way he does I consider him a black sheep.

Sister Hockensmith, at Mt. Leonard, is relieved by operator Ligon; don't know whether he is up-to-date or not.

Bro. Ehrman, at Marshall, was working some of last month, at Kansas City, for operator Rawdon, who was sick.

Business is very good on the C. & A., the regular trains carry rags, then we have them with white flags all the time. Business is so good they are borrowing engines from Clover Leaf. Hope to hear from some of the rest of the brothers on this line.

# TO NONS AND BROTHERS ON THE ONLY WAY.

As individuals I am afraid that we too often do not realize that we are really alive, but that we have allowed ourselves to become dead to a certain extent. We have been too apt to giving ourselves up to a thought that our brother telegraphers on either side of us are not just what they should be, yet what has each of us as individuals done to help the other up out of this rut, have we extended a helping hand, a kind word, or even gone down into this ditch ourselves and by main force and awkwardness succeeded in pulling our brother up out of this rut, or have we instead given him a shove or a kick and been directly responsible for his sliding deeper down in this ditch?

How many of us can answer this question satisfactory to ourselves, feel that we have been doing our share and feel proud of our actions. I am afraid that it will be but a very small percentage of us that can do so. The confidence of the individual is too weak. We do not even place confidence in ourselves to the extent that we are capable of doing something for our brothers, something that we should be proud to do, and would be a direct help to all. We have been too apt to ask ourselves an old worn-out question, what is the use of me belonging to the Order when there are brothers on both sides of me that do not? Although I am a member and they are not, are not they receiving the same compensation for their services that I am, and is it doing them any great harm by not belonging with me? I am afraid brother telegrapher, that you have taken a very bad view of the situation. Being a member in good standing, is there not a greater chance that by your being such you will be either the direct or indirect cause of bringing one or probably both of your nearby brothers into the cause?

Is there not a chance by your being a good member that you can work upon others besides your near neighbors and place confidence in them?

Is there not a chance that we are capable of better things, if we will only convince ourselves of the facts? Then as a body both personally and jointly, why should we not wake up to our position? Shake off this weak feeling in our confidence, look on what has already been accomplished by this great work and then let us feel ashamed of ourselves that we, a people as great as we are have this long kept a silent tongue.

We should all be alive to our duty. It is of the greatest importance that we each and every one should strive to do some thing to help our cause along, and surely the greatest thing we could do would be to place confidence in each other.

Realize that we are capable of better things. Then go to work do some thing to arouse the interest of our brothers. Get them started into the Order, make them feel that it is a duty that they owe to themselves if not to us, and we would all be surprised how quickly this kind of a move would better conditions. Do not allow yourself to think that because the Order does not do some thing to swell your pocketbook, the minute that you receive your first card, that it is a dead issue and never will help you.

There has been too much of this feeling among the C. & A. boys, in times past. Our confidence in each other has been too loose.

Let us join hands with each other and go forward with a will, wave our banner high, allow no one to insult us or discourage us and in the near future we can be proud of our actions. By doing this we may then form a confidence that it is impossible to shake.

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## Wabash Ry.

Detroit-Chicago Division-

Bro. G. A. Fisher, Alvordton, first trick, is now taking an extensive trip through the west. He expects to get as far west as Oregon, before he returns. Relieved by operator Haviland.

Bro. C. W. Crook, agent at Munson, has returned from his vacation, a part of which was spent in Nebraska, Kansas and Texas. He was relieved by operator Whippert.

Bro. Earl Jennings, of Franklin, relieved agent H. E. Treat, of Alvordton, while the latter was in Chicago and Crown Point, Ind., on company business.

Bro. Lewis Jonas is now taking his vacation. We "r3" he has bid in third trick at North Morenci.

Bro. Earl Howard, of Woodward, has bid in third trick at Magee. This leaves second trick at Woodward open.

Bro. M. O. Heistand, agent at Belleville, has again resumed work after a few weeks' vacation. Operator Shannon who relieved him was sent to Gary nights.

Bro. Earnest Crook, of Crocker, is visiting with his parents in Northern Michigan. He also visited his sister in Detroit for a few days.

Bro. W. H. Sellers, first trick, Romulus, down with typhoid fever. This is the second time within the year that Bro. Sellers has had the fever. He has our deepest sympathy with hopes for a speedy recovery. Operator Whippert relieving him.

Bro. Clyde Curry, third trick, at Hand, is back at work again, after being confined in the hospital, at Peru, with typhoid fever. Bro. Campbell, a new man on the Wabash, relieved Bro. Curry during his illness.

Our worthy Chairman, Bro. V. A. Wood, went hunting (non hunting) the other day. Bro. Wood, as we all know, is a noted "Non killer." When he strikes a trail he pitches his tent and camps right there until he lands his man or until he feels sure the case is hopeless. He struck a trail at Romulus, and when he left town Operator Whippert had ceased to be. From now on it will be Bro. J. H. Whippert. And by the way, Bro. Whippert has secured a regular job at Gary since becoming a member of the Order. All you other nons had better take notice and get busy filling out application blanks for membership in the O. R. T.

Mr. C. M. Boyd, second trick dispatcher on the Detroit Division, taking his vacation; relieved by extra dispatcher Earl Haney.

Bro. and Mrs. L. A. Yoder, of Milan, expect to leave for Colorado Springs, Colo., Oct. 25th, for a couple of weeks' visit with Bro. Yoder's parents. They will also visit relatives in Denver, Pueblo and Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Bro. D. E. Taylor, first trick, Milan, laid off a couple of days recently and visited friends at Benton, Ind. Was relieved by Bro. Floyd Smith.

Bro. V. A. Wood, second trick, Milan, laying off for a couple of weeks. Bro. Campbell relieving him.

Bro. Yoder, Milan, and Bro. Crook, Alvordton, each sent in a few items which helped out what would have otherwise been a very slim write up. Wish the rest of the brothers and sisters would try and help out a little; then when we received our journals we could open it expecting to find this division represented as it should be.

CERT. 1274.

## Decatur Division-

Bro. J. L. Lewis, of Strawn, is experiencing great trouble in obtaining a house to live in. In the meantime, himself and wife are visiting friends, Sundayed at Foosland.

Bro. T. W. Tooehy to Chicago, Sunday, 11th, to witness the Tigers and Cubs fight it out.

Bro. Soan, of Brooklyn, off two weeks latter part of October, visiting friends. Also took in the sights at Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

Operator Somers, of Gibson, Sundayed at Strawn, with home folks Oct. 11th.

Bro. Longworth Bement, forced to suspend operations on 3rd, and for a couple of nights on account of inflammation of eyes. Was relieved by Operator Lowry.

Agent Folrath, of Monticello, off on vacation. Bro. Heffner relieves him. Operator Davis, of Lodge, relieving Bro. H., and Bro. Lowry in turn relieving Bro. Davis at Lodge.

Bro. Childers, of Decatur, "H" and "XD" offices has resigned and gone to the great wild and wooly west. Bro. Childers has spent a few years of his life on the great staked plains and has ever since returning to civilization, expressed a desire to return.

Bro. Mckiley, who has been doing the extra stunt at various points, has left for St. Paul.

Operator Rowland, doing the third, at Sidney, vice Cone, who succeeds to second, relieving Bro. Kurtz, who is off for a few days.

Operator Johnson, working third at "CW," Decatur, vice operator Renner, who is relieving "Si" Walton, on first. Si is again at his old beat, in dispatcher's office, holding down a trick temporarily, while one of the regular men is off.

Bro. Davidson, of Stewardson, more recently of the Big 4, has gone to the great northwest to try his fortune. Has an offer with the Nor. Pac. and at this writing is now there looking over the land.

We received a postal from Bro. Vance recently, dated at Stanley, N. D., where he is now employed by the Great Northern R. R. Says he likes it there fine. Wishes to be remembered to all.

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## Sixteenth District, Moberly Division-

We have long looked for a write-up from the north end, but have looked in vain. It is not because the O. R. T. is dead up here, for I think the Sixteenth District is almost solid. This end felt the effects of the economy policies

Effective March 4th, the wires being taken out of the following stations: Adelphi, Dunreath, Fifield, Howell, Hamilton and Udell. The stations at Fifield and Dunreath being closed.

Bro. H. A. Trimble, formerly at Udell, is now working a trick at Page Avenue, St. Louis.

S. A. Gilland has left the service, I understand. Fifield station closed.

Bro. Scotty Frazier bid in a trick at Moulton after Adelphi discontinued.

Bro. C. E. Ballard was off on a three weeks' vacation last month, seeing the sights at Buffalo and Niagara Falls. He was relieved by W. D. Williams. Mr. Williams not yet a member, but will be soon as he has the necessary experience.

Bro. C. C. Taylor, Percy, off a week in September; relieved by an east end man.

Bro. Jackson, formerly of Moulton nights, bid in Lovilia. Bro. Connolly resigned to study osteopathy at Des Moines.

Bro. J. D. Minnes, at Moravia, was off thirty days, spending his vacation in Colorado and the West; relieved by Operator L. M. Bashaw. Can not say whether Mr. Bashaw is a brother or not.

Bro. G. G. Brown, of Runnels, now off on his annual vacation; relieved by Bro. B. L. Faish, of the High Line. CERT. 1649.

#### Springfield Division-

Mr. Raines, formerly a Wabash man, has returned to the Banner Route and at present holds down second trick at Riverton. He has asked for papers and by the time this is in print he will be a full-fledged member.

Bro. P. J. Barry, agent at Harristown, on vacation for ten days in October; relieved by Bro. Conroy.

Bro. Guinan has returned to his old love, Kinderhook, and the first trick at Riverton, which he vacated, has been filled by Bro. Conroy regular.

Mr. Bales, a new beginner on Wabash and recently a graduate from Springfield business college, holds down second trick at Lanesville, Bro. Dick Tomlinson went switching in Springfield yard about two weeks ago. He seems to think there is nothing like it as long as the sun shines.

Bro. Fouche, second trick at Bluffs, off on vacation and accompanied by his wife, enjoying a trip through the wild and wooly West.

Bro. Sutton is doing the relief stunt at Bluffs and Bro. Slater relieving Bro. Sutton at East Hannibal.

Bro. Frederich and wife have returned from their wedding trip through the West. Bro. F. does not report things very bright in the West. He has returned to his regular position, second trick at Jacksonville.

Mr. Mehl, agent at Lanesville (and, by the way, we have been trying to prefix the title Bro. to his name), spent Sunday at Versailles, where his wife is sick at the home of her father.

The man from Curran, Duke McRoberts, is using four hands to make "CT" shops a success, but I think if he keeps Dick's Mill in repair he will come out O. K.

Bro. Taylor has gone to Clayton to do the relief act for a few days, while Agent Bean is away. Operator Doyle is back again to second trick at Barry, after a month's vacation, being relieved by Mr. Austin, a new man, on extra list.

Bro. Geo. Rohn, agent at Alexander, has severed his connection with the Wabash and we hear of him working for the C., B. & Q. at McCook, Neb. Alexander station is now on bulletin.

Bro. Zimmerman, second trick at Baylis, off a few days, being relieved by Mr. Cannon, an extra man.

Mr. Fesler is again on the road as an operator, and we now hear him at East Hannibal as operator and toll collector.

Mr. Quigley is holding down third trick at Bluffs for a few days. The Wabash passenger depot at Berlin burned down a few days ago, Mr. Fahy, agent, narrowly escaping. Nothing whatever was saved; all old records and quite a bunch of freight, in addition to a car of coal, being consumed. The fire is supposed to have been started by train No. 94.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

# Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division-

It is indeed gratifying to receive the numerous congratulations and support that you boys have given me. I appreciate your kindness and will try and continue to give you a brief line-up each month. Everything about as usual; nothing much doing.

Bro. J. A. Norris, agent at Rienzie, Miss., is taking a much-deserved and needful vacation, the first, I understand, in thirty years. Bro. N. is pure blue; wish we had more like him on our line. I am unable to say who relieved him.

Operator Taylor, second trick at Ruslor, has been absent for some time on account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Hudson.

Mr. A. Dowling, agent at McNairey, has resigned; relieved temporarily by Bro. L. Ellis.

Bro. Barr, from Laketon, was assigned to "MR" regular. Bro. L. Ellis will return to Henderson as third trick operator.

Bro. Kimball, of Shannon nights, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Lagarde.

Bro. George Roberts, agent at Ramers, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. E. Lagarde. Understand George has gone West on a pleasure trip.

Boys, why not hand a lemon to Mr. Wrenn, of Saltillo, and Mr. Putman, of Verona? I understand their offices are continually filled with "hams." It looks very strange that those two gentlemen can not be convinced that they should become members. Wonder if their consciences don't hurt some time. They are bound to know that our General Committee secured that \$40 to \$50 overtime that they get for nothing.

Bro. Ira Clark has resigned and gone to Texas to go into business.

Bro. Newson, from the I. C., is working third trick at Union City during Bro. Bailey's absence.

Bro. A. H. McLeod, agent at Kenton, off on vacation, I understand is visiting his daughter in Cincinnati. Bro. Mc is one of the old school. Bro. R. Bailey is acting agent during Bro. Mc's absence.

Bro. Ware, third trick at Trenton, off a few days; relieved my Mr. Hattler.

Bro. A. W. Polsgrove, of Jordan, had a very serious accident a few days ago. He was driving through the country from Jordan to Union City. His horse became frightened and turned his buggy over, causing A. W. to have some marks that will go with him to his grave.

Bro. S. S. Lawrence has been placed as agent at Percy, relieving Bro. Shaffer. I am unable to say where Bro. Shaffer went.

Bro. C. O. Thompson bid in Bryden on bulletin,

Bro. R. H. Brickey bid in Pomona on bulletin. Bro. R. A. Chapman is acting agent at Afto Pass during Mr. Jernigan's absence.

I notice some of us are not paying our dues. I observed one in particular who refused to remit a balance on account that he failed to remit a sufficient amount when he became a member, and because Bro. La Fever notified him he was due a very small amount more, made him very angry. Say, brother, if you happen to read this I want to say just this to you, you wanted an excuse to not be a member, but you have chosen a very poor one. Did you ever think that the O. R. T. is just exactly what we members make it? It is your duty to assist to keep this organization in good shape. What if we were all like you, kick out of the harness just because some one or some rule or bylaw don't come up to your requirement. If they don't suit you and you think some change should be made, why don't you make some suggestion. Your suggestion might help out wonderfully. I don't think any man that wants to continue a ofo the road you work for? You get something for the good of his fellowman would kick out and not do anything toward helping to advance our cause, except some man that don't care a rap for

the coming generation, or his fellow man. You fellows that don't help keep this organization up, do you ever turn anything back to the management of the road you work for? You get something for nothing. I don't think you mean to be of this type, it is just thoughtlessness on your part.

Get after those nons, boys, and make them line up. It is your duty to keep after them until we get a solid line-up. It would be very easy to do this if you fellows would all get busy.

Why don't some of you "snow diggers" north of Cairo mail me your happenings. Come on with it, we tar-heels get it all.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

# Union Pac. Ry.

Lines North of Grand Island-

No card, no favors.

Lots of the boys are wanting to get off for a few days to register on the opening of the Rosebud. Most of them have been relieved, but relief men seem to be very scarce.

Bro. T. A. Clark off long enough to make a flying trip to O'Neill to try his fortune in the drawing; relieved by R. W. Marris, from the C., B. & Q. Mr. Clinton, agent at St. Paul, started for O'Neill immediately on Pro. Clark's return, Bro. Clark taking charge of the station and Mr. Marris holding down Bro. Clark's trick.

Mr. F. E. Starkey, agent at Boelus; Bro. D. I. Price, agent at Rockville, and Mr. G. W. Collipriest, agent at Loup City, went to O'Neill to register on the land drawing, being relieved by Bro. A. W. Gard, from the Santa Fe. Bro. Gard is a brother of our worthy brother, G. G. Gard, of Wood River.

Mr. Marris, relief operator, left for Keith, where he will keep nightly vigil. Bro. Smith, see about his card next pay-day.

I hear considerable complaint about student agents handling train orders and railroad messages. Now, brothers, every case of this kind will receive prompt attention if you will only make a record of it and send to your local chairman. You should not fail to do this. Several brothers have spoken to me of this matter, but when I asked them if they had a copy of the order or message in question, they said "No;" did not think of making a record of it." Your chairmen and committees can do nothing without the dope, and they are willing and anxious to serve our common cause and need every scrap of evidence that is forthcoming. Keep your eyes and ears open and help them in every way possible. Watch all new arrivals and get them into our division as soon as possible. We need them. Don't neglect your dues. This is a critical time; resolve to stay by the old ship to the end. She has weathered too many storms to founder in a little flurry like the present one. Stand by your guns and all will be well. DIV. COR.

Nebraska Division, Western District-

Quite a few changes this month, which I can hardly keep pace with.

The agency at Lexington opened on bid; secured by Bro. J. A. Byrne, of Cozad. Cozad agency bid in by Bro. Tom Costello, of Columbus, whose trick was, in turn, bid in by G. F. Birmingham, of Watson's Ranch, the latter not being bulletined yet and Bro. C. E. Ford working there temporarily.

Mr. W. D. Clifton, for years agent at Kearney, has been made T. F. A. between Denver and Grand Island, and J. E. Plank, of Wahoo, appointed to the position of agent at Kearney.

Quite a few of the boys are taking a long shot on the Rosebud opening. Besides those mentioned by the Branch correspondent, might name Messrs. C. E. Cole, of Grand Island; G. F. Birmingham, W. R. Moore and Bro. T. J. Brown, of Watson's Ranch. Doubtless more of the main line boys would have taken a draw, but relief was very scarce, owing to the number going. To date, have not learned of any of them being lucky enough to get rich quick.

Bro. Bachman is back at his stand at Gannett, after his vacation, Bro. A. H. LeGate going to Gothenburg, third trick, temporarily. Bro. LeGate is transferring to Division No. 6.

Mr. E. J. Donahoe is working extra nights in "GD," Grand Island yards, until night operator position filled by bulletin. Mr. Donohoe is doing the right thing by taking his stand with the work that has made these jobs good ones. Bro. Prough, who held this job, has resigned to take work in Illinois

Two or three other sets of application blanks are in what I feel good hands, but for fear they should fall through I will let the boys make their debuts next month. Several of the boys are doing good work for me in lining the district up, and I want to see every man's name on the honor roll, though I am afraid we would have to start a few of you on the cradle roll, as far as your maturity in working for the good of the Order—your own—is concerned. Really, don't you think so?

Do you know of any good men wanting work? I don't. They are hiring more operators now than students, which no one I know of regrets. They persist, intermittently, in shaking the skeleton of studentism in our faces, but that, to my mind, is about as harmful as ghosts. Remember how, as kids, they used to tell us ghost stories until we had a natural horror of them, and nine out of ten people will run like a hare if they can move at all, if confronted by an imaginary ghost. Some even get so nervous as to faint and then they blame the ghosts, when it is their own disordered system to blame. So with the student question, which is a question for every member to deal with personally, not any other way, but instead of this we want some one else to kill the ghost, and after we recover from our fainting spell we don't recognize it was our own nervousness which caused the trouble Remember, boys, a ghost never hurt any one yet, unless we allowed ourselves to become frightened. Just meet this question personally and I'll warrant you the movement would never upset anything. Meet conditions as they are always. Don't cry over spilt milk or cross bridges prematurely, neither makes any one anything.

How are you fellows out on the line as social successes any way? It seems to me the company is spending a good deal in this line of work. Did you know we have an "official" making spasmodical trips over the system as the harbinger and disburser of good will? We have been treated to a rare visit or two by the gracious personage of the right genial Mr. G. W. Seivers. I don't know what reason he has for being so sunny, but suppose it is natural, and that that is the reason he was selected by the U. P. to care so kindly and solicitously for the babes in the telegraph (?) fraternity. Some way every time I sit here in my lowly chair and direct my gaze heavenward until it meets the benevolent gaze of those gray-green eyes, my heart involuntarily cries out, "nurse." Really, since you come to think of it, wouldn't you like to call him "mammy." At times even I imagine myself sitting on the platform beneath one of the many artistic bay windows of our dens along the iron trail. It is midnight and I hear the wail of a poor student. He has come from Pennsylvania over weary miles (at two cents per) until he struck the "Gateway of the West," Omaha. There he has spent a pleasant month or two with a great benefactor, Mr. Boyles, and has made the acquaintance of Nurse Seivers. Now he is sitting in his lonely cell trying to find out how to check 500 pounds of excess baggage, sell a ticket to Julesburg and hang the mail for No. 3 at the same time. Feeling, at last, that he has been doped gently, but doped nevertheless, he throws himself into the agent's "easy" chair (that one that has the bottom worn out) and cries out for mamma. He comes to himself. There is no mamma short of 3,000 miles. He is alone, undone and unable to help himself. Ah, what is that; he hears footsteps. Yes, they are at the office door. He listens again. Oh joy; it is Nurse Seivers! I can not longer contain myself, but, raising, I peep in through those pasted time-tables and copy rags that supply for the needed window glass, and through the aperture I see the nurse. Thrice welcome Mammy Seivers gathers the despairing child into his capacious arms and across the intense stillness of the night there rings the melodious voice of our principal of the kindergarten as he lulls the boy to sleep with the tune of "The Jingle of the Guinea Helps the Hurt that Honor Feels." Don't think I could have the heart to dash a nut through the remaining window pane as he gently puts the boys down on his couch and proceeds to make out the abstracts?

Needless to say, when he calls on us then, our Committee on Entertainment will always be trotted out to make him feel he is welcome. I hope that some time I can say that we have made such an inroad on his good graces and confidence that I can say that he left his grip with us a few minutes while he rushed over for a light lunch of popcorn. Come often, Sunny George, and if we are too busy we will doubtless be able to secure

our Russian janitor to entertain you during your sojourn. I hope to be able to tell you more later.

Bro. F. H. Rice, Brady Island, off for a thirty days' vacation in the East; third trick there being filled by Mr. Frank McGovern, who has not been railroading for some years, but promises to make good if he stays.

Sumner agency secured on bulletin by Bro. E. H. Pritchard, of Amherst.

C. J. Cronin, nights at Keith, bid in a job in Omaha general offices. Keith not yet filled by another bulletin.

## New York Central & Hudson River Ry.

The Electric Division of the New York Central is looked upon by all the railroad magnates of the country as the greatest venture in the history of railroading, and they are ready to follow suit in electrifying their lines after the success the New York Central has made up to the present time, and we, the main fingers of the chief dispatcher, who keep the trains moving, are never heard from.

It seems to me the boys on this pike only think of "pay-day," and don't seem interested enough in their own Order to look after the nons. You will occasionally meet a member who will talk of nons, but that don't help any if he don't get after then. To be a staunch member, you must not only pay your dues promptly and have an up-to-date card, but get out and do your "bit;" get a few of the noise, impress on them want the O. R. T. has done for us, how we got our eighthour law and higher wages, and where we would have been if we were not organized. So, get busy, boys, and line them up, you still have a chance to get an official emblem ring for at least five members before January 1, 1909. CORRESPONDENT.

### St. Lawrence Division-

Bro. W. E. McMullen, of Black River, visited Bro. R. G. Zimmerman and wife of Holland Patent, Sunday, Sept. 27th.

Bro. E. Karkan, visited his parents in Albany. Oct. 4th.

Bro. E. H. Miller, of Morristown, is enjoying a six months' leave of absence; hope he has a good time, he deserves it; Ex-Dispatcher Watson taking his place while away.

Bro. S. C. Phillips, of Felts Mills, visited at Black River, Oct. 20th.

W. H. Klein, now at Felts Mills, is making out the papers and will be up-to-date very soon.

Bro. R. L. Ellsworth, agent at Heuvelton, after spending his three months in the west, is back on the job.

R. W. Ellsworth has taken his assigned position, second trick at Norwood; reports are favorable, the boys say, for calling him up-to-date soon, boys, don't lose sight of him, lest he forget.

Bro. Cassidy, of second trick at Ogdensburg, left the service and is at Granell, Ont., on the C. P.

Bro. J. A. Cordon has returned from a months' vacation down east, and is working third trick at

Ogdensburg now "Assigned," while Bro. Briggs still holds the first trick there.

Bro. McCarthy, first trick at Norwood, with Bro. Crabtree, third trick.

We are told there has been or is, a student at Sanfords with Miss Fitzgerald. Let's have a list of all these cases, boys, we want to see it in print, and see if it compares with the list published from some of our brother divisions, we want to know how we stand you know, we don't want any of this sort of thing to get the start of us.

All should read our Mohawk Division brothers remarks, in the October TELEGRAPHER, regarding the statements of Mr. W. C. Brown, Senior Vice-President of the N. Y. C. & H. R. R., at different times, upon the question of railway rates, there is good sound talk in both the remarks of Mr. Brown and the Mohawk Division correspondent.

Some of our brother employes were very much worked up over the report that the new law requiring semi-monthly payments for all railroad employes was not constitutional, and that it was signed by our Governor, intentionally to favor the railroad company; how disappointed some of the critics are to lose this excuse, if they could of heard the wires burn getting in the check rolls they would have thought perhaps the law was some good after all, at least we will get the money every two weeks in the future.

Crandall, of Remsen, gone to Watertown, Boxford second trick at Remsen, Dunbar third trick. Mr. C. D. Lucas, agent at Remsen, has been enjoying his vacation in the Adirondacks.

Something of a surprise was sprung with the new time table, in leaving all the offices on the hill open. It is reported, however, that it will not be permanent; we all hope it will, but we cannot always sometimes tell what is coming.

I would direct the attention to all members to page 75 of the constitution, on which page commences the System Division Regulations, covering Election of Local Chairman, also Delegates and Alternate for the Grand Division Biennial Convention, which election comes in February next, and by reading carefully all the laws it will give all a good clear idea of what is expected of all members.

Operator LeFrancors, of Newton Falls, has the job at Boonville days; Bro. Coach, at Smith, which is open eighteen hours per day, Operator Goodrew working the first nine.

Operator Heidt working third trick at Barneveld.

We are informed that our former General Chairman, Mr. Lambert, of Utica, together with another worthy brother, have obtained leave of absence and have started a "Franklyn Lunch" on Hotel Street, Utica. If this is true all brothers who have occasion to visit Utica will know where to go for a good square meal.

DIV. COR., CERT. 721.

Syracuse Division-

October 3d, an open meeting was held in Syracuse. It was well attended, and those who attended were well repaid, for they had the pleasure of listening, most of them for the first time, to our Second Vice-President, T. M. Pierson, and our General Chairman, Bro. M. G. Woolley. This is the first time Bro. Woolley had been in Syracuse, and the second time for Bro. Pierson, but we hope it will not be the last by a good many times for either one. Their talks were good, sound common sense, although they may not have met the views of some present, particularly what Bro. Pierson said in regard to asking for an increase in wages at the present time. Let us hold what we have. But for our organization we would have been cut first thing. We do not consider that our condition is ideal, but remember that we would be worse off than we are but for the Order; then stand by it, and when business conditions warrant, we will be ready. Get in all the eligible non members. There are some we do not want, for they would bring discredit on any organization. Keep your dues paid up, and pay them when they are due. Attend meetings. Some of you kick about others running things. Why don't you get out and run them if they are not run to suit you? It is easier to let the other fellow do the work, and you watch and criticise, isn't it? Get the principle of unionism in you.

Bro. Lewcox has returned from his vacation spent in the West.

An open meeting was held at North Tonawanda, Oct. 14th. It was very well attended, about seventy being present. A lady representing the C. T. U. of A., Miss McCauley, from Lockport, gave an address. General Chairman Woolley and General Secretary and Treasurer Blim also spoke. Vice-President Pierson was unable to be present, much to the regret of all. Those who have never heard "Our Tom," do not know what they have missed. These meetings are doing much good in a way of reawakening interest. Keep the good work up.

## Auburn District-

We understand that Bro. Spray, second trick at Seneca Falls, has resigned from this division and has accepted a position in East Buffalo; relieved by Mr. Rielly. Here is a chance to do some missionary work. Get the stick and go after them.

Bro. Buckingham is on the sick list; relieved at Pitsford by unknown operator.

Bro. Baker, agent at Paddleford's, has been on the sick list for the past week; relieved by Bro. Hatch.

Bro. Hatch, No. 2, is doing second trick stunt at Holley, N. Y.

Brothers, how about the solid question? Are you working for the prize or the benefit of your Order? You should be willing to do it without a prize being offered. It is for your own benefit as much as for the nons. "Dig in," make our motto, "No card, no favor," stick, and they will come to time.

CERT. 2090, DIV. 8.

Electric Zone-

Commencing July 1, 1908, the running of steam trains through the Park Avenue tunnel in New York City was dicontinued, except in a case of emergency. Even the pony engine, No. 28, don't run south of Mott Haven Junction.

New York State law prohibiting same, taking effect July 1st.

On Sunday, October 4th, the lock and block system in the Park Avenue tunnel was discontinued and automatic signals were put in operation. As there are no steam trains running through the tunnel it is now clear and the automatic signals show up fine. Under the lock and block system there were only three "blocks" in the tunnel; now they have six "blocks" with the automatic system. Up to date it has worked fine.

Six block stations closed, "CP" and "NA," at Fifty-ninth Street, Two office and "PI" at Seventy-second Street; "CA" at Eighty-sixth street, and "X" at Ninety-sixth street, displacing nineteen men. "FS," at Eighty-sixth Street, remaining open as a telegraph office, with Bro. Andy Mead, first trick; Bro. Louis Thaler, second trick, and Mr. R. Hayford, third trick.

Only five new men were let out on account of the automatic signals: P. J. Griffen, Bro. T. Olsen, A. L. Byler, Geo. Neilson and an unknown.

Bros. Joe Conboy and Ed Hartwell, from tunnel to Lexington Avenue terminal.

Dan McQuade, Fifty-ninth Street to "VN," Harlem drawbridge.

Joe Murphy, Ninety-sixth Street to "VN," vice Bro. P. Jaggers, resigned.

Old Bill Leonard, Ninety-sixth Street to "KY," Melrose, split trick, vice Bro. Bob Myrtle, resigned.

Bro. W. A. Waddell, Ninety-sixth Street, third trick, to third trick "KY," Melrose, vice Mr. Hall, who fell off Melrose bridge and severely injured himself. Mr. Hall left for his folks' home to rest up. Hall's case is a lesson. Stay on your job. Bring your tobacco with you or do without.

Bro. Jack Egan, Eighty-sixth Street to second trick at "BN," Kingsbridge, vice Sy. Regar, who probably has resigned.

Bro. Bill McManus, Seventy-second Street to second-trick leverman "NK," 106th Street.

Bro. Kraus, second trick at 106th Street, to third trick "FH."

Joe Riley, Seventy-second Street to third trick "VO," Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Stevenson, "VO," to "MY," Wakefield.

Bro. C. Gallaher, Seventy-second Street to "MX," Melrose, third trick.

Split trick at "JO," Woodlawn, abolished. Bro. Coslar working any old place from Lexington Avenue to Mt. Vernon.

If a history of the Park Avenue tunnel could only be written, what a book it would be.

Secord, the W. U. scab, was fired from "JS," Woodlawn. Mr. Mohrback is in his place. Don't know if he is O. K.

Bill Vosburg, flagman, 106th Street, was struck and instantly kiled by a train at 108th Street on

October 17th. Bill was well liked by the tower-

Rumor says the railroads in New York State are going to ignore the semi-monthly pay law, which goes into effect October 1, 1908. Understand they have tried to get an extension of time so they could repeal same.

Some undesirable citizen injected this question into the hot political campaign which is going on in this State, which brought a statement from Gov. Hughes that if the law was not lived up to he would find out why early in November; consequently there are lots of "bosses" stay up nights working on their pay-rolls. The New York Central is making arrangements to live up to the law, for October anyway.

Bro. Louis Thaler, "FS," Eighty-sixth Street, is off sick. Mr. Sater is in his place.

Bro. Rube Donovan, regular relief, is off sick; went to Delaware to rest up a few weeks.

Bro. Geo. Bowdish, "MJ," Mott Haven Junction, was suspended on account of a freight train running through derail. Bro. Bowdish claims the machine failed, as everything indicated route set properly. Officials differ, claim machine infallible. Bro. Bowdish has to prove the machine failed. That's going some. Bowdish temporarily at "MD," second trick; Hayden, "MD," to "MJ," third trick, until case is fully decided.

Bro. "SY" Lewis, third trick director, "MO," Mott Haven Junction, suspended for ten days for putting "30 Y" into Mott Haven yard on October 6th. Train sheet showed it as a shop train for "MO" yard.

Bro. Sy. Lewis also got seven days for his leverman putting a train on wrong track; leverman got fourteen days. That's going some more. They say it's discipline.

Bro. McGinnis, of "KY," Melrose, has sold his racing stock on account of the decline of racing in New York State; says he will stick to "KY," first trick.

Our Entertainment Committee has come to life after the strenuous summer and are trying to arrange for our annual dance the latter part of January. It may be held in Harlem. We have last year's experience, coupled with a better organization. It surely must be a success.

Bro. Toman, from the C. R. R. of N. J. at "MY," Mott Haven Junction, for a while.

Bro. "Hobo" Holbrook, tower inspector, third trick at "MO," Mott Haven Junction until Lewis resumes.

The largest social event in the railroad circles in New York City is the annual ball of Metropolitan Lodge, No. 598, of the B. R. T. They will hold their ninth annual ball at Grand Central Palace, Forty-third Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City, on Friday, January 15th.

Vice-President T. M. Pierson addressed the open meeting of the Electric Division on Wednesday, October 21st. Bro. Pierson spoke for over two hours, explaining the O. R. T. to the non-members. General Chairman Woolley was also present. A special meeting will be held in the near future to initiate the new members and finish other business that was discussed.

Bros. Smith and Ray are going to open a drug store at 125th Street and Park Avenue.

Bro. J. H. Smith, of "MJ," Mott Haven Junction, is going into the theatrical business as manager of the Bronx pony ballet. He says he will have other attractions in the near future.

I fail to see any names on the "Roll of Honor" of members of the Electric Division. Wake up and get after the nons and get your name on the roll.

There are rumors of big changes in Grand Central Terminal some time in November. Tower 1 will be nearly a thing of the past. Wonder if that bunch of nons ever realize what they lost.

Lots of changes in Forty-ninth Street taking effect in November.

"Doc" Stevens, Forty-ninth Street, was let go. His own fault.

Bro. Conklin, Forty-ninth Street, was let go on account of derailing a yard car. Extra man, Bro. Dick Sloat, and Mr. Dickerman holding it down.

Tower "C," Lexington Avenue yard, force has been increased.

Bro. Stimson, from "D," Lexington Avenue yard to "C" as director. First trick, Bro. F. F. Pequigney, from "D" to "C," as director. Second trick, Bro. Jack Howe, sheetman, "D" to leverman "D." Bro. S. S. Sooy, sheetman "D" to leverman "D," second trick.

There was no sadder bunch of "fans" in New York City than the afternoon bunch at Fifty-sixth Street, when the Giants lost the "tie" game to the "Cubs."

Bro. Wm. Ward, of "MO," Mott Haven Junction, spent three days up the State. Gene Archer relieved him. Gene is looking good since his return from Panama.

Fred O. Lovesky stayed about one month with us and departed for parts unknown.

We hope the General Committee will meet this fall, if they don't do anything else but straighten out the Grand Central Terminal matters. No reason why positions in the G. C. T. should not be put up for bid, both in the G. C. T. and on the Electric Division. One set of officials, but they claim two divisions. New men coming on the road and getting the best positions.

The correspondent wishes to thank the boys for the kind assistance in sending items. Div. Con.

#### Mohawk Division-

Effective September 27th, "MJ" tower, Utica, on St. Lawrence Division, was discontinued. All trains are now blocked from Utica passenger station. The policy of retrenchment is still in force. Brothers don't weaken. Be strong in the faith of your Order. Come out and confess what the Order has done for you, and show others what it has and will do for them. Put your whole trust in the union. In union there is strength, and if we trust in the union it is an unquestionable

fact that it will be made stronger. Stop and think how strong we are on our own division, solid with the exception of a very few. Is there any excuse for not holding what we have? No. There is none. Then why not come out and show our appreciation for what the Order has helped us to do?

We still have a few non-members on the division. I am not going to name them to you at this time, but if you look around you will find them. They are feeding from our trough with a gluttenous appetite and less appreciation than the member with an up-to-date card, in his pocket. The nerve of them completely surpasses my comprehension. Our future depends on our loyalty. If we suppress the student and keep the non alive to the fact that he is drawing each month at least \$5.00, and in many cases more per month, which the Order has secured for him; and that he has an unlimited amount of gall; that if he desires any favors from us he must get in line, and that if he is not man enough to pay up and be a man, that we would be obliged to him if he would take his snout out of our trough. There are still a few members who have not paid their current term dues, and to them I would say that they should do so immediately. It is even more important now than ever before that we stand back of the Order which we have supported in the past and each give their individual effort toward thorough organization so as to be prepared to do business when the proper time comes, and which is surely coming and not very far away. If the word delinquent applies to any who read this I trust it will not be necessary for me to call their attention to this matter again.

Did you ever stop to think, brothers, that Division No. 8 is one of the largest of any in our organization? This being the case we are entitled to at least a page or two in fraternal part of our journal, and it is up to some member each month to assist Bro. DeLong, our Division Correspondent. The brother is working in a very busy office, therefore he does not have a great amount of spare time on his hands to look after the correspondence, let some one of us help him out each month with the news on some part of the different divisions.

The open meeting which was held in Syracuse, October 3d, was a complete success in every respect, while the attendance was not what was looked for (about forty being present), those who did attend were certainly given a treat. The talk given us by Bro. Pierson, was simply great. In thinking over what he said to us I am reminded of a little story I read the other day. It appears that two brothers were trying to dress in a hurry, in order to see the circus wagons that were pulling up the street, the younger of the two, John, age five, said to Billie age ten, you help me dress, Billie. Billie replied you go and get mother to help you I have got troubles of my own, the little fellow came back at him with, "you ask her Billie, you have known her longer than I have." So it is with Bro. Pierson; he has known this Order longer than we have, that is why he gave us the advice he did, and that is why we should follow what he said and profit by it. When he sounded that last note of warning you can gamble upon it that he knew whereof he spoke. Keeep in mind also that word-picture of the tramp operator. Remember that "every little bit added to what you get," and you have not so many good deeds but you can afford to add to them, when the fellow applies to you for something to eat or a lift of some kind be ready to give it to him, if he has a card.

Didn't it make you grin to hear Bro. Blim say that 200 members had been added to Division No. 8 since the first of January, last? And wouldn't you grin still more if you could hear him say on December 31st that there wasn't a non left on the system? I guess! Now just get busy, each and every one of us; don't let a single month go past that we do not send one application; individual effort is what has done it and individual effort is what is going to do the rest, so let each of us do our part toward making that effort.

Among the recent changes made on the Electric Division was the combining of the N. Y. C. and W. S. stations at Kirkville. Mr. Spire, who had the agency on the N. Y. C., being the older man, took the position, thus displacing Bro. Woolever. It is to be hoped that Bro. Woolever in selecting another job will try not to displace a man with a family, while he of course can take anything that his age will allow him.

Orders were issued yesterday closing "YO" tower, Oneida Castle, on the third trick. Bro. McCarthy is after the scalp of some one.

It is reported that our Local Chairman, Bro. H. B. Morey, has the dandy thing in a combination needle threading and thread cutting thimble. Ditto Bro. Naatz, As for myself, well, I was stung also.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that out of the forty in attendance at the open meeting, at least one-third of them were from the Electric Division. I guess that is going some; you fellows on the N. Y C., both Mohawk and Western, better get busy; by-the-way, we are going to try and revive enough interest so we can have our meetings again every month at Syracuse. Won't you all try to attend them?

Nons are getting to be scarce articles on this division, think 'that another month will clean up the bunch, at least those we want to take in; there is one or two that are not desired, for instance, Mr. Guiles, at Manlius Center. There was a time that he could have made good, but that time is long past now; why, I actually think that this man would report his wife for not having dinner on time if he had the chance, and thought it would do any good. We have another on the east end of the division, only he takes different lines. His stunt seems to be to get men not to join us. We have no use for men of this stamp.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has seemed best to the Divine Ruler of the Universe to remove from his labors our late Bro. H. R. La Selle, and

WHEREAS, The relations held by the deceased, of good will toward all the members of the Order, we, the members of the Order, mindful of the past labors, wish to place on record our appreciation of his valuable service as a member and his merits as a man and friend; therefore be it

Resolved, That we deplore his loss with feelings of deepest regret; and be it.

Perchant That we sincerely

sent to our journal for publication.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the family in their sad bereavement; and be it further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our late Brother, and a copy

G. G. ROBINSON,
B. D. HOUCE,
C. F. LORING,

Committee.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We desire through the columns of the RAIL-ROAD TELEGRAPHER, to extend our sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to the members of System Division No. 8, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, N. Y. C., Mohawk Division, for their kindness shown us during the time of our great bereavement occasioned by the death of our beloved husband, father and son, at Karner, N. Y., on September 28, 1908, and for the floral O. R. T. design furnished.

MES. H. R. LASELLE AND SON, ME. AND MES. G. S. LASELLE, ME. AND MES. WILLIAM BLAIR AND DAUGHTER, ME. A. K. SPAULDING.

Western, Rochester and Buffalo Divisions-

This is a season of demonstration and on every hand is heard the boom of cannon, hissing of rockets and shouts of tumultuous applause. Every car-splitting device is brought into requisition and every one is expected to enthuse, and why? We sometimes think these demonstrations serve as a ruse, whether or not thus intended to distract calm forethought and induce a rush for the band wagon, irrespective of prospects and conditions.

Enthusiasm is, indeed, a great element in the make-up of a man or organization, but should be well balanced and properly directed.

It is surprising to note the intensity of feeling displayed by a man carrying a wooden gun and a torch, clothed in campaign togs. He will plug contentedly through sunshine and rain, feasting on a ham sandwich after a ten-mile march, while his master, the politician, rides ahead in an antomobile and dines majestically. This is political enthusiasm. This same man may have been approached repeatedly by representatives of his branch of industry and asked to join an organization which is trying to uplift him socially, morally, intellectually and financially. Again, he may be

already a member of a labor union who is contented to let the rest do the thankless work of taking care of his best interests while he remains at home or on the street in preference to coming out to meetings and keeping abreast of conditions which vitally concern himself and family.

No one who reads this item will have to hesitate more than one minute to place either of the above types among his circle of acquaintances. A few cheap hurrahs and the whizz of a pin-wheel, and he rushes headlong after something which is of but a few day's duration.

Calm reflection is what is needed in the rank and file of bread winners today. Stop a moment in the mad rush around you and reflect upon whither you are being led. No man of intelligence who will be true to his open conviction need go far astray. If you knew that certain legislation has been proposed which will affect your interests one way or another, that question is worthy of your consideration and study, and your conscience will direct you when you exercise your right of franchise. Whether right or wrong, any man should have a definite opinion, and at the same time be open to oconviction.

We are living in a progressive age, and that which at one time would have sufficed our needs may now prove inadequate.

Many letters have reached me during the past few months bearing upon political issues. I wish to say, brothers, study yourselves those questions which will mean more and more to you in years to come.

Do not trust to the judgment of a man who may or may not be right, or who may have personal ambitions. Know for yourselves. Be enthusiastic in your politics when you know where you stand. Be enthusiastic, likewise, in the interests of your organization, which is always active in your interest. If you have reason to believe that your interests are not being properly cared for come out and state your grievance, and be assured that the fault lies not with the institution but with some individual, if, indeed, fault there be.

The recent open meeting of telegraphers at Odd Fellows' Temple at North Tonawanda, was a marked success. We were disappointed because of the inability of Vice-President T. M. Pierson to attend, but the presence of our general chairman and several members of the General Committee, together with that of several members of the Buffalo Division of Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, made the meeting one to be remembered, and those who missed the opportunity to attend missed also a treat which does not come their way every day.

Two things I would say, which is and has been my advice to the membership. First of all, organize. Approach your neighbor on all occasions, and make him a member or ashamed. If you succeed in the latter you are almost sure of the former. Secondly, keep informed by attending your meetings. The comprehensive talk which Rro. T. M. Pierson, our vice-president, gave us at Rochester recently, could not have failed to

cover the very points which you who were not present wish to be informed upon.

In due season your committee will be convened and all matters which can be properly handled at that time will receive attention.

In the meantime, we must stand shoulder to shoulder and allow no man to fall from the ranks. Undue apprehension is not necessary, but enthusiasm and energy is what is needed. Our progress has been steady and we are still on the onward march. We have recorded gains which, as compared to any losses which we may have sustained, are as mountains to molehills, and the end is not yet. Let, us at this time, guard our treasure with watchful eye, with the assurance that better things are in store for those who strive.

L. C.

#### Hudson Division-

The second annual eight-hour ball, held at Columbus Institute, October 14th, was another demonstration of what the Hudson Division can do when they start out. It was a great throng that assembled on this occasion, and the hall was never more elaborately decorated, the stage was bedecked with a profusion of bay trees, palms and ferns, and throughout the hall a beautiful display of flags and bunting, and across the gallery hung out conspicuously were the letters "O. R. T." It was a charming picture that these decorations presented, and as the press stated the following day, we set a standard as public entertainers that has never been equaled. As the success of this grand function is directly attributed to the members on the Hudson Division by their efforts in disposing of the tickets, the Executive Committee wish me to thank you all through these columns, and hope you will be gratified to learn that our treasury has been substantially replenished for another year.

The several committees of the ball acquitted themselves in a creditable manner, Bros. Cummings and Rugman in charge of the floor, Bros. Hield and Peterson dispensing the refreshments. Bro. Burns, on the door, was relieved occasionally by Bro. Hyde.

Bro. W. I. Lawson has resumed duty after a protracted sojourn to several points of interest, including Wappinger's Falls.

Bro. Schultz is back on the job, after a brief trip to Boston.

Bro. J. Rooney, formerly at "DO," has resigned to accept a position on the elevated. It was the high dollar that took Bro. Rooney away from us, as it has many others, and it would seem to the writer that America's greatest railway would present a schedule that would equal other Eastern lines, such as the New Haven & L. I. R. R.

Bro. L. F. Kung has been assigned to third trick at "DO," and Bro. C. H. Earl is working second until the vacancy is filled. Bro. Montaney, first trick, looks after all the nons in his territory.

Among the latest to fall victims to the occult deficiency are Bros. Plass and Russell, of Staatsburg, the requirements of the law are very exacting in this matter, and through it the company

have been deprived of the service of two good men. I understand Bro. Plase has been appointed baggage agent at Cold Spring. CERT. 525.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

WIGTON, Pa., October 9, 1908.

I desire through the columns of the O R. T. journal to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of N. Y. C. System Division, No. 8, for their kindness shown me during the time of my great bereavement, occasioned by the death of my kind and loving husband on September 12th, and for the beautiful floral O. R. T. design furnished.

Mrs. P. L. Smith.

## Norfolk & Western System.

Division No. 14 recently received an appeal for financial assistance for the widow of one of our deceased brothers within a short time after his death, in fact the appeal came before the shock of his loss had fully vanished, and while we always stand ready to assist the families of our dear brothers in any way we can after their provider has taken his demise, in this case it should bring to us a lesson that should appeal to each of us, and remind us that there is a duty along this line that we can perform while we yet have an opportunity, Our organization has provided for cases of this kind in the establishment of the Mutual Benefit Department, whereby we have an opportunity to carry insurance for the protection of our loved ones at a very little cost, surely within the reach of every telegrapher in the United States, unless he is barred in some other way. It can not be that we can not pay the assessments if we only make the effort.

Now, brothers of Division No. 14, we want you to consider this matter seriously, and in a business-like manner. We do not know at what time we will have to give up the struggles here and pass into the great beyond. We have loved ones that are near and dear to us; surely you would not want them to be cast out into this cold, cold world without any provisions for their immediate wants. We have a great many members who are earrying only \$300 insurance in the Benefit Department when they could as easily carry \$1,000. Many of those brothers have large families, dependent fathers, mothers and sisters upon them, who would be in dire distress should you be taken from them.

There are many brothers who, on account of hereditary disease, are unable to get insurance in any company Such as those are to be pitied, but those of you who are in good health and can secure the protection of \$1,000 from our organization should take advantage of it while you have the opportunity to make the provision. It is as much your duty to provide for your family in this way as it is to give to them daily bread.

I have been urged by our esteemed general chairman to give this matter attention and bring it before our membership through our journal, and I must say that I do not believe our membership has given this matter the consideration it deserves, and I sincerely trust that the few words of warning may bring to the bereaved widows of our men great relief in a pecuniary way.

Our meeting, held at Roanoke, Va., October 17th, was a booming success, all present taking special interest in every part of the business, and the friendly discussions were very much enjoyed and some splendid points brought out on every subject. One of the most important matters was that of good service. We have tried to make this a special subject. The boys have taken hold of the service question with a firm determination to make it as near perfect as possible. The friendly rivalry between the General, Western and General Eastern Divisions makes it more interesting. Recently the boys on the west end came out in the service bulletin without a scratch against the telegraph department for a month. This covers the line from Bluefield west to Cincinnati and Columbus. Now the boys on the east end are on their mettle to "ditto" this enviable record, but, so far. have not accomplished it, but are getting close to it. Some of the boys on the east end are very emphatic in their statement that it is not on account of any better men on the west end. or men who are any more attentive to business, but it is due to the fact that some of the boys on the east end are being reported for small matters that we all know certain conditions will bring about at times, and light suspensions are being recorded against them for these slight offenses. While the officials on the western end of the line are broad enough to give the men the benefit of using good judgment in meeting certain conditions without embarrassing their records with a day or so suspension. This matter is being watched with a great deal of interest, and I am afraid it would be a death blow to the ambitious Eastern Division should the west end boys come around with another clean bill for a whole month. Let us see if we can not make it perfect over the system for a month, so that our committee can meet our management with clean hands.

The boys are also taking a great deal of interest in the political affairs of our country, and it is needless to say that Mr. Gompers has only to lead and the telegraphers will follow, and they are taking timely advice and working to elect their friends and defeat their enemies for office, from the President of our country down to our country officers. If we stand at the ballot box as we do when we are facing a 10 per cent reduction, results will be forthcoming.

We were glad to see so many new faces at the meeting, and hope they will come again. However, I want to say that we noticed the absence of some who generally come. Boys, come to the meetings; that is the place to get information on any subject that we do not understand. While the attendance is, indeed, gratifying, it is not as good as it could be if all would take a personal interest, not only in coming yourself, but see that your neigh-

bor on either side of you comes along with you. We have so many passenger trains now that those who are close to the meeting points can get there without being relieved, but be careful that you do not meet with a change in the schedule and the fate of some of the fellows at this meeting (left on No. 29).

While we are always glad to see our men advance, we regret very much to lose one of our veterans of the key in the person of Bro. J. H. Hodge, first trick man at Bristol, Tenn., who has left the service to accept a very lucrative and honorable position as secretary and treasurer of the H. P. King department store at Bristol, Tenn., which is one of the largest business houses in East Tennessee or Southwest Virginia.

Bro. Hodge was one of the old-timers. He not only spent years of service for his employers, whom he always gave first consideration, but he was also one of the untiring workers for the organization. He was always a willing witness to the great benefits derived through our grand old Order, and never failed to look after its interests. He was strictly, "No card, no favors." He was located at a point where there were various applications for employment and many favors asked and in many different ways, and a petition was never received from a man holding an up-to-date for anything that was turned down, but unless he held the proper credentials his supplications always fell on deaf ears.

While we regret to give him up, we want to congratulate him on his deserved promotion and on behalf of division No. 14 I want to extend to him our very best wishes for his continued success.

It is needless to say, Bro. Hodge will continue to carry the pasteboard wherever he goes, and will be glad to see any of the brothers at any time they can call on him in his new position.

I want to again urge the entire membership to apply the always successful "individual effort" to our non list. A great many of the boys are getting in line this month, but there are still far too many. Our number of delegates to the Atlanta Grand Division will be based on the paid-up membership at the close of the present term, and it is highly important that we have our usual full representation to look after our interests. The time is also here for the election of officers for our local divisions, and we should have a voice from every man on each division up for our next schedule. The only way we can have a voice in this matter is by keeping an up-to-date membership. Now, brothers, let us get busy and see that these fellows who are dragging behind are reminded of their duty, and let them know we are expecting them to not know their duty, but to do it and that right away. Let us show the Grand Division that old Division No. 14 not only knows her duty, but is doing it, and let us have our full vote at this convention, which can only be accomplished by lining up those who are inclined to be negligent.

M. G. HARPER, Gen. Cor.

Scioto Division-

Matters relating to seinority have settled down, and as this has in the past been the subject of contention more so on other divisions than on the Scioto, everything appears to be working in harmony.

Bro. U. G. Chambers, agent at Kenova, at the present time is having extra heavy duties on account of Ferry service at Coal Grove, is not operative and all freight from Ashland, Ky., is moving via Kenova. Bro. A. L. Peake, extra relief agent, has been added to the force at Kenova, to help out during the period of this heavy transfer.

Bro. J. M. Sotcher has resumed his duty, second trick, at Naugatuck, W. Va.

Bro. J. S. Hall, agent at Chattaroy, W. Va., has resumed his duties at Chattaroy, W. Va.

Bro. W. Hoptry, formerly assistant chairman of this division, is working third trick, at Williamson yard office. His "JN" sounds natural on this end of the line.

Bro. C. F. Burling, formerly manager in "KM" office at Portsmouth, O., who for the past year or more has been located with some line at El Paso, Texas, is enjoying his vacation at Vancouver, Wash. He will visit Los Angeles, Cal. and other places on the Pacific Coast, before he returns to his work.

Mr. H. ·C. Weller, formerly assistant trainmaster of our division who was recently promoted to superintendent terminals, at Bluefield, W. Va., has again arisen in rank, this time to that of trainmaster of the Pocahontas Division, vice Mr. L. H. Phettaplace, resigned. Mr. Weller entered service as a telegrapher in 1884, his promotion being rapid until he reached the office of dispatcher, which position he filled a number of years successfully until his promotion to assistant trainmaster in 1904. His present promotion comes as a reward of merit.

It is understood appropriations for shop work during the month of October will be less than for the month of September, 1908. However this is not official.

Samuel Carr, one of the oldest passenger conductors in service of the N. & W., and whose run was between Sardinia and Hillsboro, O., was thrown from a car and seriously injured during the early part of September; it was at first thought he would recover with proper medical attention. It soon developed his injuries internally were of a dangerous character and he gradually grew worse until death relieved his suffering Interment took place near his home at Sardinia, Ohio. Our division, with his many friends, join in sympathy.

Mr. J. M. McIlhaney, assistant trainmaster, Williamson, W. Va., has been transferred to Bluefield, W. Va., to position, vice Harry C. Weller, promoted.

Mr. Reese T. Edmondson who until recently filled assistant trainmaster's position, at Norfolk, Va., comes to Williamson, W. Va., vice Mr. J. M. McIlhaney.

Mr. James O'Keefe, general yardmaster, Williamson, W. Va., promoted to assistant trainmaster at Norfolk, Va.

Various other changes have taken place on our sister division; at this time we are not up on information.

Mr. A. M. Cousins, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, is reported seriously ill at his home, at Norfolk, Va.

Bro. Benton Mosser, agent at Wayne, W. Va., was off duty, during the latter part of October, for a few days, relieved by Bro. J. W. Pratt.

Bro. R. H. Chitwood has been assigned to service at East Portsmouth, Ohio, during the coal 1ush. Business has increased so much, Bro. G. A. Mooney, agent, is unable to handle the business alone.

Bro. W. F. Hoptry, formerly of this division, has been appointed agent at Lindsey, W. Va.

Bro. C. F. Bushman, a S. V. boy, is working second trick at East Williamson, W. Va.

Messrs Dan'l L. Smith, T. P. A., and L. B. Freeman, A. G. P., of the Penna Lines, were making acquaintances with the agents along the line during the first part of this month

Officers' annual inspection, on the 9th inst., was made according to schedule; the run was made from Williamson to Cincinnati, O., in five hours, including coal and water stops and necessary time taken in making up train at Ports, O., It takes Mr. C. T. Davis and his dispatchers to move trains. This is considered one of the best runs made on a similar occasion. Maintainance of Way Department have been doing their part in getting track in shape for fast trains.

In closing our items we will ask one and all that possibly can to get to our next meeting, at Portsmouth, O. Watch your minutes for the date.

CERT. 750.

#### Radford Division-

I notice in the last minutes that several of our best men failed to get their card for the current term. I don't know their reason for this only the change which was made in the seniority in our last agreement. Now brothers, we can't afford to drop out of the Order because some little thing didn't go to suit us exactly, but should keep pressing on and probably some day the thing will change from what it now is. There are several of the extra men who have been recently employed, and are still without a card, who have been promising to get in every day or so, and some of our old nons now have an excuse that they had intended to join, but say they can't do it now on account of the change that was made in the seniority. I will just tell you the fact of the thing is this, they never intend to join, and that is the excuse they are now putting up, and they will be nons as long as there is such a thing. What is a non anyway?

Now, brothers, is the time we should stick, for we don't know when we are going to need the power that is in union. All of the extra men are now busy, I do not know of a single man that is not working now. and it seems that they could spare a few dollars and be up-to-date.

Bro. G. W. Lucado has been doing the extra work at Pembroke for awhile.

Bro. J. B. Williams has been working at Pepper, in place of Bro. Parrish, but is now spending a few days with his family in Tennessee.

Bro. Fuller, at Lurich, second trick, in place of Bro. Mantz.

Mr. S. S. Williams, at Curbe, while the position is being advertised and filled, but not yet occupied by the regular man.

Bro. J. S. Johnson, at Belspring, third trick, in place of Bro. Wood.

Bro. Tynes, second trick, Shamsville, has been off for a few days; relieved by E. E. Bandy. who promises to be a brother soon.

Bro. Thornton, second trick, Blake, is back at work, after six weeks' illness of typhoid fever. We are glad to have Bro. "K" back with us. Bro. Thornton relieved by Bro. King.

Bro. Mimley, agent and first trick operator at Ada, has just finished a sick list sentence; relieved by Bro. G. H. Spengler, extra relief agent.

We notice in the minutes of the Crewe meeting that Bro. Layman has suggested a change in our new seniority clause.

First trick, at Bristol, is up for bids. Have not learned where our worthy Bro. Hodge has gone, but hope he has not left the service. Bro. Hodge believes in "No Card No Favors," and lives strictly up to it. I was informed of this fact by a one-eyed "Non-De-Boomer" who passed through "BD" last summer.

Bro. Brady, at "DO," Roanoke yard, has been off for a week or so; relieved by Bro. Daniel, from "Mo," Pembroke Tank.

C. E. Tucker, a non first trick, at West End Reanoke yard, has been off, taking a trip west and rolling "Four Back;" relieved by Bro. Bowers, with C. F. Tucker on second trick, in Bro. Bowers' place. Does anyone know what became of that application C. T. Tucker filled out three or four months' ago. I am not sure, but think Bro. Baber can furnish him another one, if it got misplaced.

## Norfolk Division-

It is said "all men do not think alike." This is all right, and well it is this way, but there is one thing that I believe among telegraphers is the proper way of thinking; each telegrapher should consider it a pleasure to attend every division meeting possible for the reason that it is both pleasant and profitable, not only to himself, but to the organization as a whole. Not only should it be counted a pleasure, but it is a sacred duty to himself and his craft. In our last month's journal, some brothers on one of the Western Divisions, brought out this importance very forcibly, and his points should bring about good results, and cause the brothers to think over this matter seriously.

We had a very pleasant meeting at Roanoke, Saturday night, the 14th. I have never attended a meeting where perfect harmony prevailed so thoroughly. Every brother seemed bent on the thing that would be of the greatest good to the greatest number. The hardships to some of our membership recently brought about by the panic and seniority clause has been a revelation to this organization, and while we deeply regret that any brother has been made to suffer, we feel that through his suffering great good will come to the telegraphers, and the result will be that measures will be taken to correct the evils as we have found them to exist. Let us be so thoroughly interested in the welfare of the organization that even if we are the subjects of hardships, let us be content, knowing that in our suffering we are the instruments to bring about better conditions for those that follow in our paths.

There is one thing that I fear some of our eight-hour men have lost sight of, and that is, that quite a number of our men, especially on branch lines, are working the same long hours, and in a number of cases on account of the imperfect ninehour law are working even longer hours than before. What are we going to do for these brothers? Is it justice to allow these conditions to remain unchanged? Do they not deserve some relief? Is not the husband precious to his wife and children, and his duty to his household as dear as ours? I know what it means to come in after the little ones are asleep, and have to go on duty before their eyes see the morning sun, and have to remain at the station twelve and thirteen hours, to again return home and for days not see the children with their bright eyes open to greet father. I want to ask the brothers to think over this matter, talk it in the meetings, and let's reach a conclusion of this matter. Either the ninehour law should be amended or let us legislate for ourselves. Relief must come, brothers.

At Portlock, Norfolk terminal yard office, Bro. V. Branch off one week; relieved by Mr. D. C. Bailey, extra man. Bro. J. H. Heath off on vacation and trip to indianapolis; relieved by Bro. L. C. Cook, C. T. U. of A.

At Juniper, Bro. J. Carmack, who has been working second trick at this point for a long itme, relieved by Bro. W. S. Rose, account Bro. Rose being older. Our loss is the west end's gain.

At Myrtle, Bro. J. E. Holland off one day, 28th; relieved by Mr. E. M. Williams.

At Windsor, Mr. Z. C. Johnson off on vacation; relieved by Mr. E. H. Williams, extra man.

At Dwight, Bro. Bales fell heir to the first trick at this point, which places Bro. E. C. Horton on second extra, and Mr. Collins is working third extra.

At Wakefield, Mr. W. W. Carson, regular, assigned to first trick at this point, only worked it one day, was sent to Lynchburg, "X," tower, extra, to relieve man there; Bro. E. F. Ware resuming duty on first trick. Bro. Pursell, second trick, off a few days; relieved by Mr. D. C. Baily.

At Waverly, Bro. V. C. Johnson, first trick, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. A. W. Arnold, extra.

At Disputanta, Bro. Crowder, second trick, off on fifteen days' vacation; relieved by Bro. L. C. Cook, extra man.

At Poe, Bro. Poland, third trick, off eight days; relieved by Mr. E. H. Williams, extra man.

At Petersburg, Bro. Gates off few days; relieved by Mr. D. C. Bailey.

At Addison, Bro. Adams off a few days; relieved by Bro. M. H. Rose, the third trick man, who was extra until it could be filled by Mr. Hall, who in turn relieved Bro. Rose on third trick. We expect to be able to address Mr. Hall as "Bro." before the next writing.

At Ch. Road, Bro. Hardy off one day, to Richmond, on important business; relieved by Bro. L. S. Byrne, extra.

At Ford, Bro. R. J. Dewsburg off on account of sickness; was taken in Richmond about the middle of September, and at last report was not able to return home. We are sorry to note his misfortune, and hope to soon see and hear him at his post again. Bro. M. H. Rose is doing the third act, while Bro. "RD" is off sick. Bro. Dunn, agent, off a few days; relieved by Mr. E. D. Bates, regular first trick at Burkeville, who has been working extra relief agency past three months.

At Wilson, Bro. Nesbitt, third trick, sent to Sutherland agency, extra until advertised. Bro. Jackson, from Sutherland, relieving Bro. Nesbitt. extra.

At Wellville, Bro. Sutherland, third trick, off a few days; relieved by Mr. Johnsonbaugh.

At Nottoway, Sister Davie, second trick, off on vacation; relieved by Mrs. Carter.

At Durham Junction, this office, lever job has been abolished, which throws Mr. Loving, Bros. Whorton and Staples out in the cold. Bro. Staples, though, "smelt the rat" and moved before the position was cut out. The trains on Durham District is now managed by the electric plant from "X" tower, Lynchburg.

At Forest, Bro. Cabaniss off on vacation, and is busy getting his new home in order. Bro. Cabaniss has purchased a nice little farm at this point, and put up a neat and attractive dwelling house. This is a result of the new seniority clause, which assures a man of a job. Under the old clause, no man had a position when one of the older brothers were unfortunate in having his position abolished.

At Bellevue, Bro. Rawlings off for several days, attending the funeral of his grandmother, who was about ninety-eight years old at her death.

At Thaxton, Bro. Wallace off for about ten days, for the purpose of a visit to relatives in Lexington and Louisville, Ky.

At Montvale, Bro. Ford off attending court; relieved by Bro. Southerland part of the time, and Bro. Carson the rest. Bro. Layne, second trick, has been off on a vacation, visiting relatives in Indianapolis, Ind., and having a "good time" in

general; think Bro. Layne "let himself out" on this trip.

At Ironville, Bro. Jack off a few days, attending court; think relieved by Bro. Seal, both hot O. R. T. men. Understand Bro. Jack is studying law.

At Blue Ridge, Bro. Rux took a vacation this month; relieved by Bro. Jake Bonsack. Bro. Rux took a trip to Mississippi, where his wife was already visiting her parents.

At Bonsack, this point seems to be unlucky for the non. When Durham Junction was abolished, Bro. Loving pulled Bro. Jake Bonsack from first trick, then it was Bro. Whorton's pleasure to pull Mr. Zitzer from second trick; Bro. Bonsack took extra relief agent's work for a while, but understood Bro. Loving is to take McKinney, recently opened, which will likely thrown Bro. Bonsack back home. Bro. Whorton will remain on second trick; can't give the "destination" of Mr. Zitzer; time is too precious to keep tab on the man who feels no interest in those of his craft, or does nothing to aid in the cause.

At Concord, Bro. Cross off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Nesbitt, a hot O. R. T. man. We regret to learn Bro. Whorton was called to the bedside of his father, in South Carolina, who was not expected to live. We hope, however, that his illness will not prove fatal, and that he will soon be himself again. Bro. Nesbitt was relieved by Bro. Jake Bonsack.

At Spout Spring, Sister Steel off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. J. E. Sears.

Bro. T. J. Buckley, relief agent, has been off for a week or two. We regret to learn that his brother John, who used to be in the service, on this division, is in ill health, and that Bro. Buckley has been going around to various resorts with him in hopes of regaining his health.

Bro. J. H. Payne, Ironville, has also been off on a vacation, taking in Lynchburg fair, and visiting his parents at Greenway, Va.

Mr. Gibbs, maintaainer at Ironville plant, off on a vacation, visiting New York and other Northern cities; relieved by Mr. Rogers, who is liked by all.

Now brothers, I want to appeal to all to get busy for the organization. Feel it your personal duty to talk and write to the non-member, also the one who is in arrears. Be earnest in your work, and count it a privilege to do something for the Order. We appreciate every member, but it is so much better to be a "wide-awake member." Don't neglect attending the meeting, and when you return tell the others what you saw and heard, and bring out the good points of the O:der. Don't let some one else do your thinking for you, but attend the meetings and act for yourself; suggest things that in your opinion will bring about good results, etc. This is why we have monthly meetings. Don't forget to send notes to your correspondent. T. O. M.

Shenandoah Division-

Because of the peculiar conditions inseparable from this department of the railway service, it has always been a matter of great difficulty to so adjust compensation and hours of duty as to secure uniformity. There are duties and conditions peculiar to each position that make this almost a matter of impossibility and these duties and conditions are constantly changing from time to time.

Efforts are made annually to equalize these conditions, but absolute success is never attained, and probably never will be as long as the telegraphers' duties remain so complex and varied.

But with all the able and sincere efforts for our betterment in the past, and notwithstanding the great good resulting therefrom, there never existed a greater inequality than at the present time.

This inequality exists in the hours of service, whereby a portion of the men are working eight hours while the rest, who perform services of equal and often greater work and responsibility, are required to toil twelve hours and longer for the same or smaller compensation.

This is not a mere statement, but an actual fact that challenges successful contradiction: For this regretable condition no one seems to be to blame.

It is the result of able and well-meant efforts to secure by legislation that which was too slow materializing by other means—the universal eighthour day. That this Federal law was not enacted as originally designed is well understood to be the work of those representatives who are sent to Congress by the people, but who serve special interests. Thus this splendid movement to benefit the telegraphers and safeguard the public was only half completed and so remains at this time.

The idea that the duties of the agent and telegrapher are of no importance and entail no labor and mental strain in their performance is too preposterous to discuss seriously. Just because the exigencies of the service do not require a telegrapher at that particular office, the man who struggles for twelve or thirteen hours through a maze of intricate and nerve-racking duties in the daylight hours is deserving of no consideration, or so this new order of things would seem to imply.

When the so-called nine-hour law became effective, the inequality was so glaring that Article VI of the agreement, which provides "twelve hours or less" for one-trick positions was liberally construed by the dispatchers and much valuable relief was accorded the twelve-hour men whenever practicable, and this was highly appreciated by the men. For some reason, however, this privilege has been summarily withdrawn by a ruling which denies even twelve-hour men more than ten minutes absence except for meals, which now must be gotten in one hour; whereas, formerly a longer time, if practicable, was allowed. The purpose of this change of policy is not clear, unless it be to emphasize the present inequality and impress it upon the less fortunate portion of the men.

This condition, however, does not prevail over the entire system. The States of Ohio and West Virginia have enacted State laws that abolished twelve-hour positions, and only that portion of the line running through Virginia and North Carolina still work telegraphers twelve and thirteen hours daily.

There are two ways by which this most inequitable arrangement can be remedied and this unjust condition removed. One way, and by far the best way, is by mutual agreement between the company and the men. The other is by legislation. By all means it ought to be remedied speedily. It is easily the paramount issue of future negotiations.

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# New York, New Haven & Hartford Ry.

Western Division-

Bro. Weary Van Hamlin is holding the fort at Summit, and says it beats taking Indian scalps on the rolling prairie. Funny how the air around that place affects the operators.

We have a few "operators" around Waterbury that are nons, and, as usual, take the benefits derived from the Order.

If we had a few more staunch supporters like Sister Cullen, who is holding down first at "W," then the O. R. T. would prosper.

Bro. Derby is holding down second at "SU" for a few weeks.

Bro. Anson bid in Canaan on bulletin, but did not seem to like the atmosphere. He is holding down third at "SY."

All offices on the old Highland are near solid. Get busy, boys, and let us say solid for every office.

Operator Nevins is working second trick at "SY," and will be a brother before the next issue of the journal.

"RA" now open three tricks, with operators Anderson and Babcock doing the extra stunts. Can't say whether they are solid or not.

The new towers at "GY," Bank Street, and "BX," Highland Junction, are nearing completion and we hope to see them solid, but no such good luck.

"Cheese and Crackers" is holding down second at "WN." This non needs watching.

Bro. Harmon, at "SH," is trying hard to get another man to keep up with the clerical work.

Bro. Fay is acting as yard clerk (chief) in Wa-

Bro. Fay is acting as yard clerk (chief) in Waterbury at present.

We hope to see the old Highland solid before the next issue of the journal. CERT. 565.

## Boston & Maine Ry.

When Grand Secretary and Treasurer L. W. Quick addressed Boston Division, No. 41, on October 8th, he struck the keynote of organization: "Individual effort, and no card, no favors."

For four years we have tried one method—doing nons favors. Let us now try the other method. When a man wants a favor ask him to show his card. Let us begin a campaign against the non-members.

From an organization standpoint a man is either with you or against you. The one who refuses

to join the Order is against you. It can mean nothing else, from the fact that our strength lies in numbers, and the man who remains on the outside weakens us just to the extent of one.

This being so, is it then policy to longer encourage agents and operators who are nons to continue benefiting by our work and preying upon us by showing them favors or tolerataion? No; surely not! For when agents or operators accept increases and concessions gained by your money and the committee's hard work and have not the principle to join us when invited and requested to do so they certainly are not entitled to any favors or toleration at your hands.

Other organizations have tried: "No cards, no favors," with considerable success. Let us give it a trial.

And now for your part in this plan. It is not enough that you refuse favors to an outsider; there is more to be done. For these men so long as they stay on the outside will continue to weaken our Order and lessen your chances of getting concessions, just as they did before you refused them the "glad hand." It is absolutely necessary to put them into the Order. Get after these "bad men" and make "good (O. R. T.) men" out of them.

And why do I say that you must work to get their applications? Did you know that to be successful with any organization there must be individual effort? That the membership must display individual spirit and energy! Well, that's a fact. But I am sorry to say that the majority have never displayed much interest or live energy. If you have I have failed to see it, in at least certain sections near the Boston end of the line. How many members have you put in? This test will give you a line on your energy or interest in the Order.

You have, indeed, enlisted in the cause of O. R. T., but this seems to be all. An army of men may enlist in the service of a country, but should they refuse to fight they would be useless. Their officers could do nothing. A body of employes may join an organization, but if they fail to show the proper spirit and energy by refusing to work, their committee is at a disadvantage.

I mean by work, that you attempt to get non-members to join the Order, to labor with them; not once or twice, nor a dozen times, but at at times. Show them no quarter until they fill out a blank. The majority of applications are secured by the different chairmen and by just such methods—constantly keeping after them. Is it any more difficult for you to do the same? The chairman is usually miles from the non. You are his neighbor. A few days ago a member wrote me, "Let each man put it up to his neighbor. He can do this better than a stranger;" and that is just it. That is the whole secret of the thing, every man work on his neighbor.

Some will say what has the O. R. T. done on this road. Well, tell them. Tell them the O. R. T. has given the agents and operators a yearly increase in wages of about \$90,000; that is, this

branch of the service now receives \$90,000 a year more in wages than four years ago. It has established a minimum day, secured overtime and pay for Sunday work which previous to the schedule was not allowed. Last year annual passes were secured for all, and, lastly, the nine-hour law was enacted through the efforts of our Order.

But to crown all you have on this road a live committee to see that your rights are respected. that none of these privileges are denied you; a body of committeemen which is the equal of any and the inferior of none. Your grievances are carried in regular order from the superintendent to the president, if necessary. None are turned down, regardless of how trivial or how complicated.

But there is still another reason why you to whom increases are ever welcome should be zealous for the growth of your Order, and I am surprised at your shortsightedness. Don't imagine that an organization will remain forever strong without keeping it in repair.

On this railroad there is today a certain unorganized branch of the service which, twenty years ago, affiliated with the Knights of Labor. They received at that time an increase in wages which brought many of them on the main lines up to \$1.50 a day. Then they dropped from the organization and today they are practically getting the same pay that they received twenty years ago, while other branches of the service, which are organized, have been steadily advancing. Here is something to think about.

During the business depression early this year there were rumors of a cut in wages, and there was a cut. The roads of the country gave it to practically every unorganized branch of the service. Dispatchers, semiofficials and all unorganized men got it so quick it made their heads swim. The organized labor was not touched.

By these illustrations I feel that you all must concede the value of organization. This much conceded, your next concern is how to preserve and strengthen that organization which has preserved you. This, of course, is done by increasing the membership, and we believe this can best be done by individual effort. We are anxious to put this into practice for at least three months; that is, the membership form themselves into one great body of organizers. To assist you in this work the local divisions will pay you \$2 for every application brought in.

Remember, brothers, this is serious business. You must get to work or see the Order weaken.

It has been reported, and with considerable foundation, that the roads of the country are hoping for a decrease in membership of the organized bodies when they, the roads, may cut wages, as they did some twelve or more years ago. None of you, I trust, care for a cut.

Our local chairman reports that old men (members) are leaving the service of the road and new ones taking their places. These new-comers must be looked after and brought into the fold, and

you individual members must do this work or stand an increase in dues to pay for the services of a traveling chairman.

But this, to my mind, will not be necessary if you men wake up and use some energy. For the next three months we are going to try individual effort. Remember, every man at his neighbor; wherever you see a non, nail him. Let no one fail to bring in at least one member. By spring we should be solid. We will then report progress.

With best wishes for success, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

J. B. Bode, General Chairman.

## Michigan Central Ry.

Valley-

Bro. M. M. Wilson, second trick man, and wife, at Middleville, has just returned from a weeks' vacation, spent with Bro. Wilson's people, at Three Rivers. "Wi" secured a pair of Bloodhound pups, while away, which he intends to rear in such a manner that nons will soon become extinct, and merely a matter of history in this part of the world. It is also his intention to educate them so that they will pick up the scent of delinquents and "card toters" with "yellow streaks," incidentally while on the trail of the nons. Boys, look to your cards and look out for the Bloodhounds.

Bro. G. F. Middleton did the second trick duties at "MD," during the absence of Bro. Wilson.

Bro. Boyland, of Findley (B. C. Division), goes to Concord as agent and operator. No report on vacancies at Findley and Vanhorn.

Bro. Jack Ryan has resigned third trick at Marshall (main line), to go into business for himself.

No report on vacancy at Marshall.

"The Nightmare" at "VT" has quit his job, and Bro. G. D. Eddy bid in the prize. Thus another non fades away and an O. R. T. man fills the gap.

Bro. Leroy Mead was called to the home of his parents, near Morgan, last week, on account of the sudden illness and death of his father. Bro. Mead has the sincere sympathy of the brothers in his bereavement. Just at the time Bro. G. D. Eddy had arranged to take his vacation last month, his pleasure was turned to sorrow by being summonded to attend the funeral of his mother and then the funeral of his sister who passed away a few days later. Bro. Eddy has the profound and sincere sympathy of his fraters in his double bereavement.

Bro. G. F. Middleton relieved Bro. Eddy during his absence.

Why don't some of you old stand-patters brace up and send in some news?

Bro. McIntyre, second trick man, at Nashville, and wife, are making the latter's parents a few days' visit at Bay City this week. Bro. Miles is doing the second stunt at "VI" during their absence.

#### Saginam Division-

Operator L. F. Howard, agent at Swan Creek, was off duty about three weeks; relieved by Bro. Mead.

Mr. Howard bid in agency at Bennington, relieving Operator L. A. Baker, who has returned to his home with intentions of going back on the extra list; says he likes it much better than agent's work.

Operator D. I. Eagle, from Lake Shore, relieved Sister Butterfield, "NA," Gen Ave., Saginaw, while she was off on a vacation.

"13" Eagle is O. K. Mr. Eagle is now relieving at East yards, Jackson, second trick.

Our Chief Dispatcher, Mr. W. F. Phillips, is off on his vacation; Mr. Witcher taking his place, and Dispatcher Gardner taking Mr. Witcher's place, as night chief.

## Main Line-

Opertors Gordon and Sweeney and Bro. Eagle filling in at "SF" office, Jackson, at present. I do not know how Gordon and Sweeney stand.

Mr. W. F. Phillips, our chief dispatcher for several years, has been transferred to the same position at Bay City. M. W. Witcher, our night chief, has been appointed to fill his position, and Mr. Gardner, first trick, main line dispatcher, goes on as night chief. This gives Mr. Case first trick, Mr. J. H. Phillips, third trick, and Mr. Wholehan, second trick, on main line.

Operator Fitch, Hill office, Niles, is now Bro. Fitch. This gives Niles six up-to-date members.

Hilsdon, third trick, at East yard, forgets what the O. R. T. done for him, and remains a non. He took a vacation a week ago and was relieved by Bro. Mead.

Bro. McMurray, first trick, Hill, off a couple of weeks, enjoying a vacation; relieved by Bro. Mead.

Bro. Burlington, third trick, Lawton, off a few days, attending court; relieved by Bro. Clissold. Bro. Clissold, at present, holding down third trick, at Marshall, until change is made.

Bro. Slowey off a few days at Albion. Bro. Leavy and Operator Miles relieving.

If any of the West End boys see this, please try and send Bro. G. W. Lewis a writeup next month. His address is Middleville, Mich.

Galren has three eight-hour nons.

Bro. Palmer, second trick, Dowagiac, off a couple of weeks, on vacation; relieved by a new man on the road, operator Helt.

Operator Baker hit with time check, and understand he goes to the Western Union, at Chicago. Non, and a little scurvy.

Bro. Butler, Barron Lake, third trick, off a few days, on account of illness in family. Bro. F. J. White relieving him.

Bro. Wehrle back on the job, at Cassopolis tower, third trick. This puts Bro. Haage on second trick again.

Bro. John Ryan resigned, and went into the stove business, at Mattawan. His trick, at Maraball, bid in by Bro. Groves, of Union City. Bro. J. Carter, from "SF," off on account of the death of his brother; relieved by Operator Sweeney, old "CN" dispatcher.

Bro. Harris, Jackson Junction, off on ten days' vacation; relieved by Operator Sweeney.

Extra Dispatcher Cummins, working in "SF," off for a few days; relieved by Bro. Eagle.

Bro. Keefe, third trick, at Kalamazoo, off for two weeks; relieved by Bro. Eagle.

Hear our general chairman's familiar "fist" back at Albion again. After his trip over the system, rounding up the nons, of which there is not many left on this pike.

Bro. Mead relieving Bro. Woods, at East yards, Bro. Woods on sick list.

Bro. Wherle was called back from his vacation, and is now working at Marshall, third trick.

Well, let's hear from the rest of you; get "25" and send in some stuff, show them what you are made of.

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## N. Y. C. & St. L. Ry.

Third District-

The following vacancies were advertised October 1st: Third trick at Fostoria, first and third tricks at Latty, third at South Whitley, and second trick at Hobart. Some of our extra men will secure places now.

Bro. Brudi, who has been on the sick list for so long, has returned to work on the first trick at New Haven, Bro Bruick taking second trick and Bro. Stinman the third.

Bro. Hedeen, formerly first trick at Latty, has left the service to enter the jewelry trade. Bro. L. F. Didier secured first trick there and Operator Leeth second trick, while Operator Bidelow drew third. It is about time those two men were making good now, as they both have steady jobs and a nine-hour day.

Bro. Russell, of Oakwood, off a few days on account of the death of his mother. He was relieved by Bro. Davis of the second trick, who was relieved by Operator Barnes, a new man.

Bro. Bechtold, third trick at Oakwood, resigned, but they were so slow about relieving him that he reconsidered it and decided to remain with the "Nick."

Bro. Parker, first at Leipsic Junction, off for a few days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Martin.

While the agent at McComb was away on his vacation, Bro. Wagoner, first trick there, took charge of the agency. I "13" that Bro. Wagoner makes a high-grade agent. He does most of the work there any way, so he knows the ropes. He was relieved by Operator McDonald a nw man. Don't know whether he has a card or not.

Bro. Poe, who has handled the third trick at Fostoria for the last six months, has resigned and gone to California to accept a trick with the S. P. Wish him success in his new location. Operator Hazelton got the trick on bulletin. Think he is a member, but not certain.

We still have our ham shop at Ilers. Hope it will be abated as a nuisance before long.



Lots of changes at Maple Grove the last few days. Bro. Shirkey, the agent there, took the third trick; Bro. Nichols, from Brems, took the agency, and they furnished him with an operator on first trick on account of the stone movement from there. Operator M. Thompson, on the first trick until it is filled by bulletin.

Bro. P. D. Russell, of Old Fort, off a few days. Called home on account of the death of his mother. Bro. C. H. Zimmerman, second trick at Maple Grove, relieved him, and was relieved by Operator Thompson

Operator Wagoner, second trick at Colby, who lives at Green Springs, was somewhat scared on October 16th when the big fire, which burned twenty-one buildings there, began to get too close for comfort. Mr. Wagoner moved his furniture out in the street, but later moved back, as his house was not damaged. He says he is used to moving, but not upon such short noitee.

Bro. Redman, second trick at Fostoria, is off a few days on account of sickness; relieved by Operator Thompson.

A very sad accident happened at Continental, October 24th. While No. 47 was delivering cars to the Clover Leaf, the pilot on the engine caught in the C. & L. M. crossing in some manner and was torn off. Conductor W. H. Wills was riding the pilot at the time and was dragged under. The surgeons who examined him at first thought he might live and had him taken to the hospital at Ft. Wayne, but he passed away at 9 o'clock that night. Mr. Wills was well known by all the boys on the Third District and his sad death has caused all of us much sorrow.

Now, boys, let us make a determined effort to get in the rest of the eligible nons before the end of the year. We want to have two delegates to the Grand Division in 1909, and in order for us to do this we must have the members. It does not cost the division any more to send two men than to send one, as the expenses are paid from the Convention Fund, and the more delegates we have the more voice we will have in making new laws and revising old ones.

Of course, we have some men whom we do not want in. You all know them, I guess. There is only one way to treat the man who is able to come in and has received benefits from the Order (and who has not received them?) and that is to have nothing to do with him. If they ask you for a favor turn them down cold. Do not demean yourself by asking favors of them or putting yourself under obligation to them in any way. "No card, no favors." They are as bad as any other thief. Treat them accordingly.

Bro, W. N. Baldwin, from Knox, has been checked in as agent at Miller's City.

As this goes to press I learn that the student at Ilers has concluded to take a few more years in the common school before allowing Wisely to skin him out of what few dollars he has saved up. Feel sorry for Wisely, losing all that easy money. Too bad. But then he will save the money he used to take to pay his dues with.

Cleveland Division-

I am very sorry to say that Cert. 5 has given up writing for the journal, as he says there are too many knocks and kicks for the trouble it takes in gathering news and having it published.

Now, boys, if you see anything in the journal that does not meet with your approval do not knock and kick, but stop and consider just what trouble it takes to get a few items for the journal.

This brother has been doing very well and wanted to see us in the journal every month, and has done all in his power to give you a good line of news, and if he has made any error in not publishing you as a brother it was not done to hurt your feelings, and he was always ready to rectify the error when told of it.

Brothers, there are some on this district that are not giving the service they ought to give. We expect you to give the very best of service.

If you have any nons working with you get after them and have them come in, if they are worthy to be members, and if any belong to another division get after them and have them transfer, as we want all the members on the Nickel Plate to belong to Division No. 18. Also keep your local chairman posted on all nons and all members that belong to other divisions and all information that will be a help to him. Do not lay down and think that when you pay your dues that is all you are expected to do. If you do not look after your own interests how do you expect any one else to do it for you? Don't be a laggard, but wake up and keep your eyes open and try to do all you can for all the members, and keep after the nons until we land them. For in unity there is strength. Strength is power and if you have the power behind you you can land anything that you go after.

Bro. G. D. Wilson, second trick at Madison, left October 1st for two weeks' hunting in the wilds of Pennsylvania, where he expects to bag all the game in the northern part of the State. Operator C. J. Morse, an extra man, is filling the vacancy.

Where are all the extra man? It is mext to impossible to get away for a day. "No men," is what we go against.

Bro. J. B. Shaver, agent at Shinrock, gets his vacation, beginning October 4th. Mr. Carroll, relief agent, relieving Bro. Shaver.

## TO BROTHERS OF DIVISION NO. 20.

I desire to thank the brothers and others who so kindly remembered and assisted me in pur chasing an artificial leg.

H. H. Quick, CERT. 268.

## Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.

James River Division-

The James River Division, about three years ago. was a one-horse division, or in other words, was the dumping ground of other divisions; for instance, any man that was worn out on other divisions was sent to the James River Division to be made use of. But today the James River Division is one of the most important on the road,

doing a big business. Over 200 trains of stock have moved over the division in the past two months and are still coming. Grain is loading at every station and keeps the boys all busy.

Numerous changes have taken place on this division in the last three months. Mr. Morrison, our superintendent, was granted an indefinite leave of absence, which will be six months twice a year.

Mr. W. P. Arnty, our chief dispatcher, has resigned and gone to his fruit farm in California. Wish we all had something like this we could go to.

We now have a new superintendent, Mr. J. T. Gillick, who seems to be a good fellow to work for if you hit the ball.

Our new chief, Mr. M. J. Flannigan, from the Iowa Division, at Perry, Iowa. From dealings with him we have found him to be a good fellow. All he expects is for you to hit the ball and you have always got a job on his division.

Yard office at Aberdeen, a new office, just established lately; three men; not up-to-date. First trick, S. C. Downs, a non, says he will not join; second trick, S. G. House, can't say if he belongs or not; third trick, W. S. Allen, but is laying off; was relieved by a scab from the W. U. named Lloyd, but he did not last long; delayed train thirty minutes to give them a clearance. Expect Allen back Thursday.

Bowdle, regular agent at "HL," Morlette, now having a vacation; relieved by O. V. Pofford, former agent.

At Selly, W. H. Kingman laying off.

At Culver, first trick operator relleving agent; relieved by A. H. Bloomgrew.

#### The Lenton Line-

At Freeland, W. F. Motz, regular agent, laying off; relieved by Bro. Livesay, relief agent.

Strasbury just made a telegraph office and assigned to regular agent; E. O. Adams, I understand

At Lenton, Bro. W. E. Cole has been granted a helper. Certainly needed one. Big Ben on the Russian Line now.

## Edgeley Line-

At Ellendale, Bro. G. Brown lost his helper and was several days getting another one. It kept him busy to run the joint alone.

#### Mitchell Line-

I suggest we have a meeting some Sunday in Aberdeen. Let us get acquainted with some of the boys, or Saturday night if it would be better.

At Tulare, Bro. Hendrickson, agent, lost so much sleep they had to put on a night operator. Assigned to E. F. Cushman. Can't say if he is up-to-date.

Bro. W. P. Spreggs, agent at Woonsocket, has been fortunate enough to get a night operator. Bro. Downey is the lucky man.

At Letcher, E. S. Williams, agent, was sick a few days, but is again able to be around. Big "biz" on Mitchell Line on account of Rosebud opening.

I would suggest having a meeting and getting all the boys together and organize all that are not already organized. We expect several applications soon. Expect to have J. R. Division solid by the first of the year.

Send me the news, boys. Every time you get a new operator write me and say if up-to-date.

CERT. 1964.

#### La Crosse Division-

The past month has been a busy one for all on account of the enormous amount of business being done and it will continue so.

We have several new operators on the division, some of whom I am informed are commercial men and a couple who have been turned out on the division by some of our worthy nons, one of the above possessing great ability, to say the least. he being unable to report a train or to accept an order, having to call the day operator. Sounds nice, don't it? Is this the kind of employes to hire. The country is full of good operators and men who are men and can show great credit to their employers as well as themselves. So be careful, brothers, to whom you may speak and mention items concerning our organization.

A very serious affair occurred recently between Tomah and Tunnel City, which resulted in the death of Operators Rosa and Kardisch. both being operators at Raymore. It seems they stayed out somewhat too late and on their return home were struck and killed by train No. 56. This is one more case, brothers, where the parties were behind in dues. The result being no insurance to be left to the family. This is the second case of the kind in the past ten months. Remember your local chairman, general chairman and secretary and treasurer have other duties outside of reminding you of your dues all the time.

Bro. B. L. Swang has resumed work at Duplaneville after spending the summer at Okanchee Lake as Capt. Swang.

Mr. J. H. Cull, at Duplaneville is still long on his promise, but fails to make good.

Bro. Alvord, who has been using a speeder a while, living at Pewaukee, will soon move to Duplaneville and save all that work for himself.

Mr. E. L. Earling, of West Allis, has gone west to grow up with the Pacific Extension.

Bro. John Gibbs, absent a few days; relieved by Bro. Alvord. CERT. 249, DIV. COR.

#### Des Moines Division-

- D. C. Alexander appointed agent at Clive. Operator Roach, back from Gillett Grove, working second trick; Bro. Winkler on third.
- T. W. Hayette received the agency at Granger. Unable to learn whether the agent carries an upto-date card.
- C. J. Zehr has been appointed agent at Boone. Bro. Osborne relieving him at "MN" until the vacancy will be filled by a regular man.



C. F. Jefferis, of Jefferson, has been laying off for the past week; relieved by V. D. Evans, formerly of this division. "13" he gets third trick at "RS."

Operator Jackman relieved Bro. Eby at "JO" while Mr. Eby went to Chamberlain to register for the Rosebud land opening.

Bro. Wescott, of Lytton, laying off at present; relieved by Operator Jackman.

Our agent at Linden, like one or two others on this division, is still eager to reap the benefits of our efforts, but never consents to help us secure these benefits by coming across with a "V" and getting in line.

What is the matter with you fellows? Don't you want to see a write-up from this pike in our journal? Last month several notes were sent out requesting aid and sent to many of the less busy of the brothers, but no reply. It is the intention to have a representation in every issue henceforth, and if some of you will just take time to drop us an item when it occurs to you, we will be able to carry the business through all right. Perhaps you are not acquainted with the fact that this division has a correspondent, but even at that he can not do it alone without help.

We are also badly in need of a revival on this division. You would not believe how many of the members have neglected to pay their dues and are suspended or delinquent. This is largely neglect, I think, and because we have not kept in touch with others and have allowed interest to wane. From the way you fellows didn't respond to our appeal for aid in getting a write-up one would think this division a dead one. We have a good division and good fellows, but the trouble is you need to wake up. Help yourselves and help each other, then you will be helping every other hand struggling for the same cause. The correspondent feels that no apology is due you if you are not satisfied with this effort, since he pleaded with you for assistance and every one of you to send the correspondent something for the next issue. Stuff for the month in advance must be sent to Rockwell City not later than the 17th. Get busy, boys, and let us have a good one for the next issue.

CERT. 1813.

#### Third District-

Bro. Hutchings, agent at Lake, is off on a vacation, being relieved by Bro. Miller, and Miller in turn being relieved by Bro. Geo. Brown, who formerly worked at Rondout tower; Brown has been back on the road about a month now, glad to have him with us again.

Mr. R. L. Altice, third trick man, at "A68," was sick a few days last month, and was relieved by Bro. Ben. Laughrens. Laughrens also took sick after three days' work there, and was relieved by Bro. Lucas. Have not heard of Laughrens since, and do not know his present location.

Bro. P. G. Miller, second trick, at "A68," is off on a vacation, and is seeing the sights out west; relieved by a Mr. D. C. Pettijohn, new man on the road.

We hope to see these new men get lined up as soon as they have been on the road a reasonable length of time.

A "fone" operator is working the second trick at Somers, he is the son of Bro. Thompson, the agent; understand he is drawing the regular salary. This is temporary while the regular man, Bro. Lamphart, is relieving on the third trick at Walworth.

Bro. Lucas is relieving the agent at Truesdell, who is on a trip down east.

Bro. Gould, of first trick, Ranney, was on a short vacation and visited with his parents, in Northern Wisconsin; relieved by Mr. Willie.

Bro. Dan McCann, of the second trick, at Walworth, secured second trick at Bardwell, on bulletin, and Bro. Beanstock, of "WC" tower, second trick, secured the vacancy at Walworth. "WC" tower, second trick, has not been bulletined up-to-date.

Bro. B. J. Simens has returned to his old stand at Libertyville, new station.

Bro. Coulson, of Round Lake, has quit the business, and started in for himself. A new man secured the agency, Mr. Meridith, who was with the company about three years ago at Spring Grove, if I remember correctly. Do not know yet, whether the gentleman is the possessor of an up-to-date card or not, if not we want him at once.

Mr. Merriman, who has been working at Fox Lake, as operator most of the summer, worked a few nights at dispatcher's office, side wire, he has been here long enough to carry the goods now; at the present writing is working at Rondout station as operator.

Operators McCloskey and Patterson have left the read, Patterson claimed they were going to London, Eng. He was told it would be easier sailing if they carried the O. R. T. credentials.

Bro. Fred Alleman, now of Miles City, Mont. it getting along fine in his new position; claims the climate is fine.

From conversations with a few of the members, it is thought best to hold meetings at regular stated intervals, say about four meetings a year, and any extra meetings that are necessary could be called, this would give every one a chance to try and attend; as it has been, meetings were called on short notice, and some could not come on that account. There will be a meeting at Libertyville, by the time this is in print, and something definite will be decided upon, let every one that possibly can attend, and make these meetings a success, they will not be numerous enough to be tiresome, and the O. R. T. surely deserves four nights a year of every member.

Bro. Jake Alleman, of "CG" office, and his mother, have moved out to Libertyville.

The company have put in two "fone" operators at Glenview, on second and third tricks; the jobs have not been bulletined, and it is understood this question is up for settlement now, along with a few other things, that need adjustment badly.

Bro. E. R. Derrickson, the newly appointed local chairman for the third district, found some grievances to start with, and may need the counsel

and aid of the membership; it is a great help to a local chairman to know he can count on the membership to back him up in any stand lie takes that is right. Let each one try and render the assistance necessary, when called upon as requested by general chairman Renshaw. With a systematic campaign for the nons and prompt and courteous complaint to the proper officials of any disregard of the schedule, we should have the banner division or district on the St. Paul system; let us all work for this end.

Dispatcher G. T. Carroll and Miss Ketleher, of Chicago, were united in marriage, October 1st. The best wishes from all the boys of the division, are extended to them for a happy and prosperous life. Their honey-moon was spent in Denver, Colo.

CERT. 1129.

#### C., C., B. Ill. and R. and S. A. Division-

We ought to have a write-up every month, and could, if every brother that hears of any news would send it to Bro. Connell, at Savanna, before the twentie.h of each month. You send your news to him and it will appear the next month.

Our local chairman expects to make another trip over this district, and if any of the brothers know of a non, you want to get his application, and give it to Bro. Conell, or if he does not appear send it to our General Secretary and Treasurer, at Covington, Ia.

Now is the time that we want to be well organized, and have as few nons as possible. Ought to be that when our General Committee goes in again, they can show a backing of all the operators in this district, and on the whole St. Paul system. Don't think for a minute, that because the phones are going in that we are all in. They will never entirely supersede the telegraph, and we must stand together all the time. No sense in dropping the Order now, as the fight has just began.

Other railroad organizations never had a yellow streak, because they met a little opposition, but on the other hand they took a firmer grip and stood their ground and won.

Thomson agency has been bulletined. "13" Bro. M. J. Smith has secured Monroe agency. Have not heard who gets Thomson.

Leaf River, third trick, has been bulletined. Operator W. M. Sloan, "RO," Leaf River, has been suspended. Understand he intends either going into the ticket brokerage business, at Clear Lake, or take the silent partnership in the Murphy Coal & Electric Lighting Co., at Kirkland. He will make good in either.

Bro. C. J. Foster, Beloit, off two or three weeks, on account of sickness; relieved by man named Engbertson.

Bro. Wm. Ende, third trick, "SO," Beloit, took a vacation, went to Denver, and is going to be married there.

Bro. Andrus, regular second trick, at Beloit, working third trick. Bro. J. J. McGinty working second trick.

Mr. R. R. Prall, second trick, at "FD," Freeport, took a two weeks' vacation, going to S. Dakota, where he registered for a farm. Bro. Fretz worked second trick, during Prall's absence, while Bro. J. J. McGinty took Bro. Fretz's place, on third trick.

Mr. R. Prall worked a few days at Elkhorn, during fair; relieved by non, named Ginaine, who worked two or three days, then quit the service, going to work at Zion City. He was a fine proposition, nit.

Florence agency has been bulletined, but as yet no one has applied for it. Bulletined for a period of six months.

Now all you sloths, sluggards, backsliders, etc., get busy and get an up-to-date card. Time to send in your dues for first half of 1909. Don't wait for some one to come along with a team of mules and drag you in, but have enough principle and spunk about you to come in voluntarily. Next month will post the nons that are in this district, so if you don't want your name to appear on the dishonorable roll, get busy.

JOHANN.

## H. and D. Division-

Bro. Bradley, agent at Webster, has gone to Butte, to take up duties in the passenger department on the extension.

Bro. Richardson transferred from Renville, to agency at Webster.

Renville station is open for bids.

Bro. Mann, night owl at Hopkins, has gone to the N. P. Bro. Dahe, from the Soo Line, fills the vacancy.

Mr. Gellick, appointed agent at Granite Falls. Dispatcher Mr. Hansen, at "A" office, has left the road, to take up other duties. Succeeded by Dispatcher Bro. Noonan, from "DD" office. Just watch him getting the stock trains over the road a humming.

Mr. Baker appointed agent at Odessa.

Mr. Miller, from Odessa to Hutchinson, doing relief work.

Mr. F. L. Bradley returned to his former love, St. Louis Park, after a few years' absence; glad to see him back and hope he will apply for a new card.

There are a few delinquent brothers on this division, and I can not see why they should allow themselves to fall behind, when they see what the Order has done for them, and it is hoped they will make good.

With the present heavy movement of business, and a number working nine hours, we should all try our best to give the company the best service there is in us, and make them think they have the best set of men there is to be had.

Cor.

Chicago and Council Bluffs-In Iowa Division.

Brother Wogan, third trick, at Ferguson, has been relieving Bro. Foster, agent at Dunbar, while "Happy" registered for a "Rosebud" farm. Walter Curran, who has returned to this line after an absence of a year; relieved by Bro. Wogan at Ferguson. Walter will get back in line by the time this appears in print.

Brother G. L. Curran has returned to his first love, after an absence of several years, during

which he has been doing commercial work. Geo. got caught in the C. T. U. strike, and carries a little card showing that he did the right thing until the finish.

J. B. Ellinger, an old timer, just transferred from division two, to the "skiddo" Division, is holding down second trick, at Covington.

General Secretary and Treasurer Soyster, who is also our Local Chairman, put in a couple of weeks on the division getting acquainted with the many new men that came to this division the past few months, on account of increase in force. The way he landed on the nons wasn't slow either.

A third operator has been put on at Coon Rapids which will relieve the agent from any telegraphical Right office has been opened at "A," Perry, which gives Perry yard three men straight, and saves the third man at "RH" putting in part of his time at "A."

Brother Jas. H. Maloney, who left here a few months ago, and returned to his old position for the Q. at Denver, is back on this pike again, working third trick, at Maxwell; the office at Denver being closed again, about three weeks after Bro. Maloney went back to it.

Quite a number of the boys went to Chamberlain or Presho, and registered for a "Rosebud" farm. Suppose we will be shy quite a bunch of men if they will all win out in Uncle Sam's lottery.

Bro. De Voe, agent at Atkins, has been enjoying quite an extended lay off. Relieved by Mr. Van Dyke, the second trick man, who in turn was relieved by Brother Nunn.

Bro. Carl Olson has been relieving Bro. Kruse, agent at Van Horne, who has been off on account of hay fever.

Brother Phelps, second trick, at West Marion yard, is laying off, and subbing in the railway mail service between Chicago and Green Island.

Bro. Carbee, second trick, at East Marion yard, has been off for about a month. He took in a couple of the world's championship series of ball games at Chicago, and also put in some of the time looking over the new coast line.

Bro. Taylor, second trick, at "MA," Marion relay office, accompanied by his wife, spent a month in Northern Michigan, fishing and hunting and trying to lose Bro. Taylor's hay fever.

Bro. Belles, who held the agency at Weston a few years ago, and left the service of this company to become a farmer, is back in the harness again, and is now located at Council Bluffs yard.

Bro. Dove has been reinstated, and is again with this line. Bro. Maher, who was checked out as agent at Gladstone, to go to the coast line, did not go owing to a misunderstanding, and is again working on this division. He was reinstated, and is on the extra list now.

Bro. P. J. Rogers, agent at Earling, and family, have returned from a pleasant visit with relatives in Pennsylvania.

About time now for dues notice for first half of 1909 to make its appearance, and I hope that all hands will get "25" on receipt of notice and pay up. Get your new card in time. If there are any who have not yet paid for this term they should do so at once. If you won't help push, you should, at least, not hold back. Don't be a piker.

Mr. Stablein, agent, and Bro. F. O. Bruce, night operator, at Pickering, off a few days Bro. Bruce gone to Caspar, Wyo., to visit his parents.

Bro. Robinson, agent at Ferguson, laid off a fer days; relieved by Bro. Wogen.

Bro. Foster, agent at Dunbar, laid off a week, relieved by Bro. Wogen from Ferguson.

Bro. Hanson, agent at Potter, returned to work. October 8th. He has been off nearly seven months

Bro. Hepfer, nights at Potter, laying off; relieved by Operator Brown, from the Wabash. Brown not a brother yet; only been working a short time, but will make good as soon as old enough.

Telegrapher Brady, of Aspinwall, has changed his name to Bro. Brady.

Bro. Hoslea, back from his claim, got Bayard nights.

Bro. House, of Weston, off three weeks to resister at the Roesbud; relieved by C. T. Richardson.

Bro. Faila, of Weston, and Bro. Laubaugh, of Manning, also wanted to go.

Bro. Curran worked at Manning a short time, relieving Bro. Laubaugh. Bro. Laubaugh, in turn, relieved Bro. Thornton, the agent, while he went to the Rosebud.

The two young brothers Curran were headed for the East the first of the month, one to Coon Rapids and one to Ferguson.

Telegrapher Crowe, of Templeton, has made out his application, and Bro. Soyster says Telegrapher Martin, of Templeton, will get up-to-date soon.

Bro. Erven off for a few days on the Extension; relieved by Miss Doyle.

Operator Onnerem has been relieving Bro. Madsen to Persia; then to Keystone. Relieved at Persia by Telegrapher Wm Aarasmith.

Bro. Rogers is on a visit to Pennsylvania; relieved by B. A. Allen, Allen relieving Bro. Fulketton at Panama on Bro. Rogers' return.

F. Stork worked at the steam shovel, where an instrument was cut in. Bro. Blakeslee relieved him. Stork then took third trick at Earling, Bro. Loetz, at Earling, working 4 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Bro. Nichols worked twelve hours per day for a short time on account of some cars off track.

Telegrapher Toler relieved Bro. Harned a short time at Manilla, then went to Collins.

Bro. "Ole" Olson at present working days at Bagley.

Business is pretty good now days, as we have four or five sections of Nos. 62 and 63. Way freight runs have been changed, one crew running Council Bluffs to Manilla and return, and one crew leaving Manilla at 8 a. m., running to Perry, and another crew leaving Perry in the morning and running to Manilla.

Telegrapher M. P. Richardson drew third trick at "CX" tower, Cambridge, Iowa, on bulletin, and



has promised to make good and before you read this he will be entitled to be called brother.

Bro. N. P. Black drew the all-night job in "A," dispatcher's office, at Perry.

A third trick man has been put on at Maxwell, Rhodes and Keystone, making continuous all day and night offices of these stations on account of heavy traffic.

Bro. L. M. Lewison was a caller on particular friends at Cambridge this month, also attending a farewell reception of a friend.

Bro. Kassell is back at Collins after being off a few days.

Bro. Nunn is working third trick at "RT," Slater tower, in place of Bro. Zadnecheck, who is working first trick during Bro. Rood's vacation.

Bro. L. J. Miller, first trick at "CX," Cambridge tower, was enjoying a three weeks' vacation this month and visited his parents at Staples, Minn., also Chicago and other points of interest.

Bro. E. C. Rood, first trick at "RT," Slater tower, was off for a few days this month visiting relatives at Parker, S. D.

Bro. C.-E. Olson was among the crowd that went to Des Moines to hear the Taft speech.

Telegrapher Thos. J. Caverhill is working Bro. Lee's trick at "CX," Cambridge tower, while Lee is working Bro. Miller's trick during his absence.

Bro. F P. Henry drew split trick at "WD" and "RD," Council Bluffs, on bulletin.

Bro. Warner, Cambridge, made a flying trip to Chamberlain, where he filed on a claim. Bro. Lee is relieving Bro. Warner.

Operator Caverhill to Capron, third trick, relieving Operator White, home on a visit.

Bro. Rupp, formerly of "CX" tower, says he has made a barrel of money this year up in Canada.

Bro Osen, who has been at Maxwell for the past few weeks, went to Herndon for a visit with his brother.

Bro Embree, at Maxwell, has returned

Operator White, third trick at Capron during Bro. Hall's stay at "CN," having landed Covington agency for six months.

Operator McClure is at Herndon working third trick.

Bro. Devoe, of Atkins, is off for three weeks' vacation. Can't say who is relief.

The Short Line between Mason City and Des Moines had a bad wreck, which necessitated them to detour their trains via Madrid and Cambridge.

Bro. Lee and wife, of "CT," were in Des Moines this week.

Bro. Peterman is back at Marion working a trick.

Dispatcher Flannigan has been appointed chief at Aberdeen. Mr. Flannigan has been with us a long time.

Bro. Olsen relieving at Maxwell during Bro. Embree's trip East.

Bro. Swartz, formerly agent at Keystone, and wife, visited home folks at Perry.

Bro. Leurion, of Madrid, was looking after Cambridge affairs a week in September.

Bro. Hottle, of Slater, is back to work after his sickness.

Bro. Menses, of Woodward, is away for a few days.

Bro. Cook, of Collins, was absent a few days this month.

Bro. Olsen is working third trick at Madrid until

regular man appointed.

Bro. Lee, second trick at "CX," is off for a

few days, attending the State Fair.

Bro. Henry landed third trick at Cambridge,

Character Richardson is relieving Bro Hanny et

Operator Richardson is relieving Bro. Henry at "CX" tower, Cambridge. Bro. Henry bid in third trick at Council Bluffs. Operator Richardson will soon have Bro tacked to his name

Bro Swartz, formerly of Keystone, has accepted a position as assistant cashier in a bank at Iowa Falls.

NICK.

#### W. U. Division-

A great many of the boys should wake up and not let their interest get below zero. Everybody busy on this division and relief hard to obtain on account of the scarcity of operators.

Bro. R. Sternitzkey, agent at Mosinee, had a hilarious time in Spokane, Wash., and along our new extension on his vacation last month.

Bro. A. I. Lathrop, agent at Hazelhurst, was on a two week's vacation, hitting all the large cities. Relieved by Bro. E. E. La Marche.

Bro. B. L. Lynn is back doing the owl act at Babcock, after being agent a period of two days at Brokow. Bro. E. E. La Marche acting agent while it is on bulletin.

Bro. A. F. Schultz, agent at Arbor Vital, is back on duty after a vacation of three weeks.

I "13" two new men on our division doing owl act at Babcock and Tomahawk. Boys, go after them and land them if they are not O. R. T. men.

## Vandalia Ry.

St. Louis Division, West End-

Bro. Geo. Challis, third trick at "BW," Browntown, is working third trick at "BO," Smithbora, in Bro Rhodes' place.

Bro. J. W. Gornet, third trick at "FA," Formosa, has resigned, and will go to his home in Texas. He has our wishes for success.

Telegraphers E. H. Anderson, of "GM," St. Louis, and J. C. Phillips, of "DE," East St. Louis, took dinner Sunday with Bro. H. E. Weaver at the Rest House, Rose Lake.

Bro. W. O. Carson, first trick at "GV," Greenville, has been off hickory-nut hunting; relieved by Bro. Mitchell, regular second trick man.

We owe Bro. S. R. Sweeney, of St. Jacob, an apology for referring to him as a non in a recent write-up from this end. Bro. Sweeney has been a staunch member for some time.

Bro. C. Sellers, formerly of Division No. 27, but now a member of Division No. 138, and working first trick at Livingston, Ill., is visiting friends on the Van and at his home.

Telegrapher Middleton, first trick at "V," Vandalia, has been off on account of illness; relieved by Bro. Johnson, second trick at "V."

Bro. T. J. Lynch, second trick at "CV," Collinsville, is off sick, being relieved by Bro. W. A. Smith, of "G," Greenup, Middle Division.

Bro. T. Thomas, first trick at "BW," Brownstown, has been laying off; relieved by Extra Telegrapher H. C. Heck, of Troy.

It is understood that Bro. O. A. Pierron, formerly third trick at "F," Effingham, has gone West. We wish Bro. Pierron all luck possible wherever he may locate.

Don't forget it is almost time for semi-annual dues again, and get them in early.

We are all glad to hear Bro. C. D. Knight back first trick at "MC,' St. Elmo, after a protracted illness of several weeks.

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East Division-

Bro. P. W. Carpenter, third trick at Fillmore, is taking a vacation, being relieved by Mr. Ruark. Mr. Ruark has asked for the papers and will be a brother soon.

Bro. J. W. Roach, first trick at Gibson, has been off for ten days, having his eyes treated.

Bro. A. S. Williams, third trick at Summit, has been off a week; relieved by Bro. Roy Hodson.

Bro. C. R. Shortridge and Mr. F. R. Parker have traded places, Bro. Shortridge taking first trick at "CO," Coatesville, and Mr. Parker first trick at Ben Davis.

How about your dues for the current term? Have you paid up. If not, see your secretary at once. This waiting until the last day to pay up is a bad practice. It only makes it harder to pay your next dues.

Bro. A. J. Luty had the misfortune to lose most of his household goods when his father-in-law's house burned at Bridgeport.

The new bridge at Reelsville is nearing completion.

Divisions Nos. 27, 34 and 138 held a meeting in the Fillback Hotel at Terre Haute, October 20th, which was largely attended. The meeting was very interesting. We are glad to meet with the brothers from other divisions.

## Mo. Pac. Ry.

## NOTICE.

The following appointments have been made to fill out unexpired terms:

Bro. V. C. Walker, Dora, Ark., has been appointed Local Chairman of the Central Division, former Local Chairman having left the service.

Bro. G. B. McNeill, Calico, Ark., has been appointed Local Chairman for the White River Division, and Bro. H. Q. Gwinup, Prairie Du Rocher, has been appointed to the same position on the Illinois Division, for the same reasons. Members on these divisions are requested to lend their respective Local Chairman their support in building up the Division, furnishing material for

the journal, etc. If you are willing to help do something, write him so that he will know who to call on for assistance when he needs you.

G. S. & T.

Joplin Division-

R. J. Malone has returned to duty, at Archie, after an extended lay off. Bro. M. Tiffany, who was relievving him has gone to Carona, as agent, while Carona is up on bid.

Bro. J. F. Geiger, days, Butler, took a ten days' leave, being relieved by Night Operator Rader, and who in turn was relieved by C. T. Wilson.

Bro. H. A. Truscott, night operator, Pittsburg, took a few days off and tried his luck at drawing for a farm at Paris, S. D. Bro. Hutchinson, days, also tried his luck; Operator Williams made the relief. The boys will know in a day or so, now, if drew a lucky card.

W. J. Wilson, agent, at Fleming, has resigned his position as agent, and intends to go to digging coal, so I am told. Fleming up on bulletin at the present time.

The following places have been up on builetin since the new schedule went into effect: Agency at Fleming and Carona, night operator at Carthage, Pittsburg and Panama.

The lucky bidders on the above positions are as follows: Bro. Rowe, now nights, at Panama, goes to Carona; Bro. Tiffany, now at Carona, goes to Adrian, nights; Bro. Truscott, now at Pittsburg. nights, goes to Fleming; Bro. D. C. Jones, now at Sheldon, as agent, goes to Carthage, nights. No one has been assigned to the night positions at Panama and Pittsburg, the time not being up until October 24th.

Bro. Roy Christel, days, at Cornell, is contemplating a change, as his hours have been changed so that he goes on duty at 11 a. m. and off at 11 p. m., which is not in accordance with his wishes, and says he is going to look for a new job; he has his eye on Pittsburg, nights in preference; expect he will bid on it.

Bro. C. L. Rouse, agent at Chetopa, has asked for thirty days' off, and Mr. Bevington, our chief, is making an effort to find a man for the place, while Bro. Rouse is absent.

A. L. Chamberlain, agent at Gridley, is back at his post of duty again after an absence of about thirty days. The company had to pick up a farmer near town (an old time telegrapher), to make the relief, that sounds good to the extra men.

Bro. T. H. Muir, agent at Mound City, is still in the hospital, at Kansas City, suffering with a complication of diseases. Hope to be able to hear his "fist" on the line again soon. Bro. Muir is raising his boy up in the right way. The younger Bro. Muir accepting a position as cashier at Downs, Kans.

Operator Cecil Hazen, night owl, at Adrian, came to us from the Frisco, holding this job down until Bro. Tiffany can step in; glad to say that Assistant Local Chairman Rowe has Hazen's papers, and as soon as the ghost walks, it will be Bro. Hazen, we all extend the hand of fellowship.

Our Local Chairman, Sawrey, agent at Bronaugh, was up at Nevada, attending court, and locking after some minor grievances for the boys this week. Bro. Glenn E. Maddox, from Butler, performed the duty as agent, during his absence. Glenn is a new man at the business, but can present the goods like an "old head."

Operator Pullins back in "X," nights, account of transfer in dispatchers, and Bro. Ozce back in "X," days, on account of Superintendent Chenery installing a wire chief in that office. Bro. Ozee is on the extra board as dispatcher.

We notice in looking over the list that there are still a few who are delinquent in their dues, and a few who think that they never had any, but are always looking for all that is due to them, and will raise a howl that can be heard all over the division if they do not get it too. Boys, this will not do, suppose we should all get out our little hatchets and go to "knocking" and "beefing" about this little thing or that little thing that does not amount to anything, or because this was not done, or because that was not done, etc. We must remember that our officials are doing all that they can for our betterment, they do not have their own way entirely as some seem to think, for if they did we would all have good positions at a good salary, and every day would be Sunday with us, while some article in the schedule does you no good, possibly some other does, and if not, it is helping some other brother, and in that way it is helping us. Let us all quit our knocking and pay up our dues, and show by so doing that we appreciate our Order, and are thankful for small favors. Some one might say the Order is not helping me any, why should I keep up my dues, or why should I join; just write to some agent at a non-telegraph station and ask him how much he is getting, and how he likes his job, and see how anxious he is to get a job of telegraphing if he is an operator. Why? Because he likes the work better? No. Because it pays better money by from \$20.00 to \$50.00 per, and nine hours for a day. Did the company do this of their own free will, or did they do it through the request of our organized efforts, I mean the efforts of those who keep their cards up-to-date, and offer a word of encouragement to some neglectful unappreciating fellow-laborer, trying to show him that he is not only refusing his support, but is pulling back on his own interests, when he refuses to pay a small sum into the treasury each year, and stand hand in hand with those who are trying to assist him. Think this matter over carefully, and get down to business.

Bro. C. M. Wood, agent at Sheldon, off on a forty-five days' hunting and fishing trip. Operator D. C. Jones doing the heavy work, during  $B_1$ o. Wood's absence.

Understand C. H. Allen, agent at Panama, had the misfortune to lose his house and all its contents, by fire, on October 15th. Hope he carried a heavy insurance, but if he kept up his insurance like his dues in the Order, he will be a little late.

Some changing around at Carthage, a third operator being put on, Bros. Walz and Richie getting

choice positions. This is as it should be, the brothers are getting their reward for their faithful waitings; third trick is being held by Bro. Johnson, while the position is on the bulletin.

In conclusion, we wish to thank Bro. Rowe and Bro. Maddox for their assistance in our nice, long, newsy write-up this month, it is just as easy as getting money from home, to set down and copy off the news that the boys so kindly sent in and we sure appreciate it, and hope that you will not forget me again next month. Would ask that every one who picks up The Telegrapher and reads the items of interest this month, will just contribute one item of interest for the next issue, and we will assure you that it will be taken care of.

L. C

Missouri Division-

Bro. A. H. Crain, a new arrival, has bid in third trick, at Cliff Cave, and Mr. A. J. Hampton is working the second trick temporarily; bids not being up at this writing.

Bro. Edmonds, regular night man at Sulphur Springs, is back at the old stand, after working a month or so as relief agent there and at Middle-brook.

On account of change in the hours, October 1st, at Riverside, Bro. Holman went on the third trick, in order to have train service to and from home. Bro. Clark taking the second trick.

Bro. Hocker relieved Bro. J. I. Kness, a few weeks, at Bismarck, while Bro. Kness was initiated into the Ancient Order of Benedicts.

Bro. Selvidge has bid in the agency at Iron Mountain, relieving Bro. W. H. Blick, one of the old time members of No. 31. Bro. Blick departed for other parts, we have not yet learned where.

It is claimed that Bro. Reel, at Arcadia, won the prize for examination on the standard rules.

Bro. E. J. Zimmerman, having bid in the managership at Charleston, leaves the second trick at Hogan open for bids. This job is a "continual round of pleasure (?)," and very few seem to want it. The pushers on the hill keeps the beys hustling there with train orders.

Bro. E. H. Seitz, from Gads Hill, has bid in the night job at Middlebrook, as his permanent stand. He was relieved by Bro. Landerman, a new arrival, but a member of No. 31, having been transferred since coming among us.

Mr. Sam. McKinstry, also a new comer, is holding down the agency at Gads, until bids are counted.

Bro. F. L. Carter worked a few weeks at Williamsville, while Bro. Sutherland was taking his vacation.

Bro. J. O. Robb, one of the late transfers to the division, is now holding the night job at Hendrickson, since being relieved by Bro. Zimmerman, who bid in the day job at Charleston. We haven't learned where Bro. Thompson went from there, but suppose he is taking a much needed vacation.

Bro. J. A. Robertson, a new arrival from the Cotton Belt, and a former member of that committee, is holding down one of the tricks at Poplar Bluff.

Bro. M. R. Crites is now located in the agency at Neelyville. Bro. J. F. Biggs getting the second trick, and a new arrival, we have not learned who, is on the third trick.

Bro. J. F. Bryant, who lately transferred to No. 31, relieved Mr. G. M. Carter, on third trick, at Knobel. Mr. Carter going to Mill Springs, nights.

Bro. C. Norman is now filling the agency at Dexter, one of the roasts of the division. Morehouse and Essex both being advertised and waiting for bidders. The jobs on the Cairo branch are all known to be heavy, and not many care to get into them, as the company is very economical when it comes to help at some of these stations.

Bro. Baldridge, agent at Morley, has been taking his vacation, and was relieved by Mr. Leslie, brother of former Bro. Roy Leslie, a member of this division for a number of years, but at present cashier in the Morley Bank.

Bro. W. H. Groves, from Dichlstadt, has bid in the third trick at Delta. Bro. W. A. Markle, the first, and Bro. N. Myers the second trick at that place.

Bro. E. Homan is back in the agency, at Marquand, after an extended leave of absence.

In conclusion, I wish to warn the brothers relative to a violation of the standard rules, at the suggestion of the dispatcher. There appeared an article in the August issue of THE TELEGRAPHER, from the correspondent of the Eastern Division of the Missouri Pacific, that would be well for all of you to read. It had reference to the wreck near Lamotte, Mo. Some of the dispatchers on this division are in the habit of asking the operators to deliver "31" orders on the fly, they do not come out in plain language and tell them to do so, but usually say "John Smith is the conductor, can't you keep them moving," or some such hint, then if you should get in trouble, they would deny that they told you to deliver the order, which would be the truth; nevertheless, they want you to sign the conductors name and deliver the order without stopping the train, when they tell you who the conductor is, and ask you to keep them moving. If there is any trouble comes up over the delivery of an order in this manner you will the one that will be held responsible and the dispatcher will clear himself every time. So the best way to do is to comply strictly with the rules, then you are always in the clear; it is well to lend the dispatcher all the assistance you can, but you should see that he stays within the bounds of the rules in asking a favor of you, otherwise in order to be on the safe side, refuse to accommodate him. The Order cannot offer any protection to an operator who gets into trobule when violating the rules.

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#### Sedalia District-

Bro. Brenton, agent Fortuna, was in St. Louis several days, on business, and was relieved by Mr. C. G. Vanlandingham, who hails from the East.

Bro. Thomson, Lee's Summit, was off a couple of days, on account of sickness, was relieved by operator Pulliam. Operator J. C. Butler, "DA," Sedalia, was off a few days in October; relieved by Operator Van Hoff.

Brother Ron McDougal did the work at the Fair Ground switch during the State Fair; G. C. Greenup, of Pleasant Hill, handling the other end at "DA."

Brother Smyth, days, at Warrensburg, was off a couple of weeks; relieved by night man, Bro. Hobbs, who in turn was relieved by Mr. Stapleton.

Bro. J. G. Martin is relieving Bro. Stemmons, at Houstonia, for thirty days.

Mr. Lechner, manager in "CY," Kansas City, is taking a leave of absence, being relieved as manager by Sister Ray; Bro. Brunk, night chief.

Bro. T. D. Walkely, "D," Jefferson City, off for several weeks on account of illness of his father; relieved by our old friend W. H. Davis.

Brother Todd, nights, at California, taking two or three weeks' leave of absence, being relieved by Brother A. S. Bryan.

Operator Pulliam doing extra work at Tipton, few nights.

I had a two weeks' vacation myself, during the month of October, and enjoyed a good rest. being relieved by Bro. A. S. Bryan, late from Colorado and New Mexico.

Now that I am to bulletin the vacancies, it is up to you fellows to see that every vacancy is bulletined, and it is your duty, if you know of a vacancy that has not been bulletined, to notify me immediately, so that I may get quick action.

The advertising of vacancies depends entirely upon you, as I have no way of learning of them on divisions other than my own, except through the chief dispatcher and yourselves.

Watch them closely and keep me posted, and you will get results. W. L. W.

## Osawatomie to Hosington-

Business is pretty good on the Smokey Valley. Every available engine is out on the road, and every siding is full. Think George better keep an eye on Count De Gasoline. He will confiscate some more funds. Every one likes the new schedule, especially the nons, they are overjoyed. There was no cut in the price. The non is selling for the same price as the rest, although he is an inferior class of goods.

One remarked that he was scared that they would pay us for only nine hours work, now you can see that there is something wrong under this man's hat, or some undeveloped parts in his brain. You take any non air, and this, if this don't apply to him, he is either a tight horse or undeveloped.

Several changes have taken place. First out is Bro. Anderson, at Iomax to Gyp City. Bro. Walsh, from Gyp City, going back to Sunny Tennessee.

Bro. R. D. Lukens serving at Miller. He is from the far East, off the C. H. & D.

Sorry to hear Bro. Foreman, at Co Grove, was sick a few days, but is now up again and working. You can't keep a good man down. He was relieved by C. R. Varnes, from I don't know

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where. Bill Young went to South Dakota, to try his luck again.

Sister Julia Miller, agent, Delavan, is visiting with friends in California. Bro. M. J. Campbell is doing the act; he is an old veteran from the White River.

Correspondent headquarters, is Herington, Kan. This is my permanent address, and I will be glad to receive all the news you have. How many send them, nix. None of you, I have to stratch for it myself. My, but I have never seen a deader bunch in all my life. Some of you just wake up on pay day, and then like Rip Van Winkle go to sleep again, and then you want to know why it is you don't make more money. Why, it is self explanatory. Do you think that you will ever amount to much? I know I won't, but I hate to see so many of the rest go to the bad. While you are living, why don't you be Up and Doing. You can be a dead one when you are dead. Are you afraid of your job? If so why don't you join the army, then you would be sure of a regular job for three years.

C. G. Norris, cashier and operator, Topeka, Sines, "CN," is one of the O. R. T. knockers, and a bad one at that. He never has been a union man, and the only reason why he is not a scab is that he was not in service of the Santa Fe when the strike was on.

H. J. MAUNICE.

## O R. T. MISSION.

To uplift the toiler, to arraign the despoiler,
To wreath in sweet smiles, the sad face of the
wan.

To gladden the child's life, to comfort the worn wife.

To remove the dark blinds and stream in the warm sun.

This is our mission, O, friends,

We will rest when the fatal fight ends.

No tryranneous trader shall longer degrade her, Who trains our fair country's pride at her knee, The lash of subjection shall reverse it's direction, Base tyranny strangle, and the Slave become free!

H. J. MAURICE.

#### St. Louis District-

Bro. J. J. Glynn bumped at "GR," 23rd S:., by Bro. "Jack" Davis, formerly of "Jeff." City, Bro. Glynn going to Kirkwood, third trick; relieving Operator Welch.

Agent Dornan, Labadie, on vacation for thirty days; relieved by Bro. Powell from third trick, Washington. Bro. Powell relieved by Operator Root, Kelly, Welch and Bro. W. H. Davis.

Bro. Williams, second trick, Washington, sick a few days; relieved by Operator Welch.

Bro. W. H. Davis relieved Bro. Walkley, third trick Jefferson City, several days on account of sickness of Bro. Walkley's father, at Garden City, Mo.

Bro. Voss, days, New Haven, has resumed after thirty days' vacation, visiting relatives in Iowa. Bro. Voss relieved by Bro. Ford, nights; Bro. Ford relieved by several operators, but did not learn their names. Bro. Ford now taking vacation; relieved by Operator Vanlandingham, from Chicago, Southern Ry.

Bro. Duncan, Chamois, off one night; relieved by Operator Welch.

Operator Welch relieved Operator Cromer, Valley Park, several days.

D. G. Kahrs, formerly of this district, is calling on old friends at Washington and New Haven.

Bro. Tageler relieved Bro. Snider, at Osage, few nights.

Bro. Turner, Morrison, attended court in St. Louis County, for a couple of days; relieved by Bro. Lessell from Chamois.

Bro. Haub, agent, Sherman, has bid in second trick, Osage, but so far has not been relieved at Sherman.

Every one pleased with new schedule. We now know "where we were at," which we did not know past six months. Each member should give the best of service to show the company that we appreciate all small favors, and larger one's in proportion.

We still have several non-members on this district, who have profited by new schedule to the extent of five to ten dollars per month, and who have not even assisted the organization by contributing their first month's increase to help defray expenses. Now to you non members, we need your assistance. You need the assistance of the organization, why not give the organization that lifted you up to your present position, a part of the increase you have received, by joining the organization. One month's increase pays for a whole year's membership. Perhaps some of you. non-members wish to go back to the "good old time," when there was no organization, or it was too young to have the influence it now has, when there was no such thing as seniority, when the man best liked by your superior officer received all the promotions, and the man who was just as good a man in every way remained at his old position, unrecognized, and who would still be there today, if it were not for the O. R. T. Now, there is not a non-member on this division that has not received from one to three application blanks, and filed them away until the next pay day, and there they still remain. Dig them up and return them to the sender with the necessary amount. As I said before, you do not know at what time you will need our assistance, as some of you nons have recently observed. CERT. 243.

## White River Division-

As it has fallen my lot to serve as local chaiman for our division, I wish to ask all the brothers to assist me in this good work. Let's all work together and see what we can do for the betterment of the Order on the White River Division. There is no reason why we should not have a solid membership on this division, while we have the most of the boys, yet there are some still out in the cold, and several that are behind with their dues. Boys, send Mr. Holman your remittance, and get your new card. I suppose every one has received a copy of the new schedule,

While there was not many of us that got any raise this time, yet under the circumstances, I think we did extremely well. There are several changes in the new schedule for our good, let's all get busy and make the Order more interesting on this division, see who can secure the most members; look out for the new men that come in and take stations near you; ask them how they stand, and if not a member, endeavor to get their application. Let me know of any changes that you hear of or any news of interest every month, in order that we may be represented in THE TELEGRAPHER, we all like to know what is going on along the line, and by each brother sending in a few items every month, we can have a nice write-up. Several of the brothers have given me some items this month, which was appreciated very much, hope they can send more next month.

Bro. F. C. Mansfield, of Dispatcher's office, Cotter, back at the key after a short vacation. He was relieved by Mr. Duey, an extra dispatcher, who is not a member.

M. G. Benning, Crane, on sick list, being relieved by Bro. J. H. Taylor, formerly agent at that point.

Bro. F. C. Hoydt, who has been spending the summer in Colorado, has returned to Newark; relieving his Bro. W. W. Hoydt.

Bro. E. D. Plant called to Bradford, account of illness of his father. Mrs. Plant doing the stunt, while Ed. is gone.

H. W. Jordon back at Oneal, after a lay off; relieved by M. G. Mackey; understand Mr. *Mackey was once a member, but dropped out.

Mr. Jordan keeps promising to do the right thing, and get up to date, don't know when he is coming across.

Bro. C. S. Sanders, Bergman, off on a vacation; relieved by T. T. Blasingame; understand Mr. Blasingame has since been relieved by M. G. Mackey, who is there at present.

Bro. J. A. Weaver, from Mt. Olive, bumped Agent Campbell, at Guion, after doing the stunt about three weeks. J. A. decided that a farmer's life was good enough for him and resigned. Bro. Barton, from Cushman, relieving him. Understand Bro. Fields, from Buffalo, will go to Bergman, as agent. Bro. Fields leaves Buffalo on account of the wire being cut out at that point.

E. B McNeill, Local Chairman.

## St. L., I. M. & S. Ry.

Central Division-

We now have a new schedule, which all should be proud of We have now nine hours on the same pay we were working eleven hours for, so you see that if it had not been for the Order back of us the company would have certainly cut our wages in accordance as they did last winter for the section men, when they reduced their hours to eight.

I ask each and every brother on this division to get after the nons and make it solid, if possible, Any one needing any applications or any information can have the same by asking me.

I trust all of the boys will send notes of the happenings around their offices and enable us to have a good write-up. It seems like a dream to see a write-up from this division.

Several of the brothers have not paid up to December 31st. Hope by the time this is in print all will be up-to-date.

There has been several changes made on the west end in the past month.

Bro. Pugh, from Muldrow to Wagoner as agent. Bro. Reed, from Wagoner to Nowata as agent. Bro. Anderson has bid in the day job at Nowata, being relieved at Sallisaw by Bro. Bidwell, a new man on this division

Bro. Hays, third trick at Wagoner, took a few days off, going to Ft. Smith, sight-seeing; relieved by Bro. Wofford, who now has departed for the Frisco.

Bro. Neal, second trick at Sallisaw, took a muchneeded rest; relieved by Operator J. H. Bronson, from the L. & N. He says he will carry an up-todate after this pay.

Bro. Coleman, from the Valley Division, is now agent at Muldrow. Understand he is to be checked in at Denning yards as soon as Bro Kephart returns from his vacation, who is to be agent at Muldrow

Bro. McKee, nights at Ozark, is taking a pleas ure trip to St. Joseph, Mo. Unable to say what relieved him.

Bro. Steinwhen transferred from Denning yards to Knoxville as agent.

Bro. Obi Davidson has taken the ticket and telegraph job at Russellville.

V. C. WALKER, Local Chairman.

Illinois Division-

A regular correspondent will be appointed and I hope that in the future we will be able to find this division represented each month in the journal. Now, men, come on with your news items. Don't be backward, for we must have the support of all. Send me all the news you can. While it may seem of little importance to you, it will be of interest to the rest of us. Bro. Bullard, at "WX." has responded to my call for news. Thanks, "RG." Come again.

The division was in a deplorable condition until Bro. Nance came along and woke a few of us up. Only about half of the operators were up-to-date, but he did good work and quite a few of them will be wearing the wreath and sounder before long.

The following changes have taken place recently.

New night offices opened at Reily Lake, Howard ton, Rockwood and Murphysboro.

Mr. J. H. Malone, who was relieving Bro. Cartwright while he was on his honeymeon, worked the night shift until he took a "31" and trusted to a brakeman to drop his signal. The brakeman dropped the wrong board and the train got br. Nothing happened, but a bad delay to a train. Bro. Manuel, third trick at "FO," quit; relieved by Mr. P. Harris. Don't know whether to call him brother or not. If I am wrong, excuse me, Mr. Harris.

W. H. Scott, nights at Bush, is taking a short trip to Kansas; relieved by Perry Andy.

C. L. Post, agent at Chester, off a few days. Understand he has gone to Arkansas on legal business. He was relieved by Bro. Cartwright, from Reily Lake, who, in turn, was relieved by Mr. Harry Nave.

Our worthy chief, Mr. Hickey, took a couple of weeks' vacation, visiting relatives in Pennsylvania. He was relieved by Mr. E. C. Axline, first trick dispatcher. Mr. Axline was relieved by Mr. W. F. Leo, from Poplar Bluff.

Mr. Axline has been taking a few days off on account of illness.

Mr. W. G. Brenneman, formerly first trick operator at "WX," still off. It will be remembered that he broke down physically from overwork and the heat during the summer. He is at present visiting in Murphysboro. Mr. Brenneman was relieved by Mr. McConaha, from first trick at Bixby; McConaha was relieved at Chester by C. S. Baldwin. Both the Chester job and the Bixby job are bulletined. Have not learned who was the successful man at Bixby.

H. M. Isard, late of the "Katy," worked the third trick at dispatcher's office a short time, but "resigned" and was relieved by T. W. French.

Night office at Gorham tower has been closed and night office has been reopened in Gorham depot, the agent working four hours.

All bear in mind that the write-up must reach St. Louis by the 20th of the month, so please get me your items by the 18th.

CERT. 994.

## Frisco Ry.

# Chaffee District-

I used to be one of the old boys on the Frisco while I was agent at Matthews, and in my two years or more absence I have eagerly watched for a line-up from this district, but only one time did anything show up. I well understand how busy we all used to be down here, but it seems like some one ought to be able to find time enough to send in a few notes each month. I am going to give you this much and I am over 300 miles from you, and watch and see if it will not wake some one up next month, so the Chaffee District can be seen in the journal every month hereafter.

Bro. Harrison, agent at Hunter, is relieving Agent Sleigle, at Grandin, for a month. Do not know whether Sleigle is a brother or not.

Bro Harrison is being relieved at Hunter by his wife. Don't know if we can call her a sister yet or not, but we are in hopes she will-be with us some time in the near future.

We hear that Ray Hudson has been employed at Sikeston as a helper with Bro. C. E. Emery.

I consider it is your turn next, so get "25," and let us see a write up of this pike every month. If we do not I am coming back again and you know a man can't knock with a saw. G. W. M.

# The Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

Chicago Division, East End-

Bro. Joslin resumed duty at "RX," Chicago Junction, October 1st, after spending about two months with his bride at the Northern lakes.

Bro. Thompson, "RX," Chicago Junction, off duty a couple of days on business; relieved by Bro. Geer.

Bro. Mason, of "RX" yard; Clerk Bert Rowan, of Chicago Junction, and Conductor Scott, of the Chicago Division, left on October 1st for a month's hunting and fishing in Wyoming, their final destination being Yellowstone National Park. On arrival at Casper, Wyo., Bro. Mason decided the game was too large for him to tackle and returned home alone.

Operator G. E. Foley is doing the extra work at "RX" during Bro. Mason's absence.

Bro. P. M. Geer bid in third trick at "RA," Chicago Junction, on bulletin this month, relieving Operator Zellars. Mr. Zellars goes to Attica, third trick, relieving Operator Miller.

Operator J. L. Gant and wife, who spent about two months in Southern Texas, returned to "RA," Chicago Junction, October 4th.

Bro. G. W. Waddell, recently from the Big Four Railway, has been transferred to Division No. 33, and is now relieving Bro. Showalter at Attica. Bro. Showalter, with his bride, departed for parts unknown on their honeymoon.

Bro. W. H. Cook, Defiance, returned recently from a Western trip. Operator G. R. Wilson relieved Bro. Cook, and on Bro. Cook's return relieved Bro. Iler, third trick at Defiance, for a short time

Bro. Williams, at Hicksville, is spending a couple of weeks taking in the sights in Washington, D. C., New York and several other Eastern cities; relieved by Mr. H. E. Schug, lately from the G. R. & I. Mr. Schug promises to be one of us soon.

Bro. A. G. Sigg, Hicksville, off duty on account of sickness; relieved by a Mr. A. L. Nuell. Mr. Nuell says he can not see where the O. R. T. has ever done anything for him. Same old story out of the gluttons. We most heartily recommend Mr. Nuell to try his luck on an unscheduled road, as we firmly believe his chances are so much better there, especially in the salary line. I wish to say that there is another gentleman on the east end that is in Mr. Nuell's class and if we can not convince him very soon that he should do something to help the workers along we will be compelled to publish his name also.

It has been so long since we have been represented in the journal that our brothers on other lines have had no information on the happenings on this pike.

We now find Republic nights closed.

Kellars tower closed and doing all the business at Tiffin depot.

Deshler has been placed under the jurisdiction of the C., H. & D. Ry., with Mr. Forshey as first trick man. This reduced the force of operators at "DR" just one-half.

Concord days closed, making a twelve-hour night trick.

These changes made necessary on account of slump in business this summer.

Every member should turn out to our meetings and take more interest in our organization. Remember it is the third Friday night of each month at the Firemen's Hall, Garrett, Ind. Try and make it a point to be on hand at these meetings from now on. Passes can be had for the asking and the train service is everything that could possibly be desired.

Bro. Walters, "RX," Chicago Junction, has consented to do what he can to keep the write-up each month in the journal going and we want you, one and all, to mail him any news that you may be able to collect. He has plenty of work to look after at "RX," and if he is willing to do what he can, you surely can give him what help is in your power. Thanking Bros. Prouse and G. W. Smith for items, I will close.

"No card, no favors"

BILL

#### Philadelphia Division-

Bro. G. H. Smith has accepted the agency at Belcamp, Md., and the boys are glad to have him near Baltimore.

The nine-hour law made no changes in the telegraph department in Maryland on this division, although several took place around Philadelphia.

The B. & O. have made new cut-offs on each side of the Susquehanna River, to be used for the quick dispatch of trains in case of accidents. These connect with the Pennsylvania Railroad and both roads are thereby benefited in case of accidents.

We are wondering when the General Committee wil convene again. All business seems to be gradually growing better, and it is hoped that it will continue, and that our schedule, that has hung fire during the recent hard times, will soon be revived.

The correspondent of Balitmore Division, No. 17, in July number, takes occasion to mention the fact that Bro. George Hartman of that division has entered upon the field of the legal fraternity of Baltimore City. There are none who wish Bro. Hartman more success than the boys on the Philadelphia Division.

We note Bro. Milburn's name was mentioned in the Newcastle Division notes in July number. It will be remembered that he was local chairman of that division for a long time. Here is hoping that he will some day occupy a higher position in Division No. 33 than local chairman.

There have been several additions to our ranks on this division in the last few months.

Bro. Quick's circular and premiums he offers are having their effect. There are but few left and with proper effort they should be secured. There is no excuse plausible enough now. "That goes."

Staten Island Division --

Things are pretty trick on this pike at this writing. Quite a number of extra trains were in use during the fair at Dongan Hills.

There was an instrument cut in at "FG." It was held by a non, but did not learn his name.

There are quite a few nons on this line, but we hope to have them in the row before long.

Bro. J. P. Klinger has returned to his duty at Annadale, second trick, after spending two weeks with his folks in Pottsville, Pa.

J. M. Tully was in his place while he was absent.

Bro. A. B. Schlowsky, operator at South Beach, will soon have to buck up against some non, as South Beach will soon close for the winter. Let us hope he gets last trick at Clifton.

Bro. J. P. Miller has returned from a trip through Texas, and is on his old job, first trick at Arlington.

Bro. F. Schelhorn is on last trick at Arlington; second trick at that place is held down by a non.

Jim Larkin, dispatcher, has returned to work after being on the sick list. Bro. M. E. Weist, assistant dispatcher, who was holding Larkin's job down, is glad to see Mr. Larkin back. Same with all other operators on the pike.

Brothers, if you have anything to say do not be backward in sending it in. CERT. 1587.

## Pittsburg Division, P. and W. District-

Boys, boys, boys, will we never wake up. It is the third Thursday of each month, Hotel Wilson. 10 Smithfield Street, Pittsburg, Pa.; two minutes walk from the B. & O. depot. Will you ever think of the night? Get busy, come in, and make things interesting. At our last meeting both our new temporary local chairmen, Bro. Safford, of the River and Pike District, and Bro. Williams of the P. & W. District, were present, and both gave us a good, lengthy talk.

Again, I ask every one of you brothers, come around next month and help make the meetings larger.

Bro. Phipps, third trick at Schenley, recently returned from a short vacation to Baltimore, visiting his relatives.

Willow Grove, second trick, is still open. Brothers, can't you do something with the second trick.

Sister Magee, at Allegheny, is still on her vacation, visiting relatives in Canada; relieved by Miss Rhoades.

Bro. Young is relieving Mr. Johnson, the regular third trick man at Bakerstown. This non has had so many vacátions since bidding in Bakerstown, third trick, that I think it is about time he is waking up.

Bro. Williams, first trick at Downieville, is now our temporary local chairman. vice Bro. Lanning. We are very sorry to see Bro. "Jack" leave us. but I believe Bro. "Jack" Williams, at Downieville, will be there with the goods at our next election.

Bro. "Shorty" Hostetler, second trick at Downieville, at present is enjoying a vacation with his parents in the Hoosier State.

Bro. Yeager, of third trick, Callery, has recently returned from a trip through Eastern Pennsylvania and Maryland.

We have a new member in Bro. C. J. Fisher, split trick, Callery.

At Harmony Junction, Bro. Dressel will leave us soon, to take third trick at Vista on the River District.

At Zelienople, the agent is still a non, but he has an up-to-date man as operator and clerk. It is Bro. H. B. Daniels, who hails from the N. & W.

At Renfrew, Bro. Bowman was just checked in vice Bro. J. W. Farrow, who, I "13," has left the service and gone to some point in Canada.

Relief agent, Bro. Posteraro, has been working at Foxberg for quite a while, but relieved recently by S. A. Weigle, a former old P. & W. man.

The baseball team composed of Pittsburg Division telegraphers, had a very successful season, played four games and lost four, percentage .ooo. Here is to better luck next year, lads.

Brothers, there are several agencies along this division, such as Sharpsburg, Bennett, Glenshaw, Wildwood, Bakerstown, Valencia, Mars, Evans City Harmony, Zelienople, Ellwood City and Chewton. Boys, there is a good field to work on. Let's see who can get the first one.

The correspondent would appreciate it if the membership would contribute what small items they can find. As soon as you find one send it in. Don't wait until you get a whole lot of them. Send them on to the local chairman, J. F. Williams, Mars, Pa., or direct to me.

Every one make it a point to land one or two nons, and to be sure to attend your meetings. If every one does this it will give your local chairman more encouragement. We want to be a banner division, with 100 per cent strong.

SHORTSTOP.

## West End Cumberland Division-

Meeting night, October 15th, at the city of Oakland. Our General Chairman, Van Atta, was invited by wire to attend, telling him we had some warm stuff on tap. Van gave us some pointers for the good and welfare of our Order. Glad to hear Bro. Staub's baby is on the road to recovery.

Proud to call B. E. Brown, of Rawlings, and R. H. Mathews, of Swanton, brothers, now.

The helping station at Corinth is now open, and east bound trains are now hauling 1965 tons. Bro. Baker, Mr. Speidel and Bro. Pendergast are holding it down until regular men are placed there.

G'ad to see one of our ex-local chairmen (Brady) is back with us again at his old stand, at Ohio-Pyle, on the B. & O., and we are very glad to have such strong soldiers return, and we wish him much luck—he is one of those fired from W. U., at Pittsburg, for refusing to work with scabs, in New York and Chicago, before the general walk out, on August 12th, and stayed out till four days' after the strike was called off, losing

three months by the act. He was then made Vice-President of C. T. U. A., Local No. 6, and sure he was a marked man from the start, as you may know and when he refused to work eight hours for seven and one-half hours pay, got it where the chicken got the ax—he then started a vegetable farm and when the stuff got big enough to eat the rabbits and ground-hogs for miles around smelled good eating and promptly cleaned up his crop, and he was left once more; we hope he will have better luck with his next crop.

Bro. E. O. Fouch, of Mt. Lake, is off on a two weeks' vacation, to be spent at home, on second division.

Mr. C. W. Hoover has gone home for a few days; relieved by Bro. R. H. Mathews.

Notice in N. P. Ry. write-up, of Rocky Mountain Division, where B. I. Gonder, formerly of Oakland, Mr., is assistant to chief clerk, at Helena, Mont. Glad to see him promoted, but at same time am sorry to see he has dropped out of the fold, and hope he will get back in line quickly.

Case of student at Oakland, proved no case. Seniority of Bro. M. E. Maloney vs. Bro. Tricket affirmed.

Following favor from East End Cumberland Division through Bro. F. G. Van Goshen, Cert. 1749:

Bro. W. C. Fisher, first trick, Sir Johns, off on a vacation, and is spending same in vicinity of Hagerstown, Md.

Bro. C. G. Bittorff, third trick, Hansrete, is at present taking in the sights at the Hagerstown Fair.

Mr. J. E. Dawson, third trick, Okonoke, was recently relieved from the service. He said the O. R. T. was no good, we presume not in his grievance.

Bro. I. B. Clark, third trick, Sir Johns Run, has returned to duty after a two weeks' vacation, spent in Berkley Springs.

Bro. C. Wheeler is doing the "owl act," during the small hours, at Great Cacapon, at present.

Mr. L. E. Courtney, extra man from Sleepy Creek, did the third trick stunt, at Great Cacapon, during Bro. McCullough's absence.

Mr. G. W. Chambers, proprietor of the ham factory at Hancock tower, has promised to make good and says he will pay up; he has said this so often that we discredit it some; he has another student since our last write-up.

CERT. 129.

#### Pittsburg Division-Eastern District-

Regular meeting, October 15th, Hotel Wilson, called to order by Bro. W. C. Safford, appointed Local Chairman. Regular business followed making a very interesting meeting.

Brothers W. E. Safford, J. Williams and A. J. Phipps, each gave us an interesting talk on different subjects.

Let us all make a better showing from now on, by reserving the third Thursday evening, of each month for meetings. Come and show your local chairman that you appreciate his good work. The four relay jobs in "DS" office were taken like "hot cakes," being bid in by Bro. A. W. Showalter, Mr. J. M. Clark, Mr. H. P. Taylor and Mr. F. J. McParland.

Bro. J. A. Hummel, second trick, Dennison, off a few days for a trip to New York.

Bro. J. W. Marsh, third trick, Dennison, now has a card, and Jno. Morgan, at Robbins, third trick, is filling out the papers. "They know a good thing when they see it."

Bro. Showalter, at "GN," left on the 16th, for a three months' trip out through New Mexico and California. Relieved by a Mr. Clancey, who I "13" has a petition in for membership.

Bro. H. C. Rison has reclaimed second trick, Hazelwood.

Bro. L. D. Jarrett, third trick, "H," Run, contemplates spending a few weeks at his home, Fort Soudon, Pa.

Bro. W. D. Cook, spent October at his home, State of New York.

Bro. Jno. Young has taken charge of Layton tower, thirk trick.

Mr. K. A. Milar, promises to be one of us in the near future.

The station list shows that some of the brothers are behind with their dues. Don't get behind. It's a bad idea. Talk with any member who is posted. He will tell you something interesting sak for a copy of the letter read last meeting. It will make you "sit up and take notice."

Get after those nons in your own office. Papers can be secured from W. C. Safford, local chairman, 515 Washington St., Versallies, Pa. Let bim hear from you and he will call on you.

Bro. Willings, who has teen home in Canada all summer, now working third trick, Broadford.

Mr. F. P. Sheiry has been off during the past month (at M. K. & T. tower), on a trip through the West.

I could not get hold of the "Pike" news this month, but will get them in next month's notes.

Don't forget meeting night, we can not keep posted unless we attend meetings. If the brothers will furnish the audience, Bro. Safford will do the rest.

C. M. STABLET.

# West End Pittsburg Division— NOTICE.

To All Members, West End Pittsburg Division:

Having resigned the position of Local Chairman, covering the West End of Pittsburg Division, effective September 15, 1908, I desire to thank all members for their loyal support, in every way, during my term, and I trust that the membership will continue, and assist my successor, Bro. Williams, in every possible manner, in order to keep our division in a strong and healthy condition. In conclusion, I also desire to thank our General Chairman and General Secretary-Treasurer and Members of General Committee for the pleasant relations that have existed during our acquaintance.

Yours fraternally,

J. J. LANNING.

Monongah Division-

Well, as I have been appointed division correspondent for this division by our local chairman, C. E. Hosler, would thank the brothers for any little news they may be able to send me, try and get it to me by the 20th of each month, so I can get it compiled and sent in time to be published in our journal. Let us all get together and see if we cannot make some little improvement in this line, and make this the banner division, and have a good write up each month. I have been informed that there are some brothers who have not paid up their dues for the six month's ending December 31st. Please get in line and do not let this matter slip your attention; now we want to keep in good shape and be in readiness to protect our rights. And I also unders and that some of the brothers have been laying down on the dispatchers here lately, now you must not do this for they write it up and the officials get a hold of it, and it makes things hard on all of us, instead of the one individual party who is guilty of this kind of work; there has been some circulars sent out from our division. Operator M. F. Greene, in the last month, in regards to this kind of business, and I would advise every member to cut this business out at once and give good service, and then you can expect something in return for our services.

Bro. R. V. Smith, from Scale House, Fairmont yard office, was called to Grafton the 9th, to work for ten days, while Mr. Schroder takes his vacation.

Operator R. L. Sturm, from the Connellsville Division, is working in Bro. Smith's turn, at "K."

Bro. R. D. Kelley, our second trick dispatcher, from "DE," has returned from his vacation out in

the West and resumed duty again.

Bro. E. L. Willey, our extra dispatcher, has taken his old stand, first trick, in "FA," again.

Bro. J. M. Stiles was sent to Monongah, on second trick.

Operator D. Sweeney is working, first trick, at Chiefton, while Bro. Honerman is taking his vacation. Mr. Sweeney is from the Southern; do not know if he is a brother or not.

Bro. C. A. Stealey was laying off for a few days last month, taking in the county fair.

Bro. E. L. Zimmerman, from "WD," was off a tew days taking in the sights around Pittsburg.

Bro. T. J. Howatt was off a few days; relieved by Bro. John Sweeney, from the Southern.

Bro. Howatt was up in the mountains with a bunch of the B. L. E. & F. and B. R. T. boys, on a hunting and fishing expedition.

Several lumber mills and factories, at Richwood, had to shut down on account of scarcity of water. We have been running a water train to Clarksburg and Cameron for several weeks. Water is very low all around, and no rain in sight. It will take several days' hard rain to get the streams back normal again.

The meeting which was held Wednesday night, the 14th, in the Red Men's Hall, on Merchant st. was very well attended, there being about twenty-six members present.

The boys report having a very nice meeting, and the hall was one of the best that we have held a meeting in for some time. Bro. M. E. Price, who is a Red Man, has so arranged so as to get the hall for us on any Wednesday or Saturday night, to hold our meetings, and we should be able to hold a good many more meetings in Fairmount now, and have a good attendance each time, especially the first and trick trick men who can attend these meetings more regular.

DIV. COR.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to remove from the family of our brother, J. C. Riddle, his beloved mother and brother.

In manifestation of our grief, and fraternal sympathy for our brother and family, be it

Resolved, by the members of the Monongah Division of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, System Division No. 33, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved brother and family, our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction, be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy to be spread on the records of the division, and a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

J. A. BRIDGE, R. R. THRASHER, M. C. OWENS,

Committee.

# New Castle Division-

The ham factory at "TF" tower, Kent, was off for a few days on a trip to Chicago; relieved by Bro. McBride.

Bro. Brown, third trick at Ravenna, is still on his trip around the "States." Bro. Barrett still on the job.

G. Q. Cobb, who will be a brother in the near future, is working second trick at "FS" tower during Bro. Taylor's absence.

F. E. Hoak, one time dispatcher on the Snake, is working third trick at "FS" while the position is bulletined.

Bro. Davis, who was bumped out of first trick at Ohio Junction, has been looking at "XN" tower and other positions to which his age entitles him, but understand he is going to take second trick at Ohio Junction, which will displace Bro. Prinn.

Bro. R. A. Hill bid in second trick at "KN" tower. Bro. Haun, at same place, off for thirty days; relieved by T. E. Seiring, who will be a brother in a short time.

Bro. G. R. Fisher is doing the extra work at "SU" office, New Castle, while the wire chief is away on his vacation.

Bro. Benedict has resumed duty after six months' leave of absence.

Bro. Hawk, working at "NX" tower during the advertisement of vacancy caused by Bro. C. E. Marshall going to Newton Falls.

Bro. Etter is working Bro. Hawk's trick at Haselton.

Bro. J. W. Maloney, first trick at Lowellville, off one week visiting friends in Philadelphia; relieved by Bro. G. A. McBride.

Bro. F. L. Milburn, who was knocked out of Painesville, first trick, on account office being closed, has moved to Lodi and took "OD" tower, first trick. Bro. A. M. Yant, from first trick "OD" tower to Ohio Junction.

Bro. J. E. Schatz and wife will leave for a trip through Nebraska about November 1st. Have not heard who relieves Bro. Schatz.

We did not know we ever had anything on this division that could compare favorably with the ham factory at "TF" tower, third trick only, but we find we had in our midst for a short time one who belonged in the same class, viz., Mr. R. R. Biddle.

This creature was sent to Sullivan, Ohio, to relieve the agent for a few days and circulated a petition among the people asking for the regular agents' removal and that Biddle be placed in the position. When he presented the paper to Mr. Cahill, division operator, he handed the "thing" its money. He (Biddle) is now running a ham factory at Youngstown, Ohio, charging the children \$5 per month or \$40 for complete (?) course. One of Biddle's victims was showing the Morse alphabet to a telegrapher, and it was found to have three of the characters wrong. It was written by the professor, thus showing his ability. This is the same Biddle who tried to gain favors at West Farmington by claiming to be a cousin of the division operator. It is scarcely necessary to say he is no relation of Mr. Cahill's. However, we are glad he is no longer in the service, Professor Russell is about all we can stand at one time and we would be almost willing to give him the twenty thousand to give the division a clear complection.

We have had no reports of any changes on the Lake Branch. Business is steadily improving, and if it continues we will be expecting the company to do a little for the telegraphers. There is still room for improvement in our condition. Now that our personal liberties have been abridged we will expect the company to pay us for it, either in comfort or money. We can see why employes are not allowed to use intoxicants, either on or off duty, but we fail to understand why operators working nine hours or less are not allowed to read while on duty. However, we are willing to stand for it providing we get "the money."

Most of the few delinquents have promised to pay up this month (October), and a few nons promised. We have but a few, which will put the division in good shape once more.

DIV. Con.

## Metro. Branch, Baltimore Division-

General Chairman E. N. Van Atta called a special meeting at Washington Junction, Md., on the 21st inst. A very good crowd were present and business was rushed through promptly. First time

Bro. Van Atta has been with us for some time. We enjoy his visits very much.

Business has increased considerable on this division and it looks like old times. Glad to see her booming once more.

Boys, don't forget the words, "No card, no favors." Do right by your dispatchers and they will do right by you. No changes made on the branch this month. Our chief has been very kind in furnishing passes to the boys and we appreciate this very much, still we would appreciate his kindness much more if he would try and secure card passes for us boys. We trust he may do so in the near future. Other roads do, why can't this one?

Boys, "Take Notice," "Look," and "Listen," it's not a train so close upon you, but time to secure your 1909 card. Forward your dues promptly; forward today. Do not put this serious matter off another day. We have won much, we can win more.

Have been unable to secure any notes from the Washington branch. I wish some brother would take interest enough in this branch to have a few lines in the journal each month. One brother on the main line has been kind enough to furnish me with a few notes, and I will gladly accept all that are furnished me. Will try and give you a few notes next month if you fellows will help me. If not, I'll have to turn the job over to some one else who is more familiar with the men and road.

#### Main Line-

I "13" freight is doing good business on this pike and hope it may continue so.

Bro. Shawen has just returned from a trip to New York.

Bro. Loeber has been visiting friends in Philadelphia and Washington, taking in the sights, 1 suppose.

Bro. A. A. Wolf is doing the second trick at "FA," bridge office, Frederick Junction.

Bro. Watkins has moved to Gaithers for the winter, getting ready for the cold snap.

Now, boys, don't fail to get your new cards. "73." G. W. C.

## Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.

Danville District, Chicago Division-

Since the last write-up there has been two offices opened that were closed at the beginning of the panic, namely, "BX" tower and Brewer yards.

At "BX" tower we have Bro. Johnson, first trick; Bro. L. C. Adams, second trick, and Bro. Languest, third trick.

Bro. F. R. Bolla from second trick at Coaler to third trick at Brewer yard.

Bro. F. L. McDonald relieved Bro. Bolla at Coaler.

Operator Mayhugh, third trick at Watseka tower, is taking a few weeks' vacation, visiting relatives in Virginia. Operator C. F. Prough is relieving Mayhugh. Understand Mr. Prough is from the Union Pacific.

Bro. H. W. Lewis, agent at Milford, Ill., was one of the lucky number who drew 160 acres of land from the Rosebud Reservation.

We notice that there are some that have failed to pay their dues and have fallen out. We regret that this is so, for it seems that most any one could raise the amount sufficient to keep them in good standing, and also, considering the work that our committee has done to get us the present working conditions that we have, any one knows that this can not be done without proper financial aid from the members, and if we were all to drop out then we would surely go back to the bottom round, where we started from several years ago. The Order has brought us what we have today and no one should drop out now, thinking that what we have now will always be so without any effort on our part. Pay your dues, get all the new members that you can and give the company the best service possible and then the committee will have the financial backing and the individual help that is necessary for them to go before the management and gain what they ask for. I can not see how any one can work an eight-hour trick that he knows was gotten through the efforts of the Order, and then drop out, or like some, never come in at all.

Bro. Phillips will be going over the road in a short time and I hope that all that have not their dues paid will do so, as the coin is simply necessary to keep the organization going and to give our committee the proper backing.

Bro. W. Mangram has been transferred from the agency at Woodland to the agency at Martin-

Bro. Sherrel has been transferred from the agency at Pittwod to the agency at Woodland.

Bro. Reid has been transferred from the agency at Martinton to the agency at St. Anne.

Bro. F. R. Spurgin, formerly agent at Ellis, has been transferred to the agency at Pittwood. Bro. W. E. Simpson accepting the agency at Ellis.

Boys, you are doing the right thing now, so keep the items coming every month. I wish to thank the brothers for their contributions to the items this month. It all helps and I assure you it is appreciated at this end.

DIV. Cos.

Chicago Division, Villa Grove District-

Bro. A. G. Mack, first trick at Glover, is enjoying a sixty-day leave of absence, visiting his father at Wanatah, Ind. Bro. Mack relieved by Mr. C. J. Shotts.

Bro. G. W. Green, second trick at Block, is very ill with appendicitis. Bro. Green relieved by Mr. Cummings.

Operator McFadden, second trick at Gerald, bid in Tipton agency.

Mr. Clyman working extra at Gerald, second trick, in Mr. McFadden's place. "13" Mr. Clyman is going to be one of us in the near future.

Bro. W. E. Simpson, third trick at Gerald, has accepted the agency at Ellis. Bro. Simpson relieved by a Mr. Jackson.

There are several nons on this branch, but I think that if every brother would appoint himself a committee of one and secure at least one application, there would be very few left. The cost of belonging to the O. R. T. is so small that I can not see any reason why any eligible operator does not belong.

Cor.

## Chicago Division, Terra Haute District-

A joint meeting of Divisions Nos. 34, 138 and 27 was held Tuesday evening, October 29th, at the Filbeck Hotel, Terre Haute, Ind. Members of these divisions commenced to assemble about 7:30 p. m. and at 8 o'clock p. m. the meeting was called to order by General Chairman J. V. Phillips. of Division No. 34.

As this was the first meeting held at Terre Haute there was no minutes to be read, so Bro. Phillips gave us a nice talk of about one hour on O. R. T. and different schedules, commencing with the first schedule that was ever received on the C. & E. I., and on down to our present schedule.

Following Bro. Phillips' talk, G. C. Whalen, of Division No. 138, gave us a nice talk, and following Bro. Whalen, G. S. & T., C. R. Shortridge, of Division No. 27, gave us a little talk. All 11: all, we had a grand meeting, there being about twenty-five or thirty members present. Not bad for the first meeting. The brothers are all enthused with the meetings and by the next meeting we expect a much larger crowd. It was voted by the majority of the members of Division No. 34, at the meeting, that General Chairman Bro. Phillips go out on the road and try to get some of the boys lined up. We have plenty of material on Division No. 34. We expect much good from Bro. Phillips while on the road, as he is a loyal worker. It was also voted by these divisions that we should banquet November 19, 1908, Tuesday evening at the Filbeck Hotel, Terre Haute, Ind. The brothers and their wives or lady friends are invited.

Since last write-up we have had a change at Cayuga. Former Bro. C. J. Royse has been transferred to Ridgefarm on the T., St. L. & W. Former agent for the T., St. L. & W., "CU," third trick now and as he has been situated where he had no wire work to do, he dropped out, but understand he has given his word that he will soon be with us.

Bro. L. M. Callecod, third trick at Dewcy, on sick list, being relieved by Bro. H. H. Parret. Bro. Callecod is having a hard time fighting off the typhoid fever. Hope he succeeds.

It is still Mr. Franklin at Jackson, with two good brothers on each side of him.

## Pere Marquette Ry.

#### Saginaw Division-

At one time I got somewhat discouraged on account of my brothers not sending any items or write-ups of their divisions. I can not tell what is doing on those respective divisions unless you brothers take hold and send me the necessary articles to make up these items.

J. J. Waite, agent, Edmore, Mich., transferred to Ionia, as agent. Can not say at this writing who his successor will be.

E. Cogswell, Wheeler, Mich., transferred to Unionville, as agent; relieved Lee Mead.

Bro. Disbrow, Blanchard, transferred to Barryton, as agent; relieved by Operator Sharp.

Operator and Cashier Forsyth, Big Rapids, transferred to Pigeon, as agent; relieved by Operator Fitzpatrick.

C. A. Shoemaker, formerly agent, Pigeon, transferred to agency at Greenville. C. R. Beebe, the well-known non and ham, discharged.

CERT. 35.

#### Chicago Division-

One pass in thirty days, that's nice. The company is getting more generous every day.

There has been so many changes on this division lately that it is impossible to keep tab on all the new men. However, it is not quite so bad as the trainmen seem to be getting. There are hardly any of the old faces left. They have gone fast, in the last year. There seems to be a screw loose somewhere.

Our Local Chairman, Geo. Davis, has resigned and is working for the Soo Line, at Glenwood, Minn. Another live one missing. Bro. Davis has leen on the committee for the last two years, and has done some very good work for us.

Bro. Oberly, Wyoming, first trick, called home on account of sickness in family.

Bro. Wright is taking a few days off; Relief Agent Townsend is holding down the Grandville office during Bro. Wright's absence.

Operator Depolder is working third trick, at Hudsonville; the St. Joe office having been cut down to one operator.

Operator Briggs, who has been working second trick, at St. Joe, is working second trick, at Porter.

Mr. Smith is working third trick, at Waverly; don't know whether he carries a card or not; somebody investigate.

Bro. Crouse, of Grand Junction, is trying to get relief for a short vacation.

Bravo has been opened up as a day office, and a new depot is being built. Mr. Brigham is working this office now.

There is not much of an excuse for the members, who are not paid up, for this half, especially the agents who have been raking in the express commissions during the fruit season.

We haven't seen many tramp operators around this division lately.

There are a few good tricks open.

Operator Martin is working in Grand Rapids relay office.

#### Toledo Division-

Are you still after that non you are working with? Ask him again, and explain things to him in a good-natured way, and I am sure he will give you a favorable answer. A man who is competent of holding a position as telegrapher has got enough "Full Cells" in his upper story to

know the good of the Order. And he does know it; but why does he linger on the outside? Brothers, have you a friend on the line who is a non? If so, why don't you try him and persuade him to come in? If he is afraid, you can certainly exert this much influence over him. It looks had to see you all sit still and wait for some one else. How many like to hear it said, "Well, he never has got an application, since he has been in the Order."

I am surprised at a few of you nons. One fellow will not go in because he don't want too; to want to go in because his girl don't want him to. Now, what do you think of that? That fellow's girl must be as bright as he is.

Bro. Sharp, of Carleton, off on a ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. G. H. Moulton, from the G. R. & I. Ry., but a member of M. C. R. R. Division.

Bro. Miller, Union Station, Bay City, transferred to some other point; unable to say where.

Bro. Moulton to Bay City, regular; but was again transferred to Clio, regular; relieving Bro. Dikeman, who went to Alma, regular.

Bro. Leavenworth, of Carleton, took a two weeks' vacation; relieved by agent's brother, "a student"

Bro. Sharp, Carleton, just got himself a new "bug."

I notice quite a number of students along the line. Brothers, what's the matter with you?

Sox.

# Erie Ry.

Mahoning Division-

The joint meetings of Meadville and Mahoning Divisions, held at Warren, Saturday night, October 17th, was well attended, there being thirty-two members present, including two members from B. & O. Division No. 33.

Our General Chairman, Frank N. Hall, was present, and in due course of time was called upon for a speech. After reviewing the past, and showing what might be expected in the future, he wandered away to what government officials had done at Washington, D. C., in regard to all communications—must be type-written, which was Frank's way of leading up to a neat presentation speech of a Smith Premier No. 2 Typewriter to W. S. Lowrie, local chairman of Mahoning Division, by the telegraphers on Mahoning Division, as a token of their appreciation of the services rendered them by Bro. Lowrie.

Every thing was so arranged that when Bro. Hall had switched onto the type-writing talk, Bros. Marshall and Ridinger, of Youngstown, walked in with the mill and placed it on the pedestal in the center of the hall. To say that Bro. Lowrie was surprised, is putting it mildly. He got up to say something, in accepting the present, but was so confused he could not give utterance to his thoughts, so sat down again, to the great amusement of all those present. He very quickly recovered himself and again got up and thanked all the boys from the bottom of

his heart for the mill, as it was a thing he grealy needed in performing the duties that fell to him as local chairman.

Then all returned to the banquet hall, where due provision had been made for the inner man. C. C. Fenstermaker, of Garrettsville, is off on account of the death of his wife.

A. L. Taylor, third trick, Warren, is off on account of attending a family reunion, in the State of Michigan. C. W. Mitchell, second trick, at Niles, working in Taylor's place, while he is away.

C. W. Morse, from Brier Hill tower, working the second trick at Niles.

C. G. Perry working at Brier Hill.

H. H. Hatch, third trick, at De Forest tower, off one night; relieved by F. E. Brooks.

Remember the meetings: Third Saturday night of the month, third floor, Union National Bank Building, corner Market St. and Park Av.

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New York Division, West End-

Regular meetings will be held at Chester, N. Y., the third Tuesday of each month, at the Holland House. These meetings will be held in the morning, so there is no excuse for any second or third trick man for not coming out and giving his brothers the glad hand.

There are many things every member should know, but will never know unless meetings are attended. There will be something gained every meeting you attend and you will be better pleased with yourself.

The general manager made a trip over the E. & J. R. R., from Guymard to "GD" tower a few days ago. It is expected to have trains running over this section before snow flies. This will increase the work at "GM" and "GD" towers.

A large gravel pit between "GD" and "OV" is furnishing the gravel for the E. & J. R. R.

Bro. Kelley, who was at "JY" extra, is back on his trick at "BC."

Bro. Burnes and Bro. McGrinn doubling up a few days at "CS."

Operator Rankin, second trick at "MS," worked a few days at "DW" selling tickets. Bro. Fred Earl, first trick at "GW," is building

a home of his own.

Bro. G. H. Wickham, third trick at "MS." has

lately come among us on the Erie.

Don't forget the third Tuesday of each month.

CERT. 752.

#### Meadville Division-

It is hard to get news items from this division. Hardly a brother will even answer a letter asking for the news. Now if each brother on the Meadville Division who reads this will take the trouble to send a letter to their local chairman with a few items for the next issue we will have a writting that will compare favorably with the best of them.

If we are going to make the union a complete success we must see that all union men are made better by being union men, and the lines that we work on must not conflict with our employers where our rights are concerned. The quickest way for us to obtain our object is to work in such a way that we can show the company that we are making it better by making ourselves better.

If you wish to get a good proposition you must take advantage of every opportunity to improve yourself and make yourself of more value to your employer. I heard our general superintendent, Mr. H. O. Dunkle, say that whenever he found a person that was trying to better his condition he always did all he could to help him along. Now if you will learn to do something that will give us a better position we can not fail to profit by it, for if our own road will not promote us there are plenty of others that are looking for good men, and, by the way, did you ever stop to think how many of the good positions are held by men who learned the work on some other road?

Steamburg is now reopened nights, there being two lady operators there at present.

Mr. F. L. Darrow has again turned railroad man and returned to Kennedy as agent.

Bro. C. M. Dickinson is still on the sick list.

Lots doing now days at Lakewod, where the boys have five work trains to look after, beside a lot of message work. The new double tracks will soon be in operation to Sand Hill.

A new three-trick office has been opened at Niobe Junction and the one at Sand Hill re-opened. The boys at "CM" tower, Niobe Junction, and Lakewood, are promised nice new, big interlocking machines of the Armstrong type, to exercise on, as soon as they can be installed.

Third trick vacancy at Millers and second trick at Venango recently advertised.

Bro. Frank Woodside, of Millers, has gone to New Mexico for his health.

Utica, on the Franklin Branch, has been opened nights by putting on a six-hour operator; office now open from 6 a. m. to 9 p. m.

One copier has been put on on account of increased work. Mr. H. H. Hamilton now copying on the east end, Salamanca to Corry.

Gus Heckman, of Kent, has been working the message table at "HF" for the past two weeks on account of dispatcher's laying off and other men filling in.

CERT. 508.

#### Central of Georgia Ry.

Chattanooga Division-

Had a fine meeting at Lafayette the third Sunday in October, with a good attendance, and a lot of business transacted. Looks like some of the boys from the south end could come up now. They can leave on No. 5 Saturday night and return on No. 6 Monday morning in time for duty. Try it, a warm welcome awaits you.

The edict has gone forth again cutting off two men at Raymond and closing the night office at that place, closing the day and night office at East Rome and cutting off the third man at Chickamauga and Chattanooga yard office. Two men working nine hours each at the last two named places and office closed for six hours,

Bro. Isbell, from first trick at Carrollton, made agent at Fort Oglethorpe, vice Bro. Jeb Martin, resigned.

Bro. Ansley, who worked at Carrollton a year or two ago, but who has recently been working for the Atlanta & West Point at Newman, is back at Carrollton working second.

Mr. Bryan, who was thrown out by closing Raymond nights, got third at Carrollton in the shake-up.

Bros. C. Dunnaway and C. B. St. Clair, at Chickamauga, and Bro. Carmichael, at Senoia, have sent in the papers and got their cards. All of them are comparatively new men with us and we gladly welcome them into our ranks.

Bro. Bailey is back at Lavender from a visit to his old home in Ohio. Bro. Bailey was relieved by Operator Battles, from Moon's factory.

Clem agency closed, as train order office and salary cut from \$50 to \$25. Whitesburg was reopened at the same time, moving Bro. Murphy from Clem to Whitesburg. He was relieved at Clem by another one of the "Moonites." It seems that the supply is inexhaustible.

Boys, isn't that place (Moon's) a blot on our name? How would you like to work on a road knowing that you didn't have a friend among your craft on the whole division? That is a place where our slogan, "No card, no favors," fits admirably.

Bro. C. E. Bledsoe, at Durham, off a few days. attending court for the company at his home in Carrollton; relieved by Bro. Househ, from Chickamauga.

Bro. Househ returned to Chickamauga, relieving Bro. Bolton as agent a few days. Bro. Dunnaway is working as operator and clerk in Bro. Househ's place.

Bro. B. P. Tuggle represented this division at the meeting of the Dixie Telegraphers' Club in Atlanta the second Saturday night in October, where arrangements are being made to take care of the convention next May. He reports a fine time.

There are just a few who have not paid their dues for the current term. Boys, we all know that your hearts are in the right place and your sympathy is with us, but we need your financial and moral assistance. Let's make an extra effort and all keep in good standing, even if we have to do without some things that we seem to need badly. Our Order has and will continue to amply repay us for any trouble and money we have given it.

I am an agent and I know that our duties are many, but remember that the train wire has preference over other things and that there is no place where good work will show up better than on the wires.

CERT. 265.

Savannah Division-

Business is steadily increasing and several more trains daily than have been run lately. Let's all hope it will increase three-fold.

Mr. C. M. Breedlove, third trick at M. & A. Junction, has resigned to accept a better position with the A., B. & A. Ry., at Manchester, Ga. Mr. Breedlove is succeeded by Bro. S. L. Thompson, of Meldrim, second trick.

Bro. Thompson pulls Bro. W. H. Williams for second trick at M. & A. Junction; Bro. Williams gets third trick at same place.

Mr. McCarty, of Ocmulgee Bridge, third trick, has been off on a vacation, being relieved by Bro. N. C. Arnett, of Division No. 132.

Mr. Winburn, second trick at Ocmulgee Bridge, is branching out in the student industry, as well as studying law himself. He has a student.

Bro. N. C. Arnett, of Division No. 132, who relieved Mr. McCarty, of Ocmulgee Bridge during his vacation, has been assigned Millen, second trick. Unable to find out who Bro. Arnett relieved at Millen.

We are one and all glad to learn that Bro. P. T. Reddick, of Gordon agency, who has been very ill, is now on the road to health again and is able to resume his duties. Bro. Reddick was relieved by Mr. W. C. Vaughan, who is second trick operator at the same place. Mr. J. B. Elkins, third trick man, worked second, and a new man from the A. C. L. worked third trick during Bro. Reddick's illness.

Mr. E. F. Bronson, formerly of Tennille, but at present acting agent at Eatonville, vice Bro. J. A. Cathey, who is relieving Bro. J. P. Byne at Covington. Bro. Byne has resigned to accept a position with the Augusta Southern at his old home.

We are all sorry to learn of Bro. D. M. Rogers' resignation as local chairman of the Savannah Division, but wish him success with his new position at Tennille. Bro. Rogers succeeds Mr. Bronson, who goes to Eatonville agency. Don't know yet who succeeds Bro. Rogers at Register.

Bro. J. E. Boyd, R. F. D., No. 4, Macon, Ga., has been appointed local chairman in Bro. Rogers' place.

News is scarce and hard to get. It would be very much appreciated if all or any of the boys who know of any news at all would drop a card with such news to Bro. Boyd in the future, who will see that it is properly handled for publication.

Get behind the wheels, one and all, and give a helping hand, and see if something can not be done to get the remaining nons on this division and the few delinquents to put themselves in the right column before December 31st, at least. A word to the wise is sufficient; put on your thinking cap.

# Rio Grande Western Ry.

CERT. 441.

Business is picking up on this division.

At Castle Gate, Bro. Bauer relieved Bro. Garrison on first trick, but they have put on the third man there, now and Bro. Bauer is on third trick.

Bro. Eppersen transferred, Mill Fork to Castle Gate, second trick.

Bro. Garrison goes to Kyune, third trick, relieving Bro. Sargent, who has resigned to go to school

Operator Van Antwerp worked a few days at Thistle Junction, transferred to Castle Gate and resigned; relieved by Eppersen.

The Denver telegraph school sent out a graduate to Mill Fork, second trick, but he couldn't hit the ball and was relieved by Mr. Yockel, who hails from the San Pedro.

Mr. Woods, third trick at Mill Fork, will be a brother by the time this appears, his application having been sent in.

Operator Eggertsen is back on his old job at Thistle Junction, third trick, having relieved Bro. Keefe, who resigned.

Bro. Burke, first trick at Thistle Junction, has recently returned from his vacation, during which he bagged a deer.

Bro. Nan Noy, agent at Colton, has resigned, and the job has been bulletined. He says he is looking for a warmer climate.

Bro. Mensel, at Bingham Junction, has resigned, and the job is bulletined, but understand he has withdrawn his resignation and is going to stick. Here's hoping it's true.

Bro. Lewis, our local chairman, has resigned and no appointment of his successor has, as yet, been made. We are sorry to see Bro. Lewis resign, as he has given us some very efficient service as our local chairman, and has kept the division well lined up for the past five years. He is figuring on taking a vacation for sixty days, commencing in the near future.

We are thinking of holding a meeting soon, and have written most of the boys concerning it, and would like to hear from you all as to whether you can attend or not. Let's all be there and have a good time.

CERT. 605.

#### Bessemer & Lake Erie Ry.

The meeting of Division No. 51 at Greenville, on October 22d, was well attended, considering the fact that the boys are all busy, and that it is next to an impossibility to get away. Those who were in attendance report having one of the best times of their life. A discussion of the political issues was indulged in to some extent, all sides being ably defended by nearly every one present.

Bro. J. G. Jackson, second trick operator at Lyncs Junction, was duly initiated and instructed in the secret work of the Order. We understand "FF" had difficulty in working his trick next day. Hardly know why, unless the goat kicked too hard.

After the matters of business were disposed of a fine lunch and smoker was enjoyed until a late hour.

Bro. S. D. Ames, third trick operator at State Line, is taking a needed rest of a few weeks. Bro. C. J. Turner, of Conneaut, is working in Bro. Ames' absence.

Bro. J. F. Conley, who worked at Adamsville up to within the past year, but who has been farming of late, was instantly killed by being hit by a train on the B. & L. E., while walking on the tracks

Saturday evening, October 24th, between Shermansville and Conley. Members of Division No. 51 extend deepest sympathy to relatives and friends.

Bro. J. H. Brooks, third trick at "VE" tower, who had a run of typhoid fever, is able to be out again. He expects to return to work about November 15th. He was relieved by a man named Walcott. We "13" that Walcott swindled the merchants of Grove City out of about \$100. Such is the floating non. Walcott was relieved by C. F. Hicks.

Mr. W. E. Wright, agent at Platea, took a six months' leave of absence; relieved by Bro. C. L. Campbell.

Bro. G. H. DeLand, formerly third trick at "RX," Albion, is working third trick at Wallace Junction for the Nickel Plate.

Bro. R. G. Loveday, second trick at "VE" tower, and wife, recently took a trip to Erie.

Bro. C. F. Sahm, first trick at "RA," Albion, was absent a few days recently on account of sickness.

Mr. W. D. Carr, who worked on this road last winter at different points, has returned from the Pennsylvania lines east. He is working at Sumerville, second trick, during the absence of C. H. Barney, who is very sick.

CERT. 24.

# So. Pac, Ry.

San Joaquin District-

The letters, from all parts of the division, have reached the office of the correspondent with something like renewed interest; a better description of the landslide would perhaps be, they came like there was some interest in our Order; like there was life in the membership.

This office has been rushed answering calls for men from wherever our strings reach, to tell of some news; some change; some good jokes. Say, brothers, there's some style to it and that's what a fellow likes and what makes a fellow get in and work. Let's see if we can't stir up more interest, boys.

The second thing I will do is to offer my most profound apologies to brother Spindler, Caliente, last issue, for so far misquoting the gentleman's position as to number him among the nons. That is, to the good union man, the grossest insult imaginable. I hope I shall have the pleasure of asking Bro. Spindler's pardon, personally. Thanks to Sister Ryan for the correction.

Bro. F. E. Williamson, at Goshen Junction, is appointed associate correspondent, and without a doubt, there will be no lack of interesting items. The fact that the brother is developing into a poet of no mean ability, was one of the first qualifications considered, in the appointment.

The regular circular from our good and worthy general chairman is an opener of eyes, to those who may believe there is inactiveness in our general office. It shows his movements; it shows his accomplishments; it shows his trials, efforts, plans. In short, it is a document of interest, of sound business activity and shows that the interests of

this system are in strong and conservative hands. Bro. Lester remarks that the recently signed contract with the Southern Pacific Company is a "fair" contract. What is equal, to a ten per cent raise, appears "good" to "me."

The local chairman reports we are now honored with the membership of Bro. Underhill, of Cameron; Bros. Rhine and Chaffee; welcome brothers; it is the endeavor of this Order to make new members welcome into our ranks, and were we not so scattered, I venture to remark that our hospitality would be outdone by no fraternal organization. Bro. Chaffee, above mentioned, was with the S. P. Co. several years, and has been sojourning, but evidently decided that S. J. was hard to beat.

Malaga just opened, and the gentleman has neglected to report his name and standing, hence this blank.

At Selma, back-sliding Mr. Creighton, who takes our raises and says the company offered him more if he stayed out. He has the distinction of being one to whom the company extends such consideration

At Kingsburg, Mr. Dresser, claims the "personel" of the Order is not fit for his association; the Order reciprocates, thank you.

Bro. Fry, agent, at Goshen Junction, is laying off a few days; Bro. Williamson relieving him.

Operator Brogdon, a new man, relieves Bro. Morton, who is taking a six weeks' lay off, and gone back to the Blue Glass country.

Bro. Bell bumps Operator Brogdon. Bro. Bell just got bumped out of Bakersfield yards.

Mr. Wilson, agent, at Tipton, says he will be with us next month; hope we can call him Broby next telegrapher.

Bro. Hamilton laying off a few days; Bro. Anderson relieving him.

Brothers, you want to mail your TELEGRAPHER to some non, and let him read it; don't let it lay around the office.

Operator Star, at Visalia, has his papers all filled out, and will send them in soon.

It's a wonder a couple of the boys in "K" wouldn't be up with the times and adopt the "Card" system. All good offices are doing away with the old style of books. "Come on you fellows, and kick in, the water is fine; we have plenty of applications, and want to send you about two. We pay postage. Say when?

Of course, I don't mean to treat any of the boys' letters with sarcasm or frivolity, but I notice one letter where the first three lines say:

"What chance has a man to rise in the railroad business?"

Boys, the quickest way to get a raise in the railroad service, is to bid in Pinole, they got a powder works there, and have an explosion about every two weeks. You on? With apologies to "Tar Heel."

Bro. Hamilton, from Delano, second trick, is doing the agent stunt at Lemmore, while the regular agent is sick.

Say, you brothers, take a look at that article ir the September journal, under heading of "Warn-

ing." After reading it and digesting it some, get busy with "our" bond proposition. It looks as though the boys have not quite realized what it would mean to us.

While not going too far, would like to make a suggestion that "53" slip a piece into one of Uncle Samuel's money order department, and send it to the holder of Cert. 1192. As it looks to me like a very good investment. As I have been, what they call, up against it myself.

Not unlike the words of the immortal:

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are these, A brother on the hog again."

Come on boys lets ginger up and see what we can do for him. I will start the ball a rolling, if I hear any favorable suggestions from the brothers.

Bro. Jaynes, of Fresno, has an up-to-date card

Brothers, wake up and don't let any of the boys fall down on their time. Its bad R. R. business.

Bro. Fry returns from a vacation with a bum mit.

We understand that Mr. Bob Palm has bid in Bakersfield ticket office, but in the meantime, is acting agent at Visalia.

Bro. Mallott, of "Q," Santa Barbara, is now spending his vacation; being relieved by Bro. Ryan, of "BD," San Francisco.

Bro. J. P. Coyle, of Saugus, is back at his post again, from a trip east.

Bro. W. C. Sheppard has been acting relief operator at Tehachapi for some time.

Bro. G. W. Northamer, first trick operator, at Tehachapi, has just returned from a trip up in Victoria (Vancouver Island), Canada, the home of his wife, also spent some time in Seattle, Wash., Portland, Ore. and a number of other points on the coast, on his return South.

DIV. COR.

#### Tucson Division, West End-

Two write-ups from the Tucson Division in the last year. What's the matter? All so contented with that 7½ per cent increase, that you have turned over for another nap? Take a look at the October Telegrapher, everybody, but us.

We have appointed ourselves correspondents for one month, and will try to hand you the latest dope.

Operators for relief work very scrace during August and September, as all the old heads wanted to lay off at once. Several men borrowed from Los Angeles Division and M. P. department. The "famine" seems to be over now, although all men on the extra board are getting in full time, or nearly so.

Bro. R. C. Weyer, our former genial local chairman, has resigned the office, and Bro. C. Q. Lesley has been appointed to fill the vacance. Sorry to lose Bro. Weyer as local chairman, but he can not be blamed for tiring of the job. Let us all give Bro. Lesley our full support (which

means, pay our dues promptly), and all the help possible.

Mr. W. H. Averell, our former superintendent, has been appointed superintendent of the Los Angeles Division; relieving Mr. H. V. Platt, who becomes general superintendent Southern District. Mr. Averell, relieved by Mr. W. H. Whalen, who, we understand, comes from the Northwestern.

At Yuma, Bro. C. F. Crane laid off during the hot weather; relieved by G. T. Heigel "BY" office, in turn relieved by F. E. Wing, who has since gone back in the engine service.

At Baisdell, now a night box car job; E. D. Jones in charge.

At Dome, agency open for bid; Bro. J. A. Hibbs, regular night man, at Aztec, holding it down; twelve-hour job.

At Wellton, Bro. S. M. Landis comes on at 4 a. m. and Bro. L. S. Williams, who landed the job on last bulletin, at 2 p. m. The boys at Welton have a new home now; office moved from the "tool-house," where it has been since the station was burned down a year ago.

At Mohawk, Bro. E. E. Sargent got third trick on last bulletin, but Bro. C. A. Powers, new man on the road, working it at present.

At Aztec, Bro. E. L. Witty, who got Gage agency on last bulletin; relieved by Bro. E. D. Prey, recently transferred from L. A. Division. Bro. J. L. Twmer doing the owl stunt. Bros. Powers and Twmer are commercial men from Frisco, but like the desert so well they're going to stick awhile. Both guilty of carrying O. R. T. cards.

At Casa Granda, Bro. W. C. Veyl, regular "UN" office, holding agency till bid in.

At Red Rock, Bro. G. E. Wilson, days, formerly at Benson.

At Rillito, now night office only, W. A. Lang-horne.

At Jaynes, twelve-hour box car job; Mrs. Lang-horne, days.

This is as far as we can go, on our nerve. Some other brother come across from the East End, and tell us the news. "TQ."

#### Tucson Division, East End-

Our newly-appointed local chairman, Bro. C. Q. Lesley, located at Gila Bend, A. T., has started out with a good showing, and it goes without saying that he has the best wishes of all on the division.

The new seniority list, dated October 20th, shows a decrease in the number of operators employed, regardless of the adherence to the nine-hour law, there being only 116 names, compared with 129 on March 20, 1908. While many new names appear, a few of the old and honorable landmarks are missing. Some have gone into other business, while a few became dissatisfied and moved to other roads.

Among the late arrivals are W. A. Cody, G. M. Spragins, J. T. Perrin, C. A. Warner, C. A. Powers, J. L. Turner, and R. M. Scott. The writer has not yet heard whether all of these are in good standing or not, but if not they will soon be.

The last assignments were as follows: Wellton nights, L. G. Williams; Mohawk third, E. E. Sargent; Maricopa third, P. S. Johnson; Wilna, C. E. Wager; Gage, agent, E. L. Witty; Aden, agent, O. W. Allison; Affton, L. Levinson; Lanark, agent, W. E. Weaven.

This only leaves three vacancies, viz., Dome agency, Aztec agency and Casa Grande agency.

Bro. W. C. Veyl, of Tucson relay office, is temporary agent at Casa Grande.

Bro.. R. W. Keyes spent two weeks among old friends on the Los Angeles Division.

Our chief and several dispatchers have been laid up recently by break-bone fever, a peculiar disease, imported from Mexico.

It is rumored that a fourth trick will be put on at Benson, there being too much to do for three men.

Bro. E. Best returned from an extended Eastern tour and is now on extra list at Bowie.

The thanks of Bro. W. H. Pringle to those who so kindly came to his assistance recently, have not been published, owing to no letter last month. The signed list never reached him, and for this reason he could send no acknowledgements. Suffice it to say that the amount collected was gratefully received and wisely used. At this writing another sad blow has been added to his misfortunes, his beloved wife having succumbed to the great white plague, at Alamogordo, N. M., where she had been sent for treatment. Her remains will be brought to Wilcox, Ariz, where their little haby was laid to rest two months ago.

A few of the agents and other railroad men have taken action on the homestead and desert land laws at Willcox, Ariz., and wisely secured a good 160 or 320 acres, while there is open government land close to town. It is said this pioneer town of the cattle country has doubled its population in six months.

When this is read in print it is to be hoped the agonies of the present political brain-storm will have come to an end, and peace and quiet will again reign. While we ponder on other inconsistencies, it does seem queer that such vast amounts of money are forthcoming for campaign purposes, when we are not yet recovered from the recent panic and the memory of "scrip" money still haunts us.

Local Cor.

#### Sacramento Division-

I have looked in vain for a line from the Sacramento Division. Why is this, are we all dead?

We are going to have watch inspection on this pike soon and a number of the boys are investing in new time-pieces, also polishing up on the rules, as we are going to have examination soon.

Some big trains running down this side of the valley now, seventy cars not being unusual.

Bro. Callahan, Sacramento, "H" office, just able to be out after a long illness. "13" he is going to Arizona for his health.

Who understands the Sunday overtime? I don't. Wouldn't a seniority list look good? The last

one published, several years ago, is out of date and out of season.

Did you notice any of the nons refusing their increase or forgetting to send in their overtime slips for Sunday work? Don't all speak at once.

CRET. 487.

### Northern Pacific Ry.

Minnesota Division-

What is the trouble with the Minnesota Division? Are we all dead? Why don't we have a meeting once in a while, and get the men together and discuss our conditions? Or are the conditions entirely satisfactory as they are?

There are some of the brothers who have not paid up their dues for the last period of 1908, and there are some who have not paid their dues for the first period. Brothers, this is bad; is it possible that you are so hard pressed for the few dollars it takes to pay up or is it that you have neglected to attend to this very important duty? I am inclined to think it is the latter, and I hope that all of you that have not paid your dues will come to the front and do so at once. Let us try to make the Minnesota Division solid.

Our worthy brother and local chairman of the Minnesota Division, P. J. Meighen, has resigned, and is attending school. Sorry to lose such a worthy brother, but we know that he has a much brighter future than if he had remained with us.

Bro. Fox, of Glyndon, is relieving Bro. Ranum at Muskoda, who, we understand, is not well. Bro. Fox is being relieved at Glyndon by Mr. Davis, who hails from the Rock Island. We have not learned whether Mr. Davis is a member or not, but we think he is, as nons are about as scarce on the Rock Island as gold nuggets on these prairies.

Bro. Howe, of Detroit, wants to take a vacation. He expects to make a record shooting ducks.

Bro. Olsen, who has been off on a vacation, is back to Winnipeg Junction, Bro. Ogrosky being transferred to Staples, third trick.

Bros. Lassa and Setterholm are now working at Glyndon.

Brothers, wake up and let us hear from you through our journal and, above all, don't forget about your dues. See that they are paid promptly.

CERT. 616, DIV. 54.

Montana Division-

Bro. E. J. Hart, third trick at Dixon, has resigned. "13" he is going to Canada.

Bro. Hickey, off the C. B. & Q. Ry. in Wisconsin assigned to third trick at Plains.

Bro. Griffin second trick at Double Track Junction, assigned to first trick, Bro. Williams having resigned on account of ill-health. Unable to say who takes second trick.

Operator V. N. Webber, who has been a trick operator at Clinton for some time, has been appointed relief agent at Ravalli. Bro. B. E. Mason, the regular agent, is on a three weeks' leave of absence. Unable to state whether Mr. Webber is an Order man or not.



Mr. G. L. Hazen, night chief dispatcher, who has been on a thirty-day vacation to his home in South Dakota, has returned and has been promoted to assistant day chief.

Mr. E. L. Harrigan, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, is spending a few days in Missoula, electioneering. Mr. Harrigan is the Democratic nominee for the State Legislature.

Stenographer Walter Albrecht, of the dispatcher's office, has been on the sick list with a bad case of rheumatism.

Operator E. D. Krebs and Bro. P. J. Seifert, of Missoula, "MX" office, and Mrs. M. J. Sohn, agent at DeSmet, leave for St. Paul in a few days, where they have been called as witnesses in the McCool vs. Company damage suit. Mr. Krebs contemplates going to Missouri on a visit before returning.

In the August Telegrapher there was no writeup of this division. Since then I have been asked
a great number of times why there was not any.
Brothers, I receive practically no assistance
from the members of this division towards getting
notes. If each and every member would, when
they hear of any changes on the line or any news
which they think would be of interest to the other
members, drop me a post-card ((Div. Cor., 116
West Spruce Street, Missoula), I assure you we
would have a very nice write-up in The TelegRapheer each month. There is no reason why we
should not have one of the largest write-ups in
The Telegrapher, as we have a division which
covers nearly 300 miles of track.

Another thing I wish to speak of, is getting new members, and the transfer of brothers carrying cards in other divisions to this division.

I wish to impress upon you that a transfer is nearly as good as a new member to this division, as far as the financial part goes, and it also helps in presenting a solid line-up, if at any time our committee is called to St. Paul to meet the management.

When a new man goes to work at your office find out if he is a member and, nine times out of ten he is; if a member of some other division, get his full name, division number and certificate number and send same to Local Chairman R. J. Runden, Philipsburg, Mont., and he will see that he is transferred to the division.

DIV. COR.

#### Dakota Division-

Bro. Johnson, our general chairman, has just been over the division, trying to round up what few nons were left. He secured the applications of E. L. Morrow, Medina; F. A. Miller, Dawson, and C. H. Boyle, Bismarck, who will be full-fledged members before this appears in print. This leaves but a few nons on the main line of the Dakota Division. What are left have resisted all attempts made to induce them to join. We hope they will quit "sponging" on the Order before long, and help pay for the many benefits they now enjoy which were secured by its efforts.

Bro. Norman has taken the agency at Brinsmade, Bro. Ward resigning.

Bro. Boyle, from Burleigh to third trick at Bismarck.

Bro. J. Y. Brinton, third trick at Windsor, has left for the Rocky Mountain Division.

Mr. C. R. Ringham is doing the dispatching act on the branches during the fall rush.

Two new men in Jamestown yard office, Bro. M. B. Quire, from the C., R. I. & P., working second trick, and Mr. J. R. Perry, an A. P. man, working the third hours.

Bro. E. S. Lemmon, second trick at Medina, was called away suddenly by the illness of his father; relieved by Bro. E. L. Morrow.

Mr. G. E. Hopkins, from second trick at Crystal Springs to day operator at McKenzie; relieved by Bro. M. A. Jones, from the I. C.

Bro. R. R. Richardson, day operator at McKenzie, to agent at Edmunds.

#### Pasco Division-

On account of Bro. Dubois being in the hospital last month, we had no write-up, but will try and do the needtul now.

Bros. Voight and Shoemaker have exchanged positions, pro. Voight to Marshall, third trick, and Bro. Shoemaker to S. P. & S. Junction, first trick.

Bro. Walters is now back from the ranch and is located at Marshall, second trick. He says ranching don't pay, but he had \$25 left after coming back, and that's more than the average operator

H. C. Larabee, from Cabinet, Idaho, back to Sprague, second trick. He went over there last summer for his health.

W. A. Wheeler, from Ritzville to Pasco; says he wanted some relay office experience.

Bro. Dygert, on the "CS" job now, says the boys will not get busy, therefore he has to work overtime without pay. Later, I hear he has taken one of the new tricks dispatching on account of split at Toppenish.

A B C system, "the only way to handle trains," goes into effect 12:01 a. m., Ritzville to Ellensburg. Will not have to copy those 198 and 313 now.

The new simplex, Pasco to Ellensburg, will be complete in a few days. This makes "PA" office relay westbound business from Pasco to Ellensburg, also puts old dispatcher's wire 44 from Pasco to Toppenish to 418 Sunnyside wire at Toppenish, making Pasco do the relay business for that branch; increased the force at "PA," and did not forget to also increase the work, leaving them about as "25" as ever.

Bro. Dubois went to the hospital at Tacoma for an operation; relieved by man named Stuart. Suart went to same place a short time after, relieving Bro. Dubois, relieved by Geo. Nance, Bro. Dubois returning to work. Mr. Nance has gone for a visit in old Missouri.

Operators Holmes and Watson, first and second trucks at Tyler, left the service; relieved by Bros. McGurk and Blackstone. Operator Miles, from Fish Trap to Glade, Bro. A. F. Johnson from Toppenish to Fish Trap. Mr. Miles will be with us pay-day.

Operator Hollingsworth, from S. P. & S. Junction to Connell, then relieved Bro. Johnson at Toppenish. Still refuses to line-up.

Bro. Putnam is back to Sprague, first trick, Bro. Uhlin taking second and McKay going to Toppenish, third trick. Can not say if McKay is O. K. or not.

Bro. Kelly, from Eltopia to Concord. Bro. Bunge gone East on account of the illness of his father.

Bro. Johnson relieved Mr. Wheeler at Ritzville. It is Bro. Johnson's old job. Bro. McAllister took Bro. A. S. Johnson's place at Toppenish, his old job also. I suppose the fellows are glad to get back at old stands again.

Blanks have been applied for and furnished Miles, Fournier and Bowen, at Glade; also Mr. and Mrs. Hinton, at Kline. CERT. 497.

#### Southern Ry.

Washington Division-

Bro. Shelhorse, who has been sick for some time, has been taken to the hospital, where he is improving; we are glad to learn.

Bro. W. E. Berry, working, Declare, first trick. Bro. P. T. Robertson's wife, of Gilbert, has been sick for several weeks;. Mr. E. R. Lewis relieving her. Hope she may soon be out again.

There has not been a vacancy for some time among the boys; everything seems to be miving along smoothly. Not much changing around.

Boys, if you can think of any items, along the line, let me have them, they will help to make things more interesting.

Div. Con.

#### A. & S., Asheville Division-

Every body on this division has been exceedingly quiet for the past eight or ten months, as J have not seen a single write-up.

Now, boys, because we are enjoying the ninehour tricks, is no reason why we should lose all interest in the journal, and the advancement of the grand old Order, which gave us these shorter hours.

If we sit down with folded arms, while our enemies work, it won't be long before we will be working the same old twelve hours again.

So let's be up and doing. Every one that has not got a card, should make an extra effort to do so at once. What I mean is an up-to-date card. And there are a good many on this line that has not got one. Not because they do not believe in the O. R. T., but because they have carelessly allowed the time for payment of dues to pass by without paying. And now it will take just as much to get a card as though you had never been a member; which seems pretty heavy in the time of a panic. Always be ready when the time comes with that small amount of \$5.00; and it won't be near so hard to pay as it will if you put it off a couple of months.

Bro. W. S. Smith, who has been in Georgia for some time, has returned and is holding down Bettmore agency, while Mr. G. A. Diggs is off. Understand Mr. Diggs fell off of a wagon and broke his leg. Bro. R. B. Slattery has been doing the relief work for some time, and they keep him pretty busy.

There is at present nine jobs on bulletin. All good places.

Quite a number of the boys took in the big show, at Spartanburg, on the 17th. Wonder if we could as many to an O. R. T. meeting?

We were sorry to lose Mr. Frank Miller, one of our old dispatchers. "13" he has purchased an orange farm in Florida, and will devote his time to raising oranges. CERT. 365.

Atlanta Division-

Several of the boys are going to join the grand old Order this month, I "13," and by the time for the next write-up we can call you "Bro." instead of "Mr." Don't you think that sounds best? I do, for we are all "Brass Pounders" or "Lightening Slingers," and to be sure it will be so much easier for us when we open our eyes to the fact that we will all have to pull together.

Bro. Bennett is still worrying about the non condition of our line, and says things must be solid by December 31, 1908. We want to lend every aid possible in so doing. Bro. Bennett claims he has gained four pounds in the past month, the results of boarding at an O. R. T. boarding house, he says the grub is not so fancy, but naturally does an O. R. T. man more good than any other kind he ever tried.

We want to thank Bro. W. O. Needham for the helping hand given us, also Bro. I. H. M. Vicker for his liberality of stationery and other kindness rendered us.

Bros. Bennett, Kenny, Goodwin and Greer met at Holton, Sunday, October 11th, to talk over various matters pertaining to the student questions at Berner and Juliette; glad to state that Bro. Greer gave sufficient evidence to show he wasn't connected with this outrageous conduct. I "13" a committee is hot in behind the "Professors," and are going to run them in. We have called a meeting at Juliette, Sunday, October 25th, and hope to see a large crowd out, for we can not have a meeting without the members. The committee has charges against two members for recommending "Farmers" to the Order, and assisting them in getting cards. These boys, I suppose, were "members of the farmers' union," or something like that; surely was not aware of the fact that they belonged to the Order of Railway Telegraphers for the word "Telegrapher" means operator and not "Farmer," by any means. We hope these boys will prove their innocence, and no charges will be brought against them, as they are both "hustlers."

Our L. B. of A. is doing some fine work now; keep it up boys, we are getting things in better shape already; there's lots to be done yet. I "13" there's a "Ham" factory at Juliette, but hope this is a false report, but if it's true let's get hot

in behind it, and see if we can't call it one of the "has-beens" pretty soon.

Our local chairman has just effected the settlement of a grievance with the chief, and hope to see every thing going smoothly in the future.

Boys, give your best service to the company, and answer your calls promptly, for we must remember we haven't had an office closed between Atlanta and Brunswick since the nine-hour law took effect; we must show that we appreciate this, for most all the roads have closed abou: 25 per cent of the their offices, from what I can learn. Assist every way you can to get the line solid, so your local chairman can have a "say-so" when he goes before the chief with your grievance, then we can expect a better minimum for next year. Our local chairman's jurisdiction has been extended to Ooltewah Junction; won't some of you boys on the North End volunteer and assist him, or refer him to some one that will, for he sure will have his hands full now, and can not get an assistant, as he is not well acquainted with you boys, and needs some of you "hustlers;" let's hear from you.

Will ask you boys on North End to furnish me the "doings" of your pike, also you brothers South of Macon might furnish me the changes, so we can get a better "write-up" for next month.

Birmingham Division-

For the benefit of our far-away brothers, we will here state that the Birmingham Division of the Southern Railway, with the exception of four men that are eligible, is solid O. R. T.

Some time ago our local chairman was getting up funds for a worthy brother of the Knoxville Division, to assist in defraying his expenses while at the sanitarium, at Battle Creek, Mich. Those giving are as follows: Bro. C. E. Crawford, \$1.00; Bro. G. C. Dawson, \$1.00; Bro. A. L. Oden, \$1.50; Bro. E. E. Swafford, \$1.00; Bro. J. H. Jordan, \$1.00; Bro. S. E. Graham, \$1.00; Bro. M. A. Strickland, \$1.50; Bro. M. L. and Sister Gane, \$1.00; Bro. A. H. Jones, \$1.00; Bro. W. W. Jones, \$1.00; Bro. O. L. Eckwurzell, \$1.00; Bro. C. B. Isbell, 50 cents; Bro. F. L. Walker, 50 cents; Bro. U. V. Raley, 50 cents; Bro. W. C. Johnson, 50 cents; Bro. P. G. Clay, 50 cents; Bro. O. W. Shaver, \$1.50; Mr. C. M. Hankin and daughter, \$1.00; Mr. J. J. Andoe, 50 cents; Mr. G. Griffis, 50 cents. While we are advised, by our brother, that this was a very nice little amount from the division, we are satisfied that a much larger amount could have been secured, had our worthy local man been able to have made a canvass of the division.

There seems to be a great number of vacancies, and bulletins are coming fast. Parrish, Coalburg, Brookside, Short Creek, Letchers, River Side, Leeds and Temple are all under bulletin, having been closed for the past five months. We notice that our chief is hiring some new men too, watch them close as they come, and ascertain if they are of our number; if not, go after them in a brotherly way, and try and point out the good

things to him, show him his error, and we will almost make a wager that the first pay day, we will have the pleasure of entering his name on our division.

What is the matter with our brothers at Valley Creek Junction? Boys, do not let your dues run too long.

The writer has been to see Bro. Frix, and would be glad if every brother on the division would go to see him, for we can't all realize just what he has had to undergo.

We are advised that applications of Mr. W. H. Peace, G. E. Dawson, L. W. Bagwell, J. M. Laney, A. B. Frymire (of "SO" office) have all been forwarded to Bro. McDaniel, and that it won't be long before they will be so they can enter the division lodge room.

Boys, it seems that most of us are forgetting that, something like a year ago, Bro. Frix asked us all that we send to him a copy of our bids on vacancies, so that he might keep in close touch with us. Are we all doing it? Then again are we watching close on our over-time tickets, and do we call the attention of the dispatcher, should he overlook his hand and call us out more than three days in a week on the thirteen hour limit. It would be of great help to us all if we could watch, as well as pray, and when we think that we have been done an injustice we should all feel that it is our duty to try and amend the matter; then if we fail to satisfactorily adjust same, give to our local chairman. He has and is still willing to do, for all the best that he can. And it is far more than has ever been done on this division, for I have been here very close on to fourteen years, and am proud to say that better feelings I never saw exist between officials of the company and its employes.

We were glad to see the faces of our general chairman and general secretary and treasurer with us on last Sunday, the 11th, even though they could not stay but a few hours in the city. The general chairman says things are all in good shape.

Our Local Chairman, Bro. M. W. Frix, was called to Knoxville, Tenn., on the 10th, have not been able to learn for what cause.

Will all the brothers who have a non on either side of him, just make it a specialty to get a wayward one in, and do not rest until you have safely anchored him into the fraternity.

I wish to state here, that we are very glad indeed, to see that the division superintendent is strictly enforcing the "one minute whiskey cure" upon those of them that are caught; he gave all fair warning and told them what the results were, and as far as is known they have been carried out to a letter.

Business has had a decided increase in the past ten days, several train crews and good operators have been put back regular, and we are all very glad to see business coming back to normal again.

I want to ask that every man on the Birmingham Division get his old last month's journal, and read "The Drone and the Hog," and then compare them with ourselves and see which one we are.

We still note that the non will continue to ask for his noon-hour just the same, and that the time tickets come in daily to the chief dispatcher's office; they surely must have reversed that portion of the holy book, where it says, "It is more blessed to give than receive." Yet if we will only watch closely those nons that are cligible, and get them thoroughly trained, we can successfully anchor our boat without the aid or assistance of the heroes of 1900.

OLD TIMER.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an all-wise providence to remove from our midst, our brother and friend, A. S. Barnes, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of the most high, who doeth all things well, and

WHEREAS, We deeply feel the loss of our brother and esteemed friend, his wife and chlidren have lost a devoted husband and father, whose words of counsel, cheerful presence and untiring devotion to their welfare, can never be replaced, we feel that our loss is his gain eternally; therefore, be it

Resolved, That to the sorrowing wife and children, we tender our heart-felt sympathy and consolation, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our division, a copy to be published in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

M. W. FRIX, M. O. TRAVIS,

H. H. STOUDENMIRE,

Committee.

#### Coster Dinision-

Glad to see business picking up on this division. The output of Black Diamond is increasing rapidly and the prospects looks brighter than ever and feel sure that new offices will be opened in the near future, and all the brothers who were cut off during the reduction of forces will be back with us.

Bro. Sinchtner, agent at Oliver Springs, off a few days having some dental work done; relieved by Telegrapher Vance.

Bro. Smith, Washburn, off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Redmond.

Bro. Cooper, third trick Coal Creek, off a few days to get married.

Mr. Johnson, first trick Coster, has returned to third trick dispatcher's chair, Knoxville.

We are glad to see Bro. May back again as first trick at Coster.

Bro. Brown, second trick at Coster, off a few days fishing; relieved by Bro. Allan Needham.

The student business is getting mighty fine. "13" the one at Lone Mountain had to "23," and this cleans them all up on the "KC," and we hope that all the boys will keep them this way.

We are going to have joint meetings every month in Knoxville in a few weeks, as soon as we can make the necessary arrangements and we want every brother on Coster Division to try and come every month and enjoy a good time. Will notify all by notice in journal next month.

Glad to say there are only a few nons on Coster Division and hope to see them all lined up by the first of the year. Bro. Chas. Gray, our local chairman, is off now looking out for these nons.

So get busy, brothers, and help him out. He can't do it all. Would like to see some brother's name on the roll of honor from this division. With best wishes to all will ring off this time.

DIV. COR.

#### Between Morristown and Asheville-

When I saw Bro. Stafford's write-up in last month's journal it put me to thinking that we Morristown and Asheville every month. Contributing items to the journal is a very important matter and we should not fail to furnish our local correspondent with all the news we possibly can.

Brothers, the most serious thing between Morristown and Asheville seems to be the student questions. I don't know of any brothers who are teaching students, but I am sorry to say that there are several nons along the line who can't see far enough before their nose to know that when they are teaching students that they are working against their own interest as well as ours.

Second trick man at Bridge Port off a few days last week, being relieved by Operator Ball, a new man.

Mr. J. E. Peek, third trick man at Sandy Bottom, is now off for a few days, relieved by Operator West, another new man on this end.

Among the operators who attended the big Ringling show at Asheville last week was Bro. D. T. Haynie, of Barnard; Bro. C. M. Plemmons and Bro. J. R. Rogers, of Nocona, and Bro. J. J. Bailey, of Bailey. The boys all say that they had a good time on their trip.

CERT. 1609.

#### Queen & Crescent (North) Ry.

#### A. G. S. Division-

Bro. G. G. Thomas has just returned from a visit up in the mountains near Knoxville. He is doing the second trick job in "CS" office at present. Bro. Hickey relieved Thomas in "CS" office.

Bro. Jones, "F" office, off for awhile, relieved by Bro. Brice who says he hopes no one will be able to see him without an up-to-date card. Wish all were like him.

Bro. Thompson, "HD," off for about one month; relieved by Bro. Monroe, from Southern Ry, Birmingham.

Bro. Buchanan, of "HM," is at Somerset working a trick on the Chattanooga Division C. N. O. & T. P.

Bro. McCarson, of "HM," called around to see B. D. Stone, at "CS," when off on his vacation and reports everything in good condition around "HM." Mc is one of our true blue on this division.

Bro. F. M. Mitchell, formerly of Crudup, working third trick at Springville.

Understand Bro. Rogers, of Trenton, is off for sixty days' leave of absence. At this time don't know who is relieving him.

Glad to note Mr. Earl Sullivan, of Woodstock, has made application and received his card.

Bro. A. B. Willison, "GC," has just returned from a visit to his parents in the West.

Am advised by B. D. Stone, local chairman, that the boys have lost some interest in building up our division recently. We started off a month or so ago fine; all do what they can to keep the good thing moving. It seems that if the men, especially the nons, would take time to consider the importance of getting the machinery started and keep it moving the salary and working conditions would be a great deal better than they are at present. Are you that are taking life easy by ignoring correspondence you receive satisfied with what you are getting now? Do you know that if we all would act as some of the men who are on our division act we would have to seek some other means for supporting our families. Can't you see that living expenses are advancing with a jump every day and it will only be a matter of a short time until the necessities of life will be beyond our reach if we all keep a deaf ear turned to the men that are trying to build our division up, as some do on this line. I want to say that the time is almost ripe if a man don't take some interest in his own welfare he will be classed a notch lower than his fellow workers that are building up his craft. You men that are working eight hours, who shortened your hours? You can't say the O. R. T. did not do it. There are quite a few that are working eight and nine hours who worked twelve and thirteen before the national nine hour law was effective. Who is getting you the overtime that some of you nons are getting? You can't say the O. R. T. didn't do it. I know some on our divison that are making \$5.00 overtime each month, where they used to work this same overtime, getting nothing for it. Getting enough in two months to pay your dues for one year. There are several other things the O. R. T. has gotten for you and you still hang fire. What can you expect the men to think of you who are living this life, too hoggish to contribute \$10.00 annually to the O. R. T. to assist them in getting something clse for you? I want to say this is a serious matter when you look at it right. I hope all the good members and all interested in their own welfare will not leave a stone unturned until we burn the woods and sift the ashes. You all should look alread and be prepared for the future. We can't tell what will turn up. It might be necessary for us to be thoroughly organized to hold what we have now. I am sure we would not like to get our small salary sliced. On the other hand it will be necessary for us to be organized thoroughly to back the General Committee when they go before the management to get something better

for all concerned. You know if a general committee is working for something better for the men and know that they are solid they feel like making a firm stand, otherwise you can't expect much.

Bro. Stone advises that Bro. I. N. Atkinson, of Tuscaloosa, has been appointed assistant local chairman permanently, as Bro. V. O. Callahan is contemplating following other business. Any grievances the men have to take up can either be handled through Bro. Atkinson or Bro. Stone.

I wish to call your attention to handling grievences, as some of the men don't seem to understand handling such matters. First, if you have grievances to handle take the matter up with your superintendent or chief, and if you can't get the matter adjusted this way get a written statement from the official you took it up with and keep a copy of all correspondence, then take the matter to the local or assistant local chairman for adjusting and if the matter needs attention it will surely be handled. Don't be backwards in handling these matters, as that is what we have a contract for, to protect the men and get our rights. But I want to say if the matter is not handled properly as outlined above it will not be given any attention. The local chairman has received quite a number of grievances recently not handled properly which caused them to be dropped.

Anyone on our division wishing to give me news please send to me care Central Depot. Will be glad to write it up. I will appreciate anything from anyone to help us out and build up our division.

Understand the local chairman is figuring on getting someone's scalp for student teaching. It is reported that a certain man on our division is doing this and if it is so he had better watch out This man is a member and after taking our obligation when joining not to teach students, words can not express what he is equal to. A scab is too good to be classed with him. He will steal, lie or do anything, which is no worse than breaking that obligation. I hope none of our men are guilty of this and will never be, but it is so reported. Am unable to learn his name. I will find out by next write-up and I won't hesitate a moment in writing him up in the journal. You had better consider what you are doing before it is too late when you go to teaching the art of telegraphy. That has always been the drawback in this business now. Too many men ready to take the bread and butter out of their own mouth (not mentioning others) . for a little help around the freight house or for a few dimes.

Local Chairman B. D. Stone and our friend. Conductor McNutt, General Chairman O. R. C., prepared a subscription list for former Agent J. B. Payne, who is sick at Colorado Springs, Colo. Mr. McNutt collected \$28.00 on one trip for him. Bro. Payne did not ask for help from us, but he is in a very bad condition and unable to work and this amount will come in handy and I am sure he will appreciate it. We must stand by our brothers while in such condition. Bro. Payne has been sick for quite a while and has been unable

to work for nearly a year. He was a staunch O. R. T. man and we all that know him feel that it is our duty to lend a helping hand to him while he is unable to work. Let us all hope that he will soon be able to be with us again.

I have not received any notes from any of the boys out on the line this month. If all of you will get busy and help me out on this I will assure you a good line-up each month. I can not keep up with the happenings out on the line without the assistance of the boys, so will not some of you boys who only work eight hours help me out in getting a line-up each month? I will greatly appreciate it.

Whatever you do don't lose interest in building up the Order and try to do something to better your condition as well as others. When we lose interest in our organization we are losing all, so get your head to working right.

DIV. Con.

# The Baltimore & Ohio S. W. Ry.

Ohio and Indiana Divisions—

A good many of you sleepy members of Division No. 74 thought this division had ceased to do business, didn't you? Well, we have not; there are a few decidedly live wires among us yet and we will soon have the ball rolling as lively as ever.

A joint meeting of the Ohio and Indiana Divisions was held at the Dennison Hotel, October 8th, at which General Chairman Peck presided. The following members were also present: Bros. Turner and Fitch, of the general committee, and Bros. Wires, Keck, Kerr, Young, Rawlins, Roller, Huber, Johnson, Christopher, Schooley, Burton, Carrico, Harper, Nixon, McKay, Davis, Sutton and Howard.

A few important subjects were brought up and discussed, the most important one, the non question. Brother, is there a non working next door to you or in your office? If there is make all possible effort to get him into the fold. Explain what we have done to elevate him socially and financially, show him his mistake, plead with him with tears in your eyes if necessary, to get him in.

Something like a year ago a certain telegrapher on this road was summarily dismissed. He was a non, the officials knew it and he was proud of it. The reckoning came; he thought it was not fair and took it upon himself to get himself reinstated. He went from one to the other to no avail. He got to one of the high officials; that official's first question was, "Do you belong to the O. R. T.?" Thinking his truthful answer would be in his favor he answered, "No, sir." The answer he got made him stare in wonder. It was: "My boy, it's no use; the fire is out; if you have no one to fight this case but yourself we will abide by Mr. .....'s decision and consider the matter closed." Mr. Non, what do you think of that? How would you like to be dismissed for an unjust cause? You no doubt would have the same success. Take heed, in time of peace prepare for war.

How many brothers of other divisions know that there is a Division No. 74 or where it is located? Not very many. Why? Because in the

last four or five months there has been just one little piece from some other restless brother who desired to know who we were and where we were from Brothers, come out of that trance and get busy; let the country know who we are.

We, the members of this division, are thought-lessly breaking our contract with the company more times than the officials do so intentionally. We do not demand our rights. We can not expect to get any better treatment than we are getting if we do no make our complaints known. A committee can not work on supposition or on air. Kick if you have a kick coming and I'll guarantee you get your rights.

CALAMITY HAP.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has removed from our midst our chief dispatcher, Mr. J. E. Pollock. In manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern System Divison No. 74, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved widow and family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and a copy be sent to cur official organ for publication.

C. H. CHRISTOPHER,

O. F. KECK,

H. F. HOWARD,

Committee.

Inda. Division-

The meeting held at Dennison House, Cincinnati, October 8th was well attended. A number of important questions were discussed and it was unanimously agreed that Bro. W. Wires, Local Chairman Ohio Division, must be put back to work. Bro. Wires was dismissed on one of the filmsiest reasons imaginable.

The members on the Ohio Division should awaken to the fact that they have no sinecure on their present salary and working conditions and the only way to hold our own is to stay with the organization which has brought the telegrapher to the present high condition, compared to a few years since. I am certain our working condition would not have been improved had we not been organized nearly solid.

CERT. 277.

#### C. & N. W. Ry.

Dakota Division-

Bro. E. Finnerty found the manual work at Hitchcock too heavy and gave that station up, returning to his old job at Centerville, days. J. W. Mattis relieved "FY" for a few days until the bulletin was settled when it was found that Bro. J. S. Fillis had drawn that station. Mattis was then sent to Huron nights, to relieve Dickson, who in turn relieved Bro. Clyde Albright, who received Carthage on the bulletin. Clyde is now back in his old barrel after having secured a piece of land west of the river and we can expect him to

curl up in the shavings and take things easy for a while.

Bro. E. A. Nohlgren, of Estelline, has returned from Minneapolis and for a few days was very busy attending a law suit at Castlewood. Bro. Nohlgren intends to take a trip to New Mexico and look 1.p a location in that country. He has the promise of a good position with the Rock Island people in that State. There is no doubt that he will make good if he takes the work. Mr. W. J. Vanderhoof is relieving him during his absence.

There are a very few of the boys who have not paid up at this writing, but everyone of them can be depended on to fix things up before it is too late. We need have no fear from this point, but the nons are entirely too numerous and a few of the paid ups are trying to get the best ones. At this time it is noticeable that their efforts are not in vain, as six new members have been secured this month beside two transfers.

The "Pumpkin vine" seems to have jabbed itself with a pin and started something. Mr. O. P. Taylor is to go to Hendricks, Bro. Rollins goes from Hendricks to St. Lawrence and Mr. N. Nelson takes Ivanhoe.

Bro. P. E. Long has resigned from the services of the C. & N. W., and left for parts unknown, although it is thought that he is on the N. P., as he often spoke of going to that road. Bro. Long was formerly with the Pennsylvania and has always intended to go further west, but like the rest of us he kept putting it off until he seemed to be a permanent fixture. Mr. Duderey relieved "P" at Tyler, third.

Bro. J. F. Truax took a vacation and examined the many beautiful places in the Black Hills. Bro. Fillis relieved him.

F. D. Steadman, who is well known to most of us, has returned from the Sunny South and is now third trick dispatcher on the P. R. C., at Pierre.

Bro. J. A. Frederickson was taken suddenly sick with appendicitis, the worst of it being that he could not get a doctor, as the local doctor was flat on his back with the same trouble. Bro. R. J. Holmes was immediately sent to relieve "F," who went to the hospital the same night.

Bro. R. E. Holbrook, who had been relie ing Dickson at Cavour, first trick, was transferred to Soo Valley, first, relieving Deckross, who was sent to Brookings as third man when that position was reopened. Bro. W. D. Boh relieved Holbrook at Cavour.

Bro. T. E. Williams, of the Pennsylvania, is working second at Lake Benton.

October 10th Mr. W. W. Goodykoontz died at his home in Mason City, Ia. Mr. Goodykoontz was chief train dispatcher on this division and later trainmaster, and in both positions he gave the best of service. We have never had and probably never will have a chief who was thought of as much as was Mr. Goodykoontz. He always gave a man what he asked for if there was any way possible for him to do so if the request was reasonable and oftentimes put himself to a great

deal of trouble to help his men. He was always requested to speak at our meetings and generally did so. At first his talks frightened some to think that a chief would talk as straight from the shoulder as he did, but as we grew better acquainted with him we welcomed his presence and were pleased to listen to him.

When this appears it will be about time for the payment of semi-annual dues and I would like to impress upon your minds what prompt payment of dues means to the officers of the Order. In the first place, these "I promise to pay" talks do not count up in the percentage when it is figured. Nothing but paid-ups are in the count. At this writing there are a few who have not paid up and while I feel that there is little to fear of their dropping out, still there is that feeling that a person must have when a thing is uncertain. Secondly, a delinquent is an expense. After a certain length of time we must write him and the least you can figure is five cents per letter; if there are twenty delinquents there goes a dollar which we will have to make up at the next meeting or some other way, but we must have the money. And last but not least it is a very bad habit. We have one member who rarely pays up until about June and November. He is a good railroad man and one of our best members and a hard worker, but he simply keeps putting off the remitting of the \$5.00 until he has to or be on the down and out list. Some day he will forget it at the last minute and he will be a common non, but I think he will come back, as he is that kind. I think it useless to put this matter off; my dues are paid for the first half of 1909 and I understand one brother has gone me one better and paid for all of 1909. Come in, the water's fine.

Bro. N. L. Cass, of Miller, took a few days layoff, being relieved by Mr. Barber. On Cass' return Barber relieved Bro. J. T. Carl at Wessington a few days.

With the exception of two crews the west end is through with the gravel work and the boys seem to be glad of it. Bro. Wilson, at Wolsey, is especially glad to see them go, as he handled between 100 and 200 checks per month for the Dagoes, and we know there is plenty of work at "WO" without importing any.

Class R engines are now running west of Huron and it is a common sight to see the boys standing with mouths open watching the big ones go by. Wait until you see the R-1's. A new passing track has been put in at Wolsey which will accommodate these engines and a train. This will save a lot of "sawing by."

H. A. STIMSON.

Madison Division-

The old Madison Division is doing a rushing business these days. Every one is busy and many telegraphers unable to take a vacation, as the stock of extra telegraphers have gotten pretty low, they going to other roads.

We all like to see lots of business, as that means bigger earnings to the company and, possibly, to the telegraphers.



But there is one thing we do not like to see, that is some have not paid up their general and local dues. Next month we will publish a complete list of these members, as no doubt it has slipped their memory and they will no doubt square themselves.

We have a couple of agents who paid one assessment, then dropped out. That is, they joined when they learned our committee was going in for a revision of the schedule, thinking, no doubt, they would be benefited thereby. Not wishing anyone bad luck, but we expect that our committee will be able to get this class of men what they want.

Still, these instances do not discourage us, as the local chairman and local secretary and treasurer have been kept pretty busy supplying the nons, both telegraph and telephone men, with blanks, and by December 1st we will again be solid, which will help us all, as most of us realize that there will be a revision of the schedule about January 1st. By that time things will have shaped themselves so everything can be settled fairly to all concerned.

There is one thing we have noticed and, by the way, it is so different from the experience we had with telegraphers. That is, as you all know, we have taken the inexperienced men that this company have been hiring as telephone men and we have trained them so now, as far as the telephone permits, they can do the business in turn for our doing them a good turn, they, almost to a man, are joining the O. R. T. No need to tell them why they have a job, they know that it is through the O. R. T. that the Federal law was passed, and that through the O. R. T. the telegraphers' salary has been kept up, and should the O. R. T. become weak the telegraphers' and telephoners' salary would be reduced; accordingly, therefore, they are joining for the simple reason of protecting themselves and bettering their condition.

If the telegraphers had been half as willing to join in the past we would have had nearer the \$75 minimum that we have heard so much about than the \$52.50.

There are none of us that think we are getting as much as we should for the responsibility that rests upon us, and the company knows it. Work for the company's interest and keep up-to-date in the O. R. T., attend every meeting you possibly can and thereby keep abreast with what the O. R. T. is doing, that and only that will help us to get more for our services. We need more salary in order to live like Americans should; we need more salary so we may lay a little by for sickness and old age. Very few of the telegraphers on this division can do so and feed and educate a family.

Brothers, we have as square a set of officials, both general and division. They are looking for our co-operation; they know we are looking for more money and other concessions, and we are sure they will admit that they never had better service than they are getting, and cheaper, because there is not a telegrapher who has not been burdened with more work, either through increase

in business or through extra work, because of the telephone. Therefore, it stands to reason that we should get something for this extra work, beside the increased cost of living and other expenses. A few years ago we got board for \$2.50 a week, now most of us have to pay \$5, just double as much. So there is a reason, as our friend, Mr. Post would say, why we should stick to the O. R. T. and try and better ourselves. Therefore, all who are shy an up-to-date card and have not paid their local dues, can help matters by squaring up.

Bro. Tomlin bid in Beloit, first trick, instead of Bro. C. B. Adams, as reported last month. Fred has not taken charge of Beloit yet. We "13" he is out West on a vacation. An operator who answers to the name of Regan is holding Beloit, first trick, at present.

The linemen are busy stringing the telephone wires, Evansville to Belvidere and Harvard, and telephones have been ordered for this district. When the 'phones are in order it will relieve the south end dispatcher, as at present he works the 'phone Baraboo to Janesville, the wire Evansville to Harvard, and the west end wire, making three sets of instruments to keep tab on.

Bro. M. H. Keefe, who made his relatives and friends a visit at Trempealeau, is back to work. He was relieved, second trick at Evansville, by W. F. Holden.

Bro. P. M. Keefe is working the side wire nights in dispatcher's office, Baraboo, and Bro. Edw. Welch is relieving him, second trick at Madison.

There has been quite a change in Madison office. The old desk has been taken out and a new one put in with all the newest conveniences. The hours have been changed. Bro. C. N. Schleck working first trick, 7 a. m. to 4 p. m.; the second trick is 1 p. m. to 10 p. m., and third trick is 10 p. m. to 7 a. m. Bro. Durkopp is working third trick.

O. C. Evans, who hails from Dane, relieved Bro. Welch, third trick at Monona yard, "M." E. Heiners, who held it down for a while, went to tower "Z," south end of the Wisconsin River bridge.

W. F. Holden relieved Evans, who went to Mendota to relieve W. J. Riney, third trick, Mr. Riney taking a trip to Texas and the Southwest.

Bro. Welch has resumed work at Monona yard, "M," and W. F. Holden has gone to Madison, second trick.

W. J. Towers, from Merrimac, relieved Bro. C. Hansen at Monona yard, "M," first trick. Bro. Hansen was on the sick list, but has resumed work again.

Evans, Heiners, Riney and Towers are telephone men, but they will soon have the goods.

Bro. J. H. Meiers is the latest to get a number and his name in our book. Who will be next?

Bro. H. R. Pigg is touring in the Dakotas. He is sure he has lost at least \$10,000 because he could not get released in time to register in the Tripp County drawing. Well, that much money would have spoilt a good telegrapher.

Bro. Fred Tisher, second trick, is relieving Bro. Pigg, first trick at Merrimac, "BR," and E. L. Canney is relieving Bro. Tisher.

Bro. Elsner is working second trick at South Baraboo, "BY," while Bro. Heiners was on the tracer job.

F. E. Warner resumed his duties on the "B" job the 21st, after a month on the cross line dispatching.

G. A. Cole is working the cross line and all the other dispatchers in the office are back on their regular tricks.

V. R. Harding is back on the tracer job, after being off a month. He had an attack of appendicitis.

Mr. M. E. Patterson, south end dispatcher, is back, after an extended visit in the West; much improved in health.

Mr. A. A. Pelnar, night chief, is off on a week's hunting trip, Mr. J. H. Hill acting night chief meanwhile.

Bro. S. C. Potter, second trick at Elroy, resigned on short notice, and Bro. Elsner went there to take charge.

Bro. C. C. Hinners is at Ipswich, relieving Bro. Lang, the agent, who is in poor health. Bro. Main is working third trick at Baraboo, "BY," meanwhile.

Bro. C. M. Cronk, agent at Montfort, made a trip to Onalaska to visit friends. He has been given an operator and Miss E. M. Matthews has this position.

J. E. Maudry has been discharged and L. M. Gaylord has charge of West Salem as assistant to Bro. Wilcox, agent, and E. D. Wilson, from Okee, has gone to Rockland in place of Gaylord.

Bro. F. E. Lynn is back at Dodgeville, after his honeymoon. E. L. Canney relieved him during his absence.

Schneider Lodge sent a floral O. R. T. design, our expression of sincere sympathy, to the funeral of Bro. Crivitz.

Mr. F. J. Meimert is acting agent at Lake Mills, vice Mr. A. W. Gordon, who bid in Dodgeville. The members are asking, why does not an agent belong, when our committee got a \$15 increase in salary a month, \$180 a year for them; they got a schedule that requires positions to be bulletined. On this bulletin he gets one of the best positions on the division. What more does a man want from the O. R. T. before he will join?

It costs \$1 a month to be an up-to-date member on this division.

The last pay-day must have supplied some of the brothers with money, as we received several letters with remittances of local dues. There are yet a few who are in arrears. Let's hear from you; there is a reason.

DIV. COR.

#### Ashland Division, North End-

Bro. H. W. Bruss, Three Lakes, who has been away on an extended trip out West, has returned to work. Mr. C. H. Thomas took care of things during the time.

Bro. J. Gill, Hurley, off on a few weeks' vacation in Southern Wisconsin.

Operators Fuchs and Brady, both from the south end, took a whack at Wakefield during Mr. Blodgett's absence.

Bro. A. J. Bigford, regular third trick man at Rhinelander, relieved Bro. Gill, at Hurley, for a few weeks, but has returned to his own post and Operator Brady is at present working at Hurley.

Bro. W. H. Drumm had third trick at Rhinelander while Bigford was away.

Bro. E. G. Manthey, first trick at Ironwood, off all the month of September, visiting friends and relatives in Wisconsin.

H. Heinrichs, who had the agency at Mercer some years ago, is again with us and holds the same position. Can not say if he is still a brother.

Bro. I. E. Hackett, who has been employed as clerk at Ironwood freight house for some time, has quit that job and accepted a position with the Cudahy Packing Company in the same city.

Bro. A. E. Irelan, who has been working on the south end for some time, has returned to this end, and is at present agent at State Line.

Bro. D. E. Lamon is holding down the clip job in Ashland dispatcher's office, which position was opened up temporarily recently.

Bro. J. B. Duval left Hurley some time ago to accept a position in dispatcher's office out West, but he has not been heard from, so can not say where he is located or how he is prospering.

Bro. J. L. Burgar, who is now located in the ticket office at Milwaukee, spent a few days at Manitowish and Mercer, fishing.

Mr. W. C. Marksman resumed work as agent at Watersmeet, after being off two months; made a trip through the West, Mr. Downie relieving him, Bro. P. R. Matz relieving Mr. Downie.

Bro. Matz now relieving Bro. P. J. Meredith at Gogebic, who is off on a month's vacation and honeymoon in Iowa and Nebraska.

L. C.

Sioux City Division-

Bro. H. F. Jorgenson laid off a few days and is visiting relatives in Sioux City and Herrick, S. D.

Several of the boys on this division went to Dallas and O'Neil to register for some South Dakota land. Have not heard whether they were lucky enough to make a strike, except H. P. Jacobson, cashier at Onawa, who drew a lucky mumber.

I understand Bro. Snyder, agent at Casland, has resigned and will go on mail route.

I. L. Dick, formerly agent at Galva, is now working "UD" office.

Bro. Nicholson is holding down Galva while Mr. Dick is at "UD," Sioux City.

Bro. F. H. Baker has now got an operator of his own at Wall Lake.

W. E. Roberts, agent at Turin, laid off for a few days; relieved by Bro. W. C. Block.

Bro. T. M. Noe laid off a few days, which he spent in Dakota, visiting his father, Bro. F. M.



Noe, fermerly of Auburn. Bro. Depew relieved Bro. Noe, and Bro. Haasch relieved Bro. Depue.

Bro. Depue goes to relieve Bro. Snyder at Morille, for a few days.

DIV. Cor.

#### L. S. Division-

The meeting held at Sheboygan was quite well attended, but there is a lot of room for improvement in the attendance, and I hope in future the brothers will turn out as well as the branch boys do. Some of them drove as much as fourteen miles to attend.

The meeting we held at Gillett a fcw months ago was such that it would appear the branch boys take much more interest in what is going on about them, notwithstanding the difficulties under which they labor as to train service.

We are sorry to learn of the sickness of Bro. McIllre, and hope to see him back in the harness again soon.

K. S. Weeman has resigned from Showans and accepted another position with a firm of the same town, keeping books.

There seems to be a decided failure in promptly attending to the payment of dues by some of the membership. Of course there is no danger of them dropping out, but a little more attention, brothers, will greatly assist our G. S. and T., and relieve him of very much extra work.

There have been a number of changes on this division lately, viz., Showano, Mequon, first trick telegrapher and leverman at Montrose Junction, second trick at Calumet yard, and Manitowoc second trick have all been advertised and secured by the different bidders entitled to them. They have also put on a second trick at Cleveland, which was secured by a non.

We have a few new men working on the pike now. One is a C. T. U. of A. man, but we "13" the rest of them are nons. Look out for the local chairman, he is hot on your trail and when he does catch you hope you will make good.

There seems to be very little interest shown on this division by our correspondents, but you can bet they would begin to look wise in case of a reduction in our wages. These being the first items from this division for months. If every one would pitch in and each one help a little, we could always have a fair write-up in the journal. There is only one way to accomplish anything, and that is all the same way and together.

#### Wisconsin Division-

Bro. Curtis, of "NI" tower, and Mr. Atkins, agent at Central Street, attended services at the Christian Science Church in Evanston a few Sundays ago.

Bro. Wightman enjoyed a two weeks' vacation in September and visited friends in Southeastern Ohio, also a short trip to Buffalo and Niagara Falls. He was relieved by Mr. Rutledge.

The preliminary work of elevating the tracks between Calvary and Central street, Evanston, is now under way, a third track and several retaining walls being in course of construction. Bro. Anholt, of "PK," took a two weeks' vacation in September and visited St. Paul and other points of interest in Minnesota.

It seems that Mr. Syverson does his best to relieve the boys as per their requests for vacations, which is certainly appreciated.

Bro. Newnham, of Waukegan, has been off on a vacation. He also was relieved by Mr. Rutledge.

Bro. John Knollmueller is working the third trick at Sangamon Street. We now have two brothers working at this tower, Bro. Scanlan working the second trick. Bro. Scanlan was off duty for a few days and visited old friends in Iowa, among whom was Bro. James Troy.

Rose Hill tower went into service October 8th.

This is a non-telegraph office and has two twelve-hour jobs.

Cor.

#### Peninsula Division-

The ore season is now at its best and the members of this division are all as busy as bees. Changes have not been very numerous the past month, and the writer has very little to offer.

Contrary to the usual custom ore trains are being run on Sundays, which makes much additional work, but it is something we are all glad to see, as it holds quite a few positions open for operators.

Bro. Molloy, of "GD," made a trip west to file on land in Tripp County. He was relieved by Bro. Crikelair.

Bro. Damitz reports a fine time in Indiana, where he went with the militia. He was relieved by Bro. Lewis, of Little Lake.

Bro. Craig is at present with the gravel trains on the west end.

Bro. L. V. Johnson is again working the side wire in "SC" office.

Bro. Lehman relieved Bro. Huss at Bark River for a week.

Mr. McCarthy, who started at Little Lake, is now working second trick at Menominee, relieving Bro. Lehman.

Are your dues paid up-to-date. If not, get in line.

#### Minnesota Division-

W. A. Crany off a few days this month; relieved by T. C. Ferris, second trick man, at Rochester, who in turn was relieved by H. Sorenson, the third trick man at Rochester.

E. W. Hiffernan, and O. Ellert took a flying trip North, looking up land; both were relieved by Frank Hagerman, once a telegrapher on this division.

Fourth telegrapher put on at Tracy during the rush. G. E. Black holding this down at this time.

Kasson, days, open again, much to Bro. Brown's satisfaction.

J. G. Johnson secured Mankato, second trick, by bulletin.

H. Plath, who for some time has been second trick man, at New Ulm, has resigned, and I

understand has gone into some business of his

G. W. Hunt worked a few days at Sanborn, while W. J. Volz was away.

F. A. Bieresdorf spent a few days in Dakota, looking for a piece of land.

G. W. Cotton doing a small turn in the dispatcher's office; relieved by G. W. Hunt, at the crossing.

J. B. Carpenter took a few weeks' vacation last month.

I was unable to give you a write-up last month, on account of having more than I could attend to in other matters. I fully expected to see something in the September journal, regarding the meeting, as I was unable to attend. I was under the impression that I had it all fixed up with other members. As it didn't show up I will endeavor to do better next time.

ACTING DIV. COR.

# . C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.

Nebraska Division-

The great land lottery, at Dallas, is over, and the boys who went up and registered and did not draw are trying to recover from their disappointment. None of the boys, that I am aware of, drew claims. Too bad too, for there might be some promising farmers in some of us, who knows.

Bro. Barge, agent, Hoskins, was off a few days, and put in his bid; relieved by Operator W. D. Whitaker, Likewise Bro. Jones, of Jackson, also relieved by Mr. Whitaker; but we now learn that Bro. Jones drew the day telegraph job at Bloomfield, one of the restored positions on last schedule, so that will throw agency at Jackson on the list next month.

Bro. Hinman, nights, at Oakland, drew the day telegraph job, at Hartington; another of the restored positions, and Bro. Thompson, from I don't know where, is holding down the night stunt at Oakland. Glad to see a new man come on the job with an up-to-date, that's the kind of men we like to see come on the division.

Bro. C. A. Whitaker, agent, New Castle, was off a few days, viewing the wheels of fortune, at Dallas relieved by Bro. Wallahan, from Wayne. Bro. Wallahan also relieved Bro. Germain. at Hartington, who went to register, then returned to his position at Wayne, being relieved there by Operator Foutts, recently of Wakefield.

Bro. Buchanan also worked a few days at Wayne, for Bro. Wallahan, then went to Carroll, where he relieved Bro. Candor for a week.

Operator Foutts also relieved Bro. Wilson, at Coleridge, for a few days, then went to Crofton for the same purpose.

Mr. Briggs, agent, at Wausa, took a vacation from September 15th to October 10th, visiting some of his old haunts, down on the C. & N. W., and was relieved by Bro. Wallahan.

Bro. Anderson, telegrapher, at Bancroft, drew Winside agency, on the last bulletin. Bro. Barge, from Hoskins, bid it in first, but afterwards withdrew his bid for some reason. That left it to the next oldest man, Bro. Anderson.

Bro. Schrumpf was regularly installed as agent at Laurel.

Operator James Mathews, second trick, at Wakefield, bid in second trick at Emerson.

Bro. Heyer drew night telegrapher, at North yard.

Bro. Buchanan worked three days for Bro. Crouch, at Tekamah, while the latter did the moving act.

I wish to thank Bro. Wallahan, Bro. Jones and Bro. Johnson for notes sent in, and any others who have put me next to things happening along the line. Keep it up boys, and we will have a letter each month.

DIV. Cor.

#### Wisconsin Division, Eastern District-

Local Chairman Marquette, of the Northern District, went over the division recently, and cleaned up several of the telephoners who had been outside the breastworks. He also called on those who had grievances, and some who merely thought they had. As a result of his trip he brought in several applications, and left the membership on the district thoroughly imbued with the spirit of unionism. Mark surely is the right man in the right place, and the members on his district can rest easy in the knowledge that a vigilant guard will be maintained over their interests, while he is on the job.

The telephoners on the Eastern District are lining up in good shape, thereby proving that they know on which side their bread is buttered. Their action will place the organization in a position to ask that the telephone jobs be placed in the schedule that they be granted the same privileges as telegraphers in the matters of bulletins, switch lights, overtime, scrubbing, etc. This will also result in a protection to our members who remained in thier positions when the phone was substituted for the telegraph, as in case phone positions were not scheduled those men would lose their rights. It is to the interest of every member to line up the few remaining phoners and explain to them the benefits to be derived from concerted action as demonstrated by this organization on the Omaha, during the past six

"Mr." J. A. Devine drew Altoona, on the September bulletin. The bulletin rule is a pretty nice thing. How much better it would be if all those who take advantage of it could say that they helped to pay for it.

Bro. Kanar is still on the go. He is now relieving Bro. Blake, at Itasca, while the latter is enjoying his honey-moon. Bro. Blake and bride enjoyed a visit of several days in the twin cities.

Bro. Fred Leiser is back again, on the second trick, at Hudson, after a visit of two months in the West.

Bro. Bill Oldham is also back from a trip in the West.

Extra Dispatcher Tower is now acting as clerk for Assistant Superintendent Nash.

Mr. Rosencranz is acting as telegrapher, at Altoona, pending the arrival of Devine.

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#### Minnesota Division-

We are in receipt of a postal card from Bro. G. V. Cook, who is away on his wedding trip, to St. Louis, Mo., and Rolla, Mont. A second card addressed from St. Louis, said that he had been shown all through the O. R. T. headquarters, and that every one he met therein showed him that the Big Button is welcome around there. Bro. Cook was relieved by Bro. C. A. Leatherman.

We are in receipt of a letter from our old friend and Bro. C. G. Knapp, who is still at Atlanta, Ga. He has asked me to give his "73" to all the boys, and I will take this opportunity of doing so.

Bro. R. Burdick, of Madelia, is enjoying his vacation; relieved by Bro. J. F. Jansen. Bro. Jansen is relieved by Bro. R. L. Hart, from the I. C., at Dubuque, Ia.

Bro. McGinty has returned to Western Ave., after several months' in the dispatcher's office, at St. James, the cause of which is the abolishing of the fourth trick telegrapher's position.

New positions were created this month as follows: Third trick telegrapher's position, at Blue Earth, Kasota and Le Sueur, and second trick telegrapher's position, at Ottawa.

In order to hold Bro. G. H. Schneiderhan in the service, he was put in at Minneopa, on second trick, for a few nights, which left Bro. Sheets out, later he was sent to Carnes to relieve Bro. G. W. Martin; Bro. Sheets resuming at Minneopa. Bro. Martins was up looking over his Michigan land, which was burned over with the forest fires; he says the fire did good work for him, clearing off his land, which otherwise would have been quite a task.

Bro. E. E. Stolte, after several days' relieving at Heron Lake, which enabled Mr. Ross to take a vacation, is now visiting at Elmore.

The new third trick position at, Le Sueur, has been temporarily filled by Bro. C. R. Williams, who will be remembered as the night telegrapher at Minneopa, several years ago; he was relieved by Mr. E. Ziezarth, the regularly assigned man.

Brother J. H. Johnson, at Shakopee, is taking a few days off; relieved by Bro. C. R. Williams.

Bro. Joe. Glancy, of Winnebago, has been called to his home at Shakopee, on account of the illness of his wife; is relieved by Bro. G. H. Schneiderhan.

Bro. N. D. Watson, of Fairmont, made it possible for Bro. Wagner, of Garden City, to register for a piece of "South Dakota Rosebud." Mr. Burdick, the agent, relieved Bro. Watson with the wire work, and Mr. Griffith, of Blue Earth, assisted Mr. Burdick.

Mr. and Mrs. Costello and baby, Sundayed at the parental home, at Lime Creek, the 18th inst. We are sorry to learn of the illness of Telegrapher Christenson's two children, at Worthington, and trust it will not prove of a serious nature.

On account of sickness C. G. Coulter was relieved, at Le Sueur, a few days, by Bro. C. R. Williams. Later Bro. Williams took up, temporarily, third trick, at Kasota.

New Local Division Cards are being printed, and one will be mailed to each of you so that you can keep a true account of your standing in that department, and it is to be hoped that you will endeavor to assist Bro. Wagner to keep the office up to the high standard that Bro. Atkinson has brought it to.

Brother Kilberg has taken up his duties again, at Minneopa, after a month's vacation, and Bro. Sheets is open for an engagement.

We are pleased to learn that the division, as far as its membership is concerned, is again in exceptionally good condition, and also that several new members have been added to our membership roll; the latest addition is Bros. Harlan Sheets and C. A. Hendricks, new members, and Bro. R. W. Walkley, transferred.

A series of union meetings are being held over the system, for the purpose of explaining the proposed Hospital-Pension Plan. All that can possibly to so should attend these meetings, as some valuable information pertaining to the plan will be obtained. Later the plan will be put to a vote, and you then should be in a position to vote on the question intelligently.

Bro. C. T. Shier, of Savage, registered at the Rose Bud drawing. Mrs. Shier and baby, visited with friends at Winnebago, while Charles was trying to make his fortune.

Bro. A. J. Ehrisman, of Rushmore, absent from duties a short time; was relieved by Bro. E. E. Stolte.

Bro. Anderson was relieved, at Mitchell, by Bro. Feyder, the regularly assigned man; he then relieved Bro. Westbrook, at Sioux Falls, who in turn relieved Bro. Casperson, at Kasota. The latter and wife visited in Milwaukee.

On account of a badly sprained wrist, Bro. Richmond was compelled to lay of a few days; he was relieved by Bro. Westbrook, who hopes to be able to take up his assigned position at Sibley, when Bro. Richmond returns.

Friend Machsteen filled the chair very nicely, during "Pap" Cards absence, in Chicago.

Bro. Vincent is now nicely located at Merriam, and fills the bill to a nicety.

Bro. Jamieson, of Lake Crystal, visited a few days at the parental roof, Beaver Creek; was relieved by Mr. C. A. Hendricks, who became a member before leaving Lake Crystal. Upon Bro. Jamieson's return, Bro. Hendricks relieved at Madelia.

#### M. & I. Division Meeting-

The attendance at the Lake Crystal meeting, Sunday, October 18th, was not so large as a number of the meetings heretofore, but what was lacking in crowd was made up in enthusiasm. There were nineteen members present.

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On account of the train from the west being over an hour late, things were somewhat delayed all around, but promptly on arrival of it, and after Bro. Tenney had "Staunched" the cow, we repaired to the lodge hall; a short time was given over to sociality, after which we repaired to the "White Swan Restaurant," to satisfy the inner man. The meal was exceptionally fine, and many were the compliments paid the congenial landlord and landlady, Mr. and Mrs. Slatlery.

After supper the crowd gathered in the hall again, where a box of the "Blue Label" cigars was opened, and the boys "smoked up."

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Tenney, at 9:00 p. m.

Business of the evening was taken up, and Bro. Wagner, of Garden City, was duly elected Custodian to fill the vacancy caused by Bro. Atkinson's resignation.

The question of the Hospital-Pension Plan was brought up and quite thoroughly gone over.

The Custodian's report was read and accepted. Local Chairman Tenney gave a short talk regarding the standing of the membership on the division, asking each member to notify him of any member attached to other divisions, so that steps might be taken to have him transferred to our division, also that each member should notify him of the name and location of any non-member on the division. Too much notice can not be paid to this importance, as much depends upon the strength of our organization; whose efforts are beneficial both to the company and the organization at large.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p. m. to enable the boys going West to take their train at 12:02 a. m. Cert. 251.

#### Wisconsin Division, Northern District-

Following are the assignments for the month of September: Bepdenville, agent and telegrapher, A. W. Nordholm; Burkhardt, agent and telegrapher, E. W. Otto; Chotek, agent and telegrapher, C. Whitaker; Hersey, agent and telegrapher C. R. Dopkins; Eleva, agent and telegrapher, J. H. Mulvaney; Altoona, first trick, none yet; New Richmond, third trick, C. M. Stricker; Barronett, second trick, A. B. Clock.

I am glad to hear that the Radisson Line is solid with the exception of one, Mr. J. M. Ralke, at Radisson. He will be a full fledged member by the time this is in print, making this line solid.

At Winter, Bro. Scott temporarily relieved by Bro. L. N. Judge. Div. Cor.

#### Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City Ry.

Have just been reading some of the late numbers of The Telegrapher, and if you will pardon me for the liberty I take would like to give you a little of my experience way back in the 80's? I have been out of the service for several years, but my mind goes back when the O. R. T. was in its infancy and the uphill work we had to do trying to get things to stick. It was discouraging

and I couldn't blame the boys for getting disheartened and turning loose, but a few of the faithful, myself among the number, stuck to it and today, while I am not a member, I feel proud of the Order and well repaid for my efforts, and would urge every telegrapher to swear by the Order. I was in the service when salaries were down and every change that was made the salary would be cut accordingly, and for a man to show his head in the interest of the Order was only to invite a little target practice from the railroad efficials, and we all knew what it meant to take an active part in it. But some had enough of the genuine manhood in their makeup to come out in the open and fight, even if they were blacklisted.

In those days an agent or operator worked when called on and that was pretty near all the time. All agents were provided with bed rooms adjoining the office and were not allowed to go away from the depot to sleep unless he happened to have a night man, which was very seldom. Local freights would come in at all times of night and unload freight on platform and agent was supposed to get up and receive it. Such things as porters were unknown at the smaller agencies; an agent was supposed to handle freight, check baggage, sell tickets, scrub the office, clean the windows, cut wood for the stoves, keep fires, carry the mail, O. S. trains, take orders, clean and light the switch lamps and other little jobs around and never leave the office only to run to his meals when he could find time, and for this he was paid from \$35.00 to \$45.00, and extra good jobs would sometimes pay \$50.00. Things have changed since then, and operators are considered something more than beasts of burden. On this road I know the operators are paid very well. Some jobs only pay \$42.50, but that is more than they are worth, when you consider the work to do. Salaries run from \$47.50 to \$75.00 and \$100.00 only in a few Where there is nothing to do, not even O. S. trains, they are paid \$42.50 and \$45.00. They have the express and this makes very nice little pension. They have a good schedule and are allowed liberal hours and overtime; in fact, a liberal schedule and as fine a set of officers as I ever was with.

Mr. A. T. Church, superintendent Mobile division, is a man that appreciates his men and treats them well. The general manager as well as trainmaster are men that are considered friends by those in subordinate positions.

What is responsible for these changes. Unions. Now, I want to urge all members to stick to the Order. Those that are not members take the advice of one that has the experience and join at once and help support an Order that has done so much for telegraphers all over the country.

You say you are not able just now and will do so next month. If you are sick and in danger are you going to wait until you are better able to send for a doctor? Join the Order now and help to build it up and place it on the top. Show your appreciation of the Order by trying to do your duty to your employers and your fellow workers

and by so doing you will be doing your duty to yourselves. I am too far advanced in life now to promise much, but my best wishes are with you and the Order.

In conclusion, would suggest each line select a correspondent and see that they write up your line. It does good and keeps up enthusiasm. S.

#### Western Maryland Ry.

There are quite a number of members I believe do not realize the great advantage of our meetings to them. You should go and learn what is going on and what we could do to make things better for us; business should not be left to a standstill. Perhaps some may think these meetings are doing them no good, but I wish to say that unless you do get together and pull with all your might we can not expect anything. Let us all make it a point to be there next month and make it the largest ever held.

Up to this time there are only three nons left on the B. & H. We give the boys of this division credit for their work towards organizing, and we hope to see the main line follow suit soon.

Everything seems very quiet this month; everybody holding their own; none of the agents or operators reported changing their location.

Spring Grove day office again reopened and Bro. Shue to the key again.

Business is reported very heavy on the W. Va. end, compelling the company to hire engines from other roads. We all are glad to see this and hope to see our checks increased as well as business.

Bro. Strine, third trick at York, off one night, relieved by Mr. Sterner.

Mr. Bupp, third trick at Porters, relieved two nights by Bro. Mummert.

Bro. Chas. Flickinger, first trick at York, spent one day at the Hagerstown Fair.

DIV. Cor.

#### B. & A. Ry. Div., No. 83.

Our worthy Bros. Quick and Pierson are at this writing spending a week in the Maine woods, the guests of Bros. Crozier and Sherburne, at Bro. Crozier's camp on Third Debsconery Lake. Our best wishes are with them all, and we hope they may get their two deer and a moose.

Bro. Connelley, from Northern Me. Junction to South La Grange, first trick. Bro. Walsh from Milo Junction to first trick Northern Me Junction.

Mr. H. S. Hall relieving Bro. McGown at North Bangor for a few days.

Mr. Marston, from B. & M., relieving at Katahdin Iron Works until bid is settled.

Bro. Whipple has left the service and has a position in a private office of John D. Rockefeller somewhere in the West.

Bro. Williamson, from New Limerick to Nor-

Bro. H. A. Tompkins relieving at New Limerick until Bro. Van Allen takes charge.

We are glad to welcome back Bro. R. J. Heal who left the service about two years ago. "13"

Bro. Heal has been on the B. & M. since leaving the B. & A.

Bro. R. II. Clark got second trick at West Seboais on bulletin.

"13" Messrs. Marston, at "KI," and Kelley, at "G," former brothers, are going to fill out the necessary papers as soon as possible; also "13" that former Bro. Nelder will be with us again soon.

I must call your attention to the fact that there is a little student business going on up in "KX" office and I wish every brother upon the Northern Division would get busy and have this thing stopped, and it's up to the brothers there in "KX" to stop it at once. It is not only strictly against our religion, but is also contrary to law and our schedule, Article 19, page 7, of our schedule covers that.

Bro. Thorpe has resumed work at Millinocket, second trick, after enjoying a two weeks' vacation. Bro. Irish still relieving at Ludlow.

Bro. Higgins, at "TR," Millinocket, off a few days recently.

Bro. McGown was visiting several of the boys along the line recently.

One more appeal, brothers. Send in your notes to your division correspondent. Do it now!

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# Illinois Central Ry.

Dubuque Division-

An apology is due to Bro. W. R. Turner, St. Ansgar, Iowa, for the statement in last month's write-up, which classed him as a non. The scribe was misinformed as to Bro. Turner's standing and has since learned that he has been on the right side of the fence for over a year. We humbly beg Bro. Turner's pardon and hope that he will excuse the mistake.

Effective October 23d, Myrtle, Minn., was closed as a telegraph office and Bro. J. D. Vanderburg goes to Osage, Ia., to succeed Bro. L. J. Dodge as day operator and ticket clerk. Bro. Dodge promoted to position of division agent, vice Mr. F. C. Norman.

Bro. B. A. Patrick, who left South Junction, Dubuque, a couple of years ago and went out on the Union Pacific in Wyoming, has returned and is now doing the relief stunt on this division. He relieved Bro. Dodge at Osage until bulletin bid was awarded.

Bro. S. V. Norman secured Osage nights on bulletin.

We are indebted to Bros. Pfeiffer, of Floyd, and Pierson, of Manchester, for a few items this month. Wish some of the other brothers would do as much.

L. J. Smith, of Charles City, has returned to Dubuque dispatcher's office, and is handling Albert Lea and Cedar Rapids Districts trick. Mr. E. C. Heerling secured Charles City, days, on bulletin.

Mr. A. G. Donahue working night trick at Charles City.

Bro. F. M. Rowe is now the oldest telegrapher on the Dubuque Division seniority list. He dates

from June 1, 1880. We are mighty proud of Bro. Rowe.

The one man at Waterloo who was so careless as to let his membership lapse, has promised to get back into line again this pay day and if his word is good we will be able to call him brother next month.

There are several brothers along the line who are a little slow about coming across with the semi-annual dues for the last half of 1908, but we have great faith in them and feel satisfied that they will be in on the home stretch with us. Don't hold off too long, brothers, we are all hard up, but can't afford to neglect our duty to ourselves and families and the Brotherhood at large.

Bro. H. A. Mead is back at Jesup after his vacation.

Bros S. V. Braden, E. E. Truitt and R. D. Brown are working first, second and third tricks at "FE," Independence. Mr. F. C. Norman, formerly division agent, secured the agency at Independence, vice Mr. J. B. Fuller, deceased.

Mr. M. A. Peck relieving Bro. H. W. Williams, who is laying off with a badly bruised hand as a result of having it jammed in a safe door.

Bro. J. J. Duffy has returned to Masonville after a short vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Yoder. Bro. F. C. Crosby, of Coggon, has returned from a short vacation spent at Winfield, Kan. Unable to state who relieved him.

Bro. G. C. Cleveland is away on his vacation. Understand he took a trip up to the Rosebud country; Bro. C. Yoder relieving him.

Mr. A. H. Reed, of Manchester, has been laying off recuperating from the effects of an operation which he had to undergo. He will resume work in a short time.

Bro. J. W. Benda, of Manchester, laying off on account of the death of his baby.

Bro. Laity, late of the C. & N. W., relieving Bro. Benda.

Bro. G. C. Cummings, formerly agent at Peosta, has returned from the wild and woolly West and is acting as agent at Peosta, Ia., vice Bro. J. P. Gafney, who went to Farley nights.

New man named J. E. Johnson at Center Grove, relieving Bro. J. A. Trice, who is relieving Bro. J. W. Fitz on third trick at South Junction yard office, Dubuque. Fitz is working night job in "KB" dispatcher's office pending the bulletining of that position.

R. L. Hart, a non of five years' standing on this division, has resigned the night job at "KB" and left the service. If Mr. Hart had been a brother we might be able to say that we were sorry to see him go, but inasmuch as he never did anything for the O. R. T. but pocket the pay checks that it swelled for him, we can say nothing.

Bro. T. F. Frentress, first trick at Dubuque Junction, took a short vacation and a trip to Rosebud; relieved by Bro. J. C. Freyhage.

Bro. M. P. Gallagher is still on the "bad order track" with a flat wheel. His leg is in bad shape yet as a result of the accident at East Cabin last December. Bro. C. W. Parkins, agent Council Hill, laying off and is being relieved by Bro. Jimmy Hansberry. Understand Bro. Parkins intends taking a trip to Canada to negotiate for a little land.

Bro. H. J. Rouse, first trick Scales Mound, Ill., is laying off; relieved by A. P. Glenn. Understand Bro. Rouse is dead sore on his hours.

Bro. I. N. Swain took a run into Chicago to see the great American game recently.

"Buster" Westphal is now back on third trick on main line.

Bro. K. J. Morrison, "KM," is now working a trick in C., R. I & P. dispatcher's office, Cedar Rapids, Ia., and says he likes the place.

Bro. J. J. Ivory, of Gelena, is taking his annual vacation and is now camping on the "Banks of the Mississippi," Bro. C. O. Butler relieving him.

Bro. G. W. Spicer, agent at Coggon, Ia., received the sad news of his mother's death at Pawnee, Ill., and left for Pawnee on the evening of the 23d. Relieved by Mr. M. B. Norman.

Bro. B. H. Clark made a trip over the division on October 22d, 23d and 24th, calling on the boys and touching up the few nons and delinquent members for the necessary.

Bro. J. D. Vanderburg expects to go to Indiana, accompanying his wife to the home of her parents, as soon as he gets relief. Mrs. Vanderburg has been in ill health for some time.

Bro. A. Pfeiffer taking a short vacation at Sioux City; relieved by Mr. M. S. Resor.

There is one man on the Albert Lea District who had the unlimited nerve to tell our local chairman that the O. R. T. had never done anything for him and that he did not think that he would pay up his dues for the last half of 1908. This man received an increase of \$60.00 per year as a result of our last schedule and then makes such an excuse as that. I won't mention his name this time, but will give him a chance to think it ever and if he is of the same opinion next month it will be necessary, for the benefit of the brothers, to show him up so that we can be governed accordingly. Such an excuse as that doesn't sound good to me. Next month watch for the list of nons, backsliders and their excuses.

The scribe recently tried the new telephone that the company has installed, and outside of the selective ringing device, can not see where it will improve the service any. The selector by means of certain combinations made in calling, which is done by means of two keys similar to telegraph keys, can ring any office on the line without ringing the bell in any other office than the office wanted and the bell at that point will ring until the operator answers the call.

So far as the 'phone itself is concerned, I can not see that it is any better or more efficient than an ordinary 'phone and I think that the telegraphers have little to fear from the 'phone as a substitute for the telegraph in practical railroad business. The 'phone may do away with the telegraph at some of the smaller stations where there is not much wire work done, but where accuracy and quick time is necessary in transmission of business

the 'phone can not compare with the telegraph and good operators. The officials of the Richmond, Ind., Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad are reported to have said that they have unsuccessfully tried the use of telephones for train dispatching and do not regard them as good or as reliable as the telegraph. They say that it is difficult to hear over the 'phone when the weather is bad or when snow and ice accumulate on the wires and also that in the transmission of message words are often misunderstood. Other roads claim that the 'phone is an improvement over the telegraph for train dispatching for the reason that quicker time can be made, as it is not necessary to call an office from one to five minutes to get a response, as the operator answers the call at once in order to stop the bell; also that in case of accidents the train dispatcher or superintendent is able to hold direct communication with conductor or whoever he desires at the 'phone.

This is all very true and the 'phone is a very great advantage in some ways, but with first-class telegraph apparatus and good operators on the job the telephone can not be compared with the telegraph for rendering reliable and efficient service.

"HOOK AND EYE."

#### Freeport Division-

Bro. M. C. Southerland relieved Bro. S. A. Frank at Kerrick for two weeks while Bro. Frank was visiting in South Dakota.

Bro. Lund was successful applicant for Freeport yard office, second trick, on recent bulletin.

Bro. A. H. Brodeaur, formerly regular at Munger, days, was successful applicant for Coleman, third trick.

Bro. Chas. Peterson was successful applicant for second trick at "CGW" Crossing.

"CGW," first trick and agency, and Munger agency was among the recent bullletins.

Bro. J. G. Bennett was successful applicant for first trick at West Junction on the recent thirty-day bulletin. Bro. Jno. Funk relieved Bro. Bennett on the third trick at West Junction.

Of late it is getting to be a common occurrence to pick up a paper and note in bold head lines, "Absconded with the I. C. R. R.'s Money," and in the column or a column and a half of reading matter below you read how the poor I. C. was robbed of a few hundred dollars by one of its agents at such and such a point, yet do the people ever stop and take notice to see whether there was anything said as to whether this absconder was employed at an O. R. T.'s schedule office or one of the railroad's \$25.00 "Montgomery-Roebuck" agencies? In ninety-nine cases out of one hundred it is one of the latter class. We have a case like this on our own division here and one of the latter class, too. The "Montgomery-Roebuck" agent at Fitchburg, Wis., absconded with cash to the amount of something near \$400. "Stung again."

Bro. McGowen relieved Bro. Kelly at Minonk for several weeks during his recent vacation.

W. L. Nelson (non) was checked out at Evarts October 20th. This office was closed as a scheduled office and a \$25.00 "Montgomery-Roebuck" agent put on, and this man that is to receive this lordly salary happened to be W. E. Boyer, No. 121 on our last seniority list. Mr. Nelson went to Mississippi to accept an agency with the I. C. down there. Let us hope that our brothers will tack the "no card no favors" sign over his door as soon as he arrives there.

I also "13" that Alworth has also been under contemplation of being put on the \$25.00 system, but I think that Bro. Jones said that the elevator man there has come to the rescue and was trying to have the advent annulled through President Harahan.

Upon C. S. Pack's return to work after his thirty-day vacation he worked B. J. Hill's trick as first trick dispatcher, "DR," office, Freeport. Bro. M. J. Madden relieved C. S. Pack on second trick, "DR" office, south end.

"13" Bro. M. J. Madden, at present in Pack's place, is contemplating a thirty-day vacation upon Pack's return to his regular trick. He had now got about four full months of extra dispatching in "DR" office.

Bro. Granger relieved Bro. S. Davis in "DR" office for a day on account of sickness. Bro. Davis is filling Bro. Madden's place as day operator in "DR" office, Freeport.

There was quite a bit of talk regarding the closing of the Freeport yard office right after it was bulletined here recently, but I guess it was only a rough guess, as it is still in existence.

Bro. B. E. Melloan is at present loafing around waiting for something to show up at Elmhurst. He was relieved at "CGW" Crossing on second trick by Bro. Peterson, who received the same on bulletin.

Bro. Wm. Powers relieved Ayers (non) at Rock-ford on first trick for two weeks.

Bro. Kelly gave us a call here in Freeport last week. He was out working up some of the nons and delinquents and we are going to try and get this division solid before the time comes for our annual election so that we can get more delegates to the convention at "GA" than has ever attended any of the conventions for far. You nons and delinquents have probably received a letter from Mr. Kelly or myself by this time explaining the necessity of a solid backing, and let us hope that none of your names appear in the list of nons and delinquents in my write-up for the December journal.

Bro. T. W. Patterson, formerly at "CGW" Crossing, as agent and first trick leverman, has left the service of the I. C.

On looking through the I. C. write-ups I note one consisting of the honor role of the I. C. system. This brother has our "non" Wm. Delano on his roll of honor. I'm sure if he knew of him he would put him on the blacklist as more appropriate; otherwise his list is O. K.

Now, brothers, do not let your dues go a minute longer if you have not already paid them, for you have but a very few more days to pay them before you will be considered a non. I know as well as you that it is a harder proposition to pay your dues after you have put it off so long than it would have been if you had paid the first thing. Don't let this reduction in the torce weaken you and thus allow your dues to become delinquent, for it is strength of membership that keeps things the way they should be. You won't gain anything by dropping out, and things are getting back into their normal shape now, and I am looking forward to an opening of several of these closed offices, for it looks like a scare to me. Probably the company will realize the necessity of a good O. R. T. agent after they have been robbed of several thousand dollars of their money.

It has also come to my notice that we have several would-be knockers on this division; those kind of fellows who are so nice to your face and then when they get a chance do all they can to make trouble for you while your back is turned. Is this a brotherly act? Well, I should say not; it is a mean trick to play on any one. If you have anything to find fault about against your brother tell it to his face, and then he will know how to prepare for trouble, and not have to go at it blindly.

Bro. Jno. Hayes is relieving Bro. Geo. Cox for a few weeks at Freeport yard office, third trick.

Mr. W. C. Campbell relieved Bro. A. H. Brodeur at Munger, days. "Shorty."

#### Chicago Division-

Chicago Local Division of No. 93 held their regular monthly meeting at Gilman, Ill., on Saturday evening, October 10th. About sixteen members were present. We had the pleasure of having Bro. R. L. Shannon with us. He gave us a very interesting talk concerning how the business of the Order was carried on, and also gave figures showing where money came from and where it was spent. We are always glad to have Bro. Shannon with us, as he is one of the hardest workers there is in the Order, and his knowledge as to what toonstitutes to make the Order a success is a very important factor to all of us.

Several matters of importance were discussed, and among them a discussion arose as to whether we should continue the regular monthly meetings at Champaign or just have them in Gilman and Kankakee. The attendance at Champaign has been very poor. Most all of the brothers attending being from the north end. Bro. Searle suggested that we give them one more chance, and if the brothers from the south end don't show any more interest to attend their meeting than heretofore, the Champagn meetings will be cut out.

In the December journal will appear the names of all eligible nons who have got the nerve to stay out of the Order and reap the benefits of which they are not helping to pay. We have one non in particular whose name will appear in hig, black letters. He has been sponging off of the Order for a good many years, until at last he has accumulated enough to start a non-union chicken farm, which contains nothing but inferior breeds. God

help these poor dumb creatures. They know not where they live.

An election will be held about the first of the year. Officers to be elected are as follows: Local chairman and one delegate to the bi-annual session of the Grand Division. All the brothers should give the election their most serious consideration, as it means a great deal as to our future welfare. These positions are very important and we should let ability rule in the selection of these officers.

Bro. Ricketts, of Monee, went to the land drawing in Dakota; relieved by Mr. Woods.

Bro. Baugh is enjoying a vacation.

Sister Williams, night operator at Melvin, is on a vacation; relieved by Mr. Axon.

Bro. Boyle is well again and has resumed duty at Gibson; relieved by Bro. Deitweller.

Bro. Rose, of Bellflower, went to Dakota to draw a farm. Bro. Deitweller relieved Bro. Rose. After working as relief agent for about three months, Bro. Munson resumed his regular job as third trick at Gibson.

L. F. Schneiderjon, regular nights at Neogo. relieved agent at Farina two weeks. B. Pelstring, extra man, filled the night job at Neoga.

First trick at Farmer City tower was open on bulletin, September 28th to October 9th.

Hayes was opened permanently and on bulletin September 28th to October 8th.

R. A. Giggons is relieving Bro. Roach, of Odin, for a few days. Bro. Roach is attending the State fair at Springfield.

Galton was opened and on bulletin ten days in October.

Bro. Zimmerman ran in third trick at "HA," Champaign office.

We can now call Mr. Chas. Gammon, of Kinmundy, brother. He has fitted himself with the necessaries.

Thomasboro was bulletined as a permanent position September 11th.

T. F. McNeill is working first trick in "HA" office, Champaign, while Bro. Edwards is absent on a trip to the Southwest. Car Distributer Stout is looking after the second trick.

Arcola tower was bulletined as a permanent position September 15th. "13" T. E. Mulberger, of Hayes, has run in the vacancy.

The position of night operator at Matteson was open and on bulletin September 24th to October 4th.

Bro. A. J. Dion, nights at Matteson, bid in and has been transferred to the ageny at Homewood, vice J. Cowing, resigned to accept position with a new bank at Homewood.

Bulletin for night hours at Matteson failed to receive a bid; position filled by Bro. H. D. Gidinghagen, formerly with the C. & A. R. R., a new man on the I. C., and will probably be transferred to Division No. 93 in the near future.

Bro. J. A. Gerbel is dispatching extra on Gilman line.

Bro. Geo. Meara given first position at Farmer City tower, vice Bro. James Zumwalt, given agency at Thomasboro. Glad to see George with us again. Bro. E. C. Phelps is relieving Bro. Trager at. Danforth for a few weeks.

A few of the boys have neglected to pay dues for this half of the year. The local chairman has written them and it is hoped they will fix up the matter at once.

Sister Miss Myrtle Barnard, of Ridgeville, is taking a vacation and visiting in Colorado. Unable to advise who is acting as relief. Cor.

#### Peoria Division-

C. P. Heuring was checked in as agent at Martin, Ind., relieving Bro. Huffman, who is a younger man in the service and now on the extra list.

Bro. Bayles, agent at Browns, was up to take a look at Newton a few days ago. "13" he is figuring on a change.

Bro. Gladville, of Stewartsville, is off on a sixty days' leave of absence, being relieved by Bro. Hardwick, who has been harvesting his melons at Poseyville.

"13" the clerkship was taken away from New Harmony, leaving Bro. Boyer all by his lonesome. Bro. McClure is back at the old stand at Bone Gap, after several days' vacation.

Bro. Johnson, who was on the extra list and relieving Bro. McClure at Bonegap, bid in Rose Hill regular.

Bro. Knight is on the extra board, relieving Bro. Kennett at Newton, who is off on an extended vacation, taking in Memphis and other points of interest.

We are glad to know that the nons are seeing the error of their ways and coming out on the right side and lining up with up-to-date cards.

Bro. Weems was the successful man at Sullivan, Ill., getting it on regular permanent bulletin.

Bro. C. J. Walker and his wife are off on an extended vacation, touring the West. Bro. Walker is regular first trick at "NE."

Bro. Short is relief agent at Newton, relieving Bro. Walker, who was agent on the three-month bullstin

Bro. H. A. Bollinger, wife and daughter, took a two weeks' vacation, visiting in Indianapolis, Ind., and from there to Carlinville, Ill. Bro. Andrews, a new man on the division, relieved Bro. Bollinger, and on his return to work went to Pekin as relief to the first trick man there.

Bro. Robertson, who has been laying off, is back at his post as first trick at Olney.

Several items received from the brothers along the line this month and this is greatly appreciated by your correspondent, and is a great help in writing up the division items. Let the good work go on and see if we can't have one of the best write-ups every month in the best journal printed.

Bro. Short, relief agent at Newton, and W. R. Phillips, ticket agent at Newton, attended the football game at Bloomington, Ind., Saturday, October 17th.

"13" Bro. Rothrock, of West Salem, is going to take an extended vacation and enjoy life for

a while, being relieved by Bro. Steffens of West Liberty, he, in turn, being relieved by some extra man.

Bro. Bridges, extra dispatcher at Mattoon, is off on a short vacation and we have good reasons to believe he went fishing.

Bro. W. M. Huffman, on the extra list, relieved the agent at Poseyville for a few days, while he made a trip to Chicago.

Bro. F. A. McGinnis made the Newton office force a pleasant call a few days ago, while on his way to Grayville.

CERT. 1315.

#### St. Louis Division-

There has been quite a bit of talk of opening Matthews Junction and Kings again. If the company sees fit it will make several more of the extra men happy, but if I understand it correctly, there are not many in this class at present, the division being short of men the last few days.

Bro. Finley, at Mounds, is taking a vacation with his parents in Texas, relieved by Mr. Herrick. Can't say where Mr. Herrick is from and trust if he is not in line he will soon be "one of them."

Bro. Violett, at Villa Ridge, has departed for the West again on account of his health. This makes several trips for Ad. on account of his health. We all trust he will soon be benefited and return. He is being relieved by Bro. Rash, from extra list.

With the Carbondale, Eldorado and Murphysboro Districts solid, the same conditions existing on the Centralia District, with three exceptions, and one on the St. Louis District, everything looks good to father on the St. Louis Division. Now, if a non-member lights in your vicinity, it is up to you individually to see that he is given the proper invitation to line-up with the rest of us, as what is good for us is good for him. Boys, take heed and get busy.

What is the matter with a meeting soon? One is needed very badly, and understand our chairman intends calling one soon. Boys, attend if possible, your presence will be appreciated, besides it will do you good. Now make arrangements to attend when this meeting is called.

The student question is a thing of the past on this division. Can not make a single place that is handling them. That speaks well for the boys on this end. Let's keep this good record up.

Business has been increasing very rapidly on this division the last few weeks. I think by another month things will assume their normal shape and everything be moving nicely; in fact, there has never been the decrease here that has been felt by other companies.

Local Chairman Chance made a few calls the middle of the month and, judging from the "roll" he handed Bro. Shannon upon his return, it is evident that business was picking up among the nons and delinquents,

CERT. 1334.

Louisiana Division-

The regular monthly meeting was held at Mc-Comb, Sunday night, October 11th, 8 p. m., at Quinn's hall, with a large attendance. Local Chairman Rehorst acting as chief telegrapher; Bro. R. S. Brent, first vice-chief; Bro. W. A. Cram, second chief; Bro. Turner, marshal; Bro. Rheames, inside sentinel; Bro. Youngblood. outside sentinel; Bro. Miller, local secretary. Several applications passed upon; several seniority cases settled and important communications read and acted upon. Much interest was manifested by all, and it was gratifying to see so many present, although a great many more could have been present, if they had wanted to. It is real discouraging to see so many operators working first tricks, that could easily attend these meetings, but who do not. There is an operator at McComb, who has a day position, who has never attended a meeting since he became a member, although in one block of the hall, and off every meeting night. This is the limit.

Several of the old hide-bound nons have left to parts unknown, within the past two months, much to our regret (?), but there still are several of the worst type still feeding from the O. R. T. trough, with no intention of the honorable necessary, and we shall continue to give their names to the membership, in order that "no card, no favor" rule shall prevail.

Mr. F. T. Rand, who has been agent at Summit, Miss., for several years, has resigned to accept the position of manager of the Summit Compress Co. Mr. A. J. Drane, formerly agent at Wesson, succeeds him, until the vacancy is permanently filled.

Bro. O. L. Brumfield, after being assigned to the vacancy at Hammond, La., as agent, decided to stay at Flora, Miss., and Mr. A. P. Gunthorpe has been checked in as agent; Bro. Wolf taking his former position as cashier at Hammond.

C. N. B. Evans, second trick, at Malison, Miss., and J. H. Benbrook, second trick, at Hammond, continue "to take the money" and shorter hours. They say the O. R. T. is a good thing, but are willing for the other fellow to put up the coin. They have our sympathy.

Bro. C. E. Chaney, agent, at Norfield, Miss., after an extended vacation in the West, has returned and is now carrying the hod. Bro. D. D. Hungate relieved him.

Bro. C. C. Gray, a prominent business man of Bay St. Louis, Miss., who has been out of the telegraph business for twenty years, but who continues to carry an O. R. T. card in the "Banner Division," was in New Orleans recently, shaking hands with the boys.

At our last meeting, leather medals were awarded to C. S. Kleppinger, New Orleans; John J. Ott, McComb; Ed. Dunning, Harahan Junction; favorite sons (nons). A special committee will make the presentation at an early date.

Bro. G. L. Robertson, "NS," has been assigned to "FX," Jackson, Miss., on bulletin.

Mr. T. S. Akers, nights, at Frenier, La., has done the needful, and its now Bro. Akers.

Bro. H. F. Apple, member of Division No. 2, and late of the Atlantic Coast Line, is now performing for the I. C. at Gwin.

We are glad to see Bro. J. E. Schneider back at McComb again, after an absence of two years, with the S. P., in Nevada, as operator and dispatcher. Joe is now working second trick dispatching on the south end. Bro. Jas. Triche, who has been operator and extra dispatcher at McComb for the past two years, has resigned, and has accepted a position as dispatcher with the New Orleaans and Great Northern R. R.

C. L. Fisher, after spending several months around that dear old Cleveland, Ohio, has returned to New Orleans, and is working extra for the S. P.

Bro. J. L. Brown, at Kenner Junction, has just completed building himself a gasoline boat.

Messrs. G. N. Arnold, third trick, at Kenner Junction, and J. L. Phillips, third trick, at Harahan Junction, continue to promise; its next pay every month; next pay never comes, and its now "the first of the year." Hot air and promises don't run labor organizations.

We all were treated to quite a surprise on October 23d, when Miss Ellen Rea, second trick operator, at Brookhaven, failed to show up for duty; it was learned later she had got married. Unable to learn the lucky man's name, but understand he is an engineer on the Y. & M. V. Sister "RA" is one of our most loyal O. R. T. girls, and we wish her luck and happiness.

Don't forget the campaign slogan: "Insist upon the union label" and "No card, no favors."

DIV. COR.

Mississippi Division-

Regular meeting held at Grenada, the second Sunday, this month, and a few new faces present. We are sorry to say that Bro. C. A. Ross, of "UC," is on the sick list.

Additional telegraphers have been put on at Duck Hill, Vaiden, Coffeevville, Pickens and West, on account of increase in business.

Bro. N. T. Bowles is working at Kosciusko. Bro. Willie Hale getting day position at Batesville, on hid

Bro. Jimmie O'Brien, of McCool, had been on the sick list, but is now back at his post; Bro. Geo. Franklin, from Aberdeen, relieving him for a day or so, and then Bro. Hale doing the stunts as agent on account of Bro. F. having to return to A.

Bro. Williams, from the L. & N., is doing the stunt as first trick operator, at West Point, vice Bro. J. Wilbur Dodge, Jr., who is now making himself a record "counting ties," for the Ayer & Lord Tie Co.

Bro. R. C. Jarnigan, of Goodman, bid in "NE"
The dispatcher's office has been refitted with new
tables and resonators, and if certainly makes a
decided improvement in "Alte" looks of things.

Now, boys, we will mook for a big crowd at Durant, the next second Sunday. We must not disappoint our aworthy flobal achairman by not attending. And but nonspan access to the Some few of the brothers on this division are still in arrears with their last half year dues; now that is not the way to be at all, and we certainly want every one of the delinquents to pay up at once.

The Order is what the members make it, and our reputation depends not on the other fellow, but on us, and we must strive to make a good one, and to uphold it.

Bro. T. K. Drowns is back with us, and is doing the "chores" at Davis, and is "contented;" he says there are no jobs out West.

Will some of the boys please send the local chairman some items every month, and he will send them to me and maybe we can then have a little news in every journal. No matter what others do or say, the majority of us always look for the Mississippi Division notes, just as soon as we get our journal, and we can not help but feel disappointed when there is "nothing doing."

Will ring off for this time and hope to have some real newsy items next time, for I am looking for some contributions from several of the brothers.

CERT. 1658.

#### Springfield Division-

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Meeting at Mt. Pulaski, October 19th; not so well attended as should have been, but what lacked in number was made up in enthusiasm. Bro. Shannon being with us, as usual, made a hit. His talk being instructive as well as interesting, and there is no doubt that all present benefited greatly by same.

Bro. R. A. Marshall, of Division No. 2, and Bro. Neely, of Division No. 27, attended the October meeting; more than glad to have these brothers; call again, aand bring their neighbors.

Bro. Espenschied, Litchfield, off two nights; relieved by H. Tobin.

J. B. Nowland, freight agent, Sandoval, has been laying off; being relieved by Bro. W. Donaldson.

Bro. Geo. Baker, of South Junction, Decatur, has gone to Rosebud; being relieved by H. Tobin.

"Dick" Fortman is working a few days at Lake Fork.

Wm. Myers, agent, Kenney, gone to Rosebud; relieved by Bro. Farlow.

T. J. Royston, agent Deland, bid in Easton agency, relieving Bro. Holland, and Bro. Barlow got Deland agency, relieving Royston.

Bro. H. F. Ward, agent, Macon, has gone into business at Decatur; A. C. Kolp relieving.

Bro. B. C. Malone registered at Rosebud. "13" he was lucky and drew a farm. Bro. W. L. Baker relieving W. D. Longbrake, who in turn relieved Bro. Malone.

Bro. I. P. Davenport is relieving R. E. Lewin, in "CO," Clinton, who is working third trick for R. W. Laws, who has thirty days' leave of absence.

Bro. J. A. Vallow, first trick; "CO," relieving W. W. Huff, in dispatcher's office, for ten days. S. R. Long is the new second trick dispatcher on Clinton District, relieving Bro. J. C. Newton, who has gone into business in Oklahoma.

Bro. W. Stone, agent, Marine, off duty a few days; relieved by A. C. Kolp.

Bro. C. W. Seimers, agent, Buffalo Hart, spent Sunday at Lostant. He was relieved by Bro. O. A. Phillips, formerly agent there, who is now engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Bro. C. E. Bowman, bid in Toronto agency, relieving Bro. R. E. Wright, who has gone back to farming at Oconee.

Bro. L. G. Schien, agent, Alhambra, has had considerable trouble, caused by driving a splinter into his thumb some time ago. Doing some better now, but for some time it was feared he might lose his entire hand.

Mrs. G. B. Whiteman, wife of Dispatcher Bro. Whiteman, at Clinton, has been ill the past several months, having had an operation performed lately, and is fairly well at present. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Bro. Davenport should be given credit for this write-up.

J. C. W.

# The Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Ry.

Memphis Division-

The meeting held at Clarksdale, September 27th, was well attended by quite a number of brothers, from the several districts, but, as it is a pretty good sized hall, there was plenty of room for those that could but did not attend. The next time we have a meeting, do not let a little thing like rain keep you away.

Operator G. F. Farrar, of Coahoma, and T. S. Conerly, acting agent at Webb, Miss., were put through the ropes in grand style, and now we have the pleasure of calling them brother.

Bro. R. C. Jarnagin, of the I. C. (Mississippi Division), was a welcome visitor; he is on a vacation and visiting his father-in-law, Bro. White, at Duncan.

Bro. Keltener, of "MA," has resumed work again; he has been off some time, on account of sickness.

Mr. F. D. Munson, our former chief dispatcher, is now working first trick.

Mr. F. H. Anderson has been appointed as chief dispatcher, and F. H. Lay is night chief.

I expected to receive some notes from one or two of the brothers on the L. E. and Talla Districts, but up to the time of mailing none has shown up. I just mention this as a reminder.

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### Chicago Great Western Ry.

Northwest Division-

"Heap much doings" on the Northwest Division the past month. With the kind assistance of a few of the brothers, we are able to chronicle most of the transfers and changes.

With this issue we regret to announce the resignation from the service of Bro. J. F. Hurley, after having been continuously employed at Randolph for three or four years, and after being a member of this division for a longer period. Bro. Hurley was always a staunch and active member, and by his resignation the railroad company loses

one of their best men and the division loses a strong O. R. T. supporter.

Bro. Denn, agent, at Hampton, has returned from a tour of California and the West, and has taken up his duties at the station. Bro. H. J. Ward, second trick man, at that place, relievel Bro. Denn, and is back on his usual trick now.

Bro. F. Briggs, agent, at Empire, is off on a thirty day vacation; being relieved by Bro. C. H. Bickley, from Division No. 54.

We will be glad to call third trick operator at Kenyon, Bro. Kotaiba, from now on.

Bro. W. F. Smith, agent, at Coates, was on a two weeks' vacation, out in South Dakota, looking over some land near Chamberlain. Operator P. Mason relieved him, and has left the service.

Have we forgotten the bond question? Just as soon as financial conditions improve, and we have a chance to see more of that million dollars' worth of gold that was shipped from Alaska, in 1907, we must all take out more shares in the proposed Bond Company. Surely every member can realize how much this means to him and the O. R. T.

A new face is seen behind the desk at the State St., "QR," office. Operator Fogelson having resigned.

Bro. L. G. Meek, who has been up North, looking after his claims, has returned, and has resumed his duties as agent at Skyburg.

Bro. E. R. Dowell, agent, Rich Valley, has been away the past ten days.

Bro. Overholt, first trick, at Kenyon, is taking a vacation.

Bro. E. R. Rowan worked second trick at Coates, for two weeks, and then resigned to go out West, being relieved by a C. T. U. of A. man by the name of N. J. Christie.

We are glad to say that business is picking up in good shape, both as to freight and O. R. T. There being only a few nons left between Hafield and St. Paul.

We can now call Agent F. M. Hammerstrom, at West Concord, a brother; also first trick operator Bartel of that place. Agent Homer Woodworth, of Mantorville, is wearing a new button.

Bro. E. L. Pfalzgraf worked second trick at Coates, for a week, and then went to Sumner from there. "13" he is going to take ninety days to attend school, at Waterloo, Ia.

Bro. Larson has first trick at Randolph now, after a few weeks of lever pulling at Taopi.

Local Chairman Grannis, of Westgate, has just returned from an extended vacation. A Mr. Hayford relieved him.

"13" Bro. Lattimore of Sumner has been off on a vacation. Unable to say who relieved him. We expect to be able to call Operator C. Judd.

We expect to be able to call Operator C. Judd, third trick, at Hampton, and A. B. Cook, third trick, at Coates, brothers, before this reaches the

Bro. J. E. Jenny, first trick, at South St. Paul, has returned from a few days' vacation, which he spent in North Dakota, where he purchased some lands. Lineman McWilliams accompanied him on his trip.

During Bro. Jenny's absence, a Mr. Young worked third trick, at South St. Paul, while "yours truly" worked the first trick.

We wish the boys at Hayfield would send us the changes that occur at that point. The changes are too numerous for us to keep tab on.

Nothing new regarding the next meeting, but whenever it takes place be sure that you answer the roll call.

We wish to thank Bro. W. F. Smith for the assistance he rendered in preparing this write-up. It is help of this kind from the brothers that makes our journal so interesting, and it certainly is appreciated by the correspondent.

By the time this is seen in print, the fate of the nation will have been decided, viz., the party most trusted by the people will be elected to govern the affairs of the country for the next four years. And, brothers, regardless of how you voted, no matter who is elected, let us each and all stand together in demanding our rights. C. H. K.

Second Division-

Regular meeting at Hamlet, third Saturday night in October, called to order by Bro. N. C. Hines; Bro. W. L. Moore, secretary.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.

This meeting was considered one of the grandest yet, harmony and good feeling being intense Bros. Pepper, Moore and Causey making good talks. Fun was made now and then at the expense of Professor Hamilton. The fund was raised from \$2.20 to \$6.75, and if the enthusiasm is as great at the next meeting as this a banquet is not far distant.

Bro. Taylor made a motion and it was carried that the next meeting be held in Raleigh, and an invitation be extended to the brethren of the First Division to meet us there.

The Committee on Nons made a splendid report and the division now realize great results from their work. It is very gratifying to note the interest that is being taken in the work by nearly every member on the division. After adjournment each member from the R. & A. chipped in and good brethren were sent to buy some fruit, which was served on the car after leaving Hamlet.

Our chief, Mr. Purvis, was very congenial and gave No. 32 instructions to stop at every station between Hamilet and Raleigh and let off operators. Conductor Cox said, "boys, this is one on me, take charge of the rear," and the reception was enjoyed by the whole.

Bro. Pepper gave us a little spiel by congratulating the heads present, saying he had never attended a meeting before where he could look over each man and confidently say that each and every one he knew to be good operators, reliable, honest, and upright in every particular. In fact, no greater set of boys could be found anywhere than was before him and, continuing, he said, "I am proud of you; I love you; you are a great set of young men claimed by the O. R. T., which is growing faster and faster every month, which has already proven itself to be one of the foremost, grandest, biggest and, to quote Governor Vance, "a dickens of a big thing." Altogether, boys, for success for ourselves and our company also, for it is true, together we stand and divided we fall.

Our first consideration should be good service. Notice it when you may, but the man of our profession who is not afraid to do a little more than he is paid for doing is the man who has been promoted. The operator who sinply reports a train after the dispatcher has been after him for thirty minutes, and that with a whine and a grunt, is the man who finally loses out. Such men do themselves great harm and make the work hard for those they work with. Shirkers are never companionable workers. The operator who does just a little bit more than he is required to do is the operator who sings and whistles about his work. It don't make any difference who they are they make a place vibrate with their cheerfulness and keep everyone around them in good nature. Invariably the operator that shirks in his service to the company is the man that makes trouble in the service. The man who is willing to do all that he can and a little bit more, if necessary, is the man who, with the passage of years, rises from the ranks of the employe to that of employer.

With this duty there are other links. To give good service we must first realize that the individual himself is nothing when compared to the good of society at large. This is reasonable when we compare the history of our neighborhood, finding those that live in harmony successful and others selfish and without good purpose. Combinations of capital, combinations of labor, society and religion are the greatest factors of the age. Our interest should be reciprocal. Hand in hand we go marching along through this life and you will be judged by the life you lead.

Good service encourages and inspires higher citizenship and imbues us with a sense of responsibility. Good union men seek to promote greater harmony for both master and man and give a square deal to the square dealer.

Let us forget disagreeable things in our work, keep our nerves well in hand and inflict them on no one. Let us say pleasaant things and not expect too much from our friends. We should not believe all the world wicked and unkind. Let us relieve the miserable and sympathize with the sorrowful. Do unto others as we would be done by and there will be no more shirks or bums.

A HELPER.

#### Kanawha & Michigan Ry.

Bro. A. P. Hines, local chairman, of Palos, has returned to work after a ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. A. W. Stoltz, relief agent.

Bro. G. Z. Swett, first trick at Glouster, visited his parents at Carpenter, recently.

Bro. C. L. Ross, second trick at Glouster, visited his wife and baby at Fisher, Sunday, October 25th. Bro. C. H. Quillin, third trick at Glouster, spent Sunday, October 4th, with relatives in Spilman, W. Va.

Mr. Dan Shepard, agent at Trimble, off on ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Joe McLaughlin.

Mr. Shaw, agent at Jacksonville, also off for ten days; relieved by Bro. W. P. Flack, of Rumer, W. Va.

Bro. Isaac Weave, agent at Dexter, Ohio, off for a few days about October 12th; relieved by Bro. Joe McLaughlin

Bro. McKnight, of Doty, reports business very brisk there at the present.

Bro. E. R. McKnight, of Smithers, who visited his parents at Langsville recently, has returned to work.

Bro. L. E. Pickens, of Charleston freight office. spent Sunday, October 4th, at his old home near Racine, Ohio.

Bro. Bert Rutherford, who resigned as agent at Albany, has purchased a large flour mill at Langsville and expects to follow that business in the future. His wife, Mrs. S. C. Rutherford, who has worked second trick at Albany since the Federal nine-hour law went into effect, has secured thirty days' leave of absence, and has joined her husband at Langsville, where they will make their future home.

Mr. Ray Snyder, third trick at Dexter, went to Glouster on business, October 20th.

Mr. T. M. Connors, superintendent, and W. W. Houston, C. T. D., made a trip over the road, October 15th.

Bro. A. H. England, agent at Chauncey, attended Lancaster fair, October 15th and 16th; relieved 5y Bro. J. A. McLaughlin.

"13" Bro. C. R. Robinson, of Lock Seven, is contemplating a trip to the sunny South in the near future.

Bro. J. H. Woodruff, agent at Longacre, W. Va., spent a few days the first of the month with friends and relatives at Albany, Ohio. He also made a flying trip to Cincinnati and Columbus.

Bro. G. H. Robinson, of Red House, W. Va., is attending high school at Huntington, W. Va.

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#### Toiedo & Ohio Centrai Ry.

Operator Jones, of Marysville, was at Thurston for ten days on third trick.

The agent at Raymonds used to carry a card, but now has a ham hanging around. He gives for a reason that he is going to quit railroading and don't want to spend money for dues. Most men would have enough loyalty for fellow-workmen to be ashamed of such doings.

Following from our chief, Mr. Poland: "I have just received a letter from Operator Fisher, at 'FH' office, Cherry Street, toledo, recalling his application for agency at Lewistown, which leaves no vacancy at 'FH,' and it will, therefore, not be possible to transfer Operator Cox to that office or Mr. Burdick to Whitmore, as per their applications."



The agency at Wapakonata bulletined a few weeks ago, was bid in by Bert Henery, of East Liberty, he being the lucky man. East Liberty agency still on bulletin. Bro. P. L. Beightler is holding it down until regular man is assigned, according to rights.

Agent C. T. Haver, of Raymonds, is staying at the house now, being quarantined on account of his little girl having diphtheria. She is reported better. Some strange operator working in his place.

Agent C. F. Beardsley, Marysville, off for ten days' vacation; relieved by Bro. R. M. Hender-

Bro. H. A. Niles, of Dunbridge, has bid in sec ond trick at Marysville, and will tackle it soon as he can be relieved at Dunbridge.

Operator D. C. Thompson is holding Dunbridge down until Bro. Niles arrives.

The depot at Marysville has been repaired, painted outside and varnished inside, new stoves in waiting room and the office made much larger, and is now one of the most nicely arranged and looking depots on the Western Division.

Bro. E. E. Westall, relief agent, still at Dunkirk. Looks like we were going to lose Bro. C. W. Fredericks.

Operator Beightler, formerly second trick at Marysville, is now out in Colorado working on the Santa Fe. Mr. F. C. Fox, general superintendent, whose mother lives at Marysville, called Beightler over to his car while here and arranged to put him to work.

Operator F. H. Young is confined to bed with brain fever. Mr. Young did the train dispatching at Bucyrus while the regular dispatchers were taking their vacation.

Bro. A. L. Bearns, working third trick at Bucyrus, dispatching.

The ham factory at "FH," Cherry Street, Toledo, has been discontinued.

Bro. Scott, at Findlay, is laying off three days, moving; relieved by Operator Jones. Mr. Jones is a new man, just turned out of "MF" ham factory, Marysville.

Operator Artz, second trick at Thurston, resigned; relieved by Operator Red O'Brien.

Bro. McDowell spent one day at Findlay.

Bro. Holder, second trick at Hickox, is erecting a new barn on the farm he has rented near Hickox.

CERT. 64.

# Hocking Valley Ry.

Toledo Division-

Amidst the wreck and desolation wrought by the captains of rotten and frenzied finance, the Order of Railroad Telegraphers stands supreme, alone the beacon light of every telegrapher.

Now is the time to do business. Every operator on the Hocking Valley should work for new members and the reinstatement of those who were hit by our unnecessary panic, for it is essential to know that an organization enlisting the talents and abilities of the strongest men of this country whose sole object is to better our conditions, to assist in making our labors and home life both profitable and happy.

You ought to know and properly appreciate the dignity and usefulness of your Order, so that you can dispose of the idiot who brands your Order a joke. You should be acquainted with the traits of the traitor (for we have them) and upon discovery of the first symptom sound the alarm of fire, turn on the stream that he may be effectively purged of his sins. We should consign to the realms of unpleasant remembrance the shoat who refuses to join our Order because he can set back and enjoy its benefits without paying dues. Commend him to the judgment of a just and righteous God. It is up to us to work; we should go after them right; we should foster a spirit of magnanimity among our fellows. If we succeed we will be fully credited with what we have done. If we are less fortunate we are entitled to the inspiration of encouragement. Go after them hard, but let every act of ours conform to the most rigid standard of honor and honesty and permit every word and act to be prompted by the highest impulses of the gentleman,

In regard to the O. R. T. to the men who are guiding its energies, developing its possibilities, fostering its resources, until now it stands a living monument to their industry, persistency, devotion and self-sacrifice, more enduring than shaft of marble, more lasting than tablets of bronze. When they have passed to the beyond may the institution they have builded remain to posterity as the complete fruition of work well done and may it always have as now that beautiful attribute of democracy so well expressed by Whittier in his poem, "The Poor Voter on Election Day."

Business on "HV" is good; in fact, has been good for some months. The block system between Big Four Crossing and Walbridge has been recstablished giving employment to quite a few men, yet there are several men who have not been given work.

Several new men working block positions. Members should assist in lining them up and see that they get cards.

Operator Westover, an old B. & O. man, is working third trick at "BD."

Operators McDaniels and Middleton, from Hocking Division, are working second and third tricks at "DA."

Bro. Lewis working third trick at "IS."

Operator Staats transferred from third trick. "JS," to second trick at "BG."

Chief Train Dispatcher Nash was a caller at Upper Sandusky last Sunday for a few hours.

At next writing I will give a list of non-members along the line so that they can be looked after. Would be glad to receive items from the membership. "MA."

# Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.

First and Second Districts-

Mr. Herman, formerly first trick at Osceola, is now agent at Herfford Junction. Mr. Herman wants to be called brother again and has applied for the papers.

Mr. Orcult, agent at Almena, is intending to lay off for a few weeks, as the town is growing with a lot of "Dr. Pill's" patients and says the night work is too much of a good thing.

Bro. C. M. Getzer, formerly second trick at Cardigan Junction, is now working in "NA" office, being relieved by a Mr. Holmes, from M. & St. L. Ry.

Bro. McGary, who was called into Minneapolis on important business, is back at the old stand at "NY," Mr. Towel leaving the division and gone to parts unknown.

Brothers, how is it we do not hear any more of meetings. Don't you think we should get together and talk things over. What you say we all go to Amery. Arrangements could be made for a hall and all trains stop at this point. Let's hear from you.

The business on the road is pretty fair. We should all keep our eyes open, get all the business for our company we can.

I notice a few of the boys are not answering their calls as prompt as they should. Brothers, no doubt a great many of you have enough work, but it does not take longer to report a train as soon as it is in or out of your station than it does one hour later. Our dispatchers are a good bunch to do business with and I think we should assist them all we can.

How about the nons? Do you hear from any of them that want applications to fill out? Don't forget our local chairman, Bro. Duel, is always supplied with those papers and just put a flea in his ear; he will get busy with them. He is camping on the trail of all the nons and expects to have nearly 100 per cent by January 1st. Let us all render him all the assistance in our power. Get after any non you can reach. Explain the benefits of the organization to him, show him where he is the gainer by affiliating with the union of his craft and get his application.

H. J. Seigur, of Copas, and H. J. Helernde, of Milltown, are now brothers.

O. M. Orcutt, agent at Almena, on sick list. Relief agent holding job. CERT. 75.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the members of Division 119, "Soo" Line Ry., for the floral offering furnished and their kind and fraternal actions at the death of my husband and to assure them that they will always be held in grateful remembrance.

MRS. W. R. BRATTON.

# Wisconsin Central Ry.

Southern Division-

NOTICE.

In my Circular No. 2, dated October 1, 1908, I reported Bro. J. O. Nelson, Gladstone, Minn., in my list of members dropped for failure to pay dues. This was an error and I wish to state that Bro. Nelson is now and was then in good standing at time circular was printed.

O. R. BARBER, Gen. Sec'y and Treas.

Southern Division-

Don't know what is going on as no one is enough interested to send in any items.

Bro. Frost, second trick at Byron, has resigned and expects to go west for his health, either to Colorado or California. He visited the writer a few days ago and says he expects to carry on upto-date card wherever he goes and we trust he will land something good in the far West.

I understand Bro. Brooks, second trick at Rugby Junction, has left that joint and is now located at Marshfield. Had to work with two nons there. That's enough to make any good brother want to leave.

I am in receipt of a letter from the Akron Central Labor Union of Akron, Ohio, representing printers' unions, making an appeal to us for financial assistance, and while they are not in our Order they are union workers and we should lend them any assistance possible for the purpose of defending the lives of two union men on trial for their lives for the murder of a scab detective, of which it is claimed they are innocent. All brothers who wish to assist can do so by remitting to J. P. Royle, Treasurer, Box 252, Akron, Ohio.

Correspondent

Third District-

Bro. Van Alstine transferred from Owen to points on the Fourth District, relieving at various places. Bro. Mockross, from second trick at Stanley, taking his place at Owen, Mr. Wotruba taking the second trick at Stanley. Understand Bro. Van Alstine gets the second trick at Owen on bulletin.

Mr. Whiteman, second trick operator at Chippewa Falls, laid off for a couple of weeks, Bro. Smith, from Colfax, relieving him.

Mr. Skog, formerly second trick at Eau Claire, got the third trick at Chippewa Falls on bulletin. Notice Skog wears an O. R. T. button, but understand he hasn't the card that goes with it.

Mr. Rogberg, who some time ago used to work night at Chippewa Falls, now at Eau Claire on second trick.

At Colfax Mrs. Smith worked nights while Bro. Smith relieved at Chippewa Falls.

Bro. Mathews, formerly agent at Glenwood, has resigned and gone west to take up a claim, and is also working for some road out there. Understand he has a fine piece of land and a good job.

Bro. Andre, who worked nights at Glenwood, checked in as temporary agent at Glenwood, Mr. Wotruba taking the night trick and later going to



Stanley as before noted. Mr. Wotruba relieved at Glenwood by a Mr. Ohlson, from New Richmond. Mr. Ohlson lasted just four days at Glenwood. They found he couldn't do the business, sent Bro. Carr down from the Fourth District to take his place, sending Mr. Ohlson back home.

Bro. Seldon, who was at Somerset some time ago relieving Bro. Hunt, now located at New Richmond, second trick, where he relieved Mr. Hamblin, who went somewhere on the Fourth District.

Understand Bro. Ramberg, agent at Somerset, will leave us soon for the South, where he will put in the winter for his health.

Mr. Tallmadge, agent at Boyd for the last eighteen or nineteen years, gets the Glenwood agency on bulletin. Understand Bro. Brown, who has been doing relief work for a period, goes to Boyd.

A number of the boys took in the Downing Fair and Festival at Downing, Wis., October 7th and 8th. Our veteran Bro. Peeples, agent at Downing, led the band during the fair there. Bro. Greenwood, from Wheeler, played ball in the game between Wheeler and Boyceville there, getting one liome run, also a three-bagger.

After a long dull season on the pike business has begun to pick up and is now quite brisk. The sugar beet season is now here, beets being shipped from nearly all points east of New Richmond on this district to Chippewa Falls. Keeps the boys lumping to get cars for this business.

The eight-hour law in the State of Wisconsin has been declared unconstitutional, so we will undoubtedly have a new arrangement before this appears in print, as I understand that a committee is to be called in soon. Can not say as to what will be done, but suppose that nearly all, if not all, the non-telegraph jobs will again be put back as telegraph jobs. Provided the wages are put back where they were this arrangement wouldn't be so bad.

If any of you care to see a write-up in The Telegrapher just send in any scraps of news you way hear to Bro. Harsh, at Owen, Wis., and between us we will try to get them in The Telegrapher.

Cert. 82.

# M. & St. L. Ry.

Operators Caples, Sebersen and Reynolds are now working at Hopkins.

Operators Kidd, Murphy and Smith are now working at Cedar Lake yard.

Operator Fabel, from Cedar Lake, now station master at Minneapolis depot.

Operator Beard from third trick at Hopkins, to agent Eden Prairie.

Agent Bradley transferred from Eden Prairie to St. Louis Park.

Bro. Martinson, who has been working as operator at Chaska, now working as extra agent at Curlew. Do not know who relieved Bro. Martinson at Chaska.

Agent Keohn back to work at Montgomery, and extra agent Mapes now at Tara.

Bro. Johnson back to work at Otisco, after two weeks' vacation.

Operator Buck now working nights at New Richland.

Bro. Rist is relieving agent, Massey, at Lake Mills.

Wish some of the brothers on the Western. Pacific, Des Moines Valley, Missouri River and North Western Divisions would send me a few items, so their divisions could be represented in The Telegrapher each month.

Dry. Cor.

# C., R. I. & P. Ry.

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts, Missouri Division—

Bro. C. E. Schellig, agent, Fruitland, had his arm injured some time ago sealing cars, resulting in blood poisoning. Is being treated in Muscatine. Was relieved by A. E. Simons.

"Mr." F. P. Carson appointed agent at Fairport.

Bro. Unongst, first trick, Washington, spent a few days away; supposed in Chicago.

Bro. Hughes, Paris, nights, and Bro. Wright. Mercer, nights, have exchanged jobs.

Dispatcher A. C. West.ake, was off a couple of shifts; relieved by Second Trick Dispatcher Beacham, who was relieved by former Dispatcher F. H. Damon, third trick, Eldon. "Bill" spent his time in Chicago, watching "The Horsehide" go round.

T. Ahern, agent, Centerville, on a vacation; being relieved by Cashier Ware. Unable to say who is acting cashier.

Mr. B. H. Carson is relieving second trick, Muscatine, few days.

Bro. O. G. Edwards, who has been relieving Bro. Easter, at Ainsworth, is back at his old home. Brighton, nights.

Bro. Lynn, Ainsworth, nights, is off a few days; relieved by Bro. J. E. McColloch.

Mr. J. C. Stewart, who has been in "GO" office for a year or so, got bumped from there, and is working extra on this division.

Bro. L. L. Stewart returned from a thirty days' visit at his home, in Ft. Scott, Kan. Was relieved by boomers too numerous to mention, but none of them holding up-to-date cards.

Bro. Frank O'Neil, agent, Gallatin, resigned, but has canceled his resignation, and is back at work.

Seymour Depot is being raised 18 inches, and a brick platform is being put in. We will be up-to-date before long.

Operator Speary is back at Eldon, second trick. after several weeks in hospital, at Des Moines where he was operated upon for appendicitis.

Bro. T. M. Straw, the "King Agent," Numa, has resigned and left for the "Old Country," to claim his kingdom.

About I o'clock, October 2d, robbers "put a muzzle" on Bro. F. M. Smith, third trick, Washington, and relieved his cash drawer of \$08.00. No clew to the robbers, as yet.

The filing cases distributed by the company, fill a long felt want, and makes it much easier and handier looking up rates. Also a welcome addition to the office furniture, as they are a pretty neat "get-up."

It's hard to realize, but a solemn fact, that there is only one more pay day between now and Xmas. "TM."

#### Oklahoma Division-

Any one not working on the Oklahoma Division might think it has long since been a dead one, but upon investigation. I find it is a pretty lively corpse. Most of the boys are keeping up-to-date, which is the only sensible thing to do, but still there are a few that have allowed their dues, or mutual benefit payments to go so long without attention that they have become delinquent, and we cannot call them brothers, until they get busy and line up again. This is not done, because they are sore on the Order and want to be dropped out, it is just simply carelessness which we are all subject to, more or less, but it is a bad habit to form; we should be up and alive to our own interests, if we are not there is no one else that is going to fight our battle for us.

Let me urge you to attend to these matters more promptly in the future, and by doing this we will be able to present a solid front to the enemy any time they might charge on us.

We are gaining ground all the time, and I think it is only a matter of time until we will all be working shorter hours and getting better conditions on all sides.

Let us show our appreciation of these better conditions, by giving better service, we should always answer our calls promptly, especially the train dispatcher, as their path is not strewn with roses. Let us always be on hand while we are on duty and give the best service, and we will be thought more of by the officials, and in fact we will have a better opinion of ourselves.

Mr. F. Pittman, transferred from Hennessey to Kingfisher, as agent.

Mr. J. T. Ryan, formerly agent, Kingfisher, resigned; did not learn what he intends doing.

Bro. Pat Oshea, gets Hennessey, formerly agent Lonewolf.

Bro. J. M. Howell, gets Lonewolf, on bulletin. Bro. F. W. Hill, formerly cashier Mangum, transferred to agency at Jefferson.

Bro. C. H. Meador doing the night stunt at Jefferson. Bro. Meador is a new member among us, and I want to say he is a real live one, too.

Bro. Kappenburg, days, at Hennessey, has been on a vacation for some time; did not learn where he was while away; on returning he was sent to Lonewolf, as relief man, until regular man was selected by bulletin. Bro. C. A. Mercer, from nights to days, during Bro. Kappenburg's absence.

Position of agent and operator at Pocasset open for bids.

Bro. H. T. Snodgrass, of "NO" office, El Reno, called on ye scribe, between trains last Sunday.

The new freight yards at El Reno are now completed and in use. Chickasa is abolished as division point for main line trains; also new freight division point established at Waurika, with round house and yard office and all things that are usually found at such places; this change has caused several new positions for operators, both at El Reno and Waurika; also caused the company to put the operators back in "RO" office (passenger depot El Reno), who were taken out when the nine-hour law was put into effect, account of the freight yards being located on the other side of town; have not got a new line on these new offices.

El Reno is going to be the best equipped and largest yards and division point west of Moline, Ills. I tell you Oklahoma is going some in all lines.

Mr. M. T. Ausherman is relieving at Kremlin, while Bro. Wagonseller is off on sick leave.

Bro. McPherron, formerly agent at Jefferson, is now working nights at "RO."

Mr. F. W. Hill, agent at Jefferson, will soon be one of us, according to his promise.

Bro. Meador, nights, at Jefferson, was in Rebfrow and Medford, looking things up the first of the month.

Bro. W. T. Brown, our genial general chairman, is taking a much needed vacation, he has been grinding pretty steady for some time.

Boys, I made an earnest plea to all of you to send me what items you could for this write-up, and only one has responded. I feel like saying who the one is, but it might make some of the older ones feel ashamed of themselves, as he is just a new member, also has not been telegraphing but a short time; wish there were a few more like him.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### Iowa Division-

W. P. Barrett, formerly of this road, worked one month extra, at Walnut, going to Shelby on second trick, his regular position by last bulletin.

Bro. Swanson, agent, at Shelby, off on a vacation, also expects to bring a Rosebud farm back with him. Bro. C. Huyck, regular third trick man, doing the heavy stunt as agent. E. F. McGinn (do not know if brother or not) doing the second trick stunt, at Shelby, until same assigned. Bro. C. M. Peasley, formerly of this pike, doing third trick stunt, at Shelby, on account of regular third trick man, Bro. Huyck, on as agent, temporarily.

Bro. F. C. Walker, from second trick, at Weston, to third trick, at Stuart, for a few nights, then going to Oxford as extra agent.

Mr. Keffe (do not know if brother) is doing extra second trick, at Weston, until same is assigned.

Bro. E. N. Case, who has been second trick operator at Shelby, received the agency at Marne, on bulletin.

Bro. E. W. Stuart, who has been regular third trick, at Avoca, went to Walnut, on second trick, for a month, then going to Atlantic on third trick, later assigned to that place on bulletin.



E. F. McGinn, worked at Atlantic a few weeks, nights, then came Operator F. W. Lamson for a couple of nights, extra.

Bro. C. C. Clark, who has been regular second trick operator at Walnut, resigned a short time ago, and is now agent for the U. P., on the Nebraska Division. Bro. Clark made good with an up-to-date card, when he came over here, and we recommend him to the U. P. boys as being a fine fellow.

We learn that former operator E. D. Rider, of Council Bluffs, and later Atlantic, is located with the C. G. W., at Council Bluffs, as third trick operator, yard master, bill clerk, and so many other duties we feel ashamed to use printer's ink on them. Too bad that pike cannot give their telegraphers decent conditions at Council Bluffs.

Farnam, third trick, at Anita, off on a vacation, relieved by Bro. G. A. Scott, who lands from the I. C. Ry. Brother Scott now extra third trick at Avoca, until same is assigned.

C. B. Stanley doing third trick, at Earlham, until same is assigned on bulletin.

A few of the boys want to lay off as soon as they can secure relief, which seems to be hard to procure.

The telegraphers on the West Iowa are very well satisfied with the way our Chief O. J. Miller, is dealing with us on bulletining vacancies and treating us with many courtesies, and we all gladly vote him the "prince of chiefs." We are lined up with a splendid working staff in our Des Moines dispatcher's office, with accommodating trick dispatchers.

: "AU" office has been reopened, with Mr. J. S. McConnell at the bat.

Bro. R. N. Whitley, Iowa City, has been off on a vacation and took the opportunity to go to Dallas, S. D., and register his luck on a chunk of land.

Understand Bro. A. S. Ladd, at Brooklyn, will be back in the harness again before long.

Bro. A. J. Howard, is doing the second trick stunt at Colfax, while Bro. Kaley is away on a vacation.

Bro. E. A. Chittenden, agent, Altoona, is still away on a vacation, with Bro. E. C. Thomas at the helm, and Bro. G. W. McDonald doing the second trick work.

Bro. F. W. Lacey is doing extra work at Iowa City, for a while.

Bro. J. A. Christison, agent, at Moscow, is off on account of his old ailment, bronchitis, he may transfer to the Colorado Division on account of getting into a higher altitude.

Bro. J. B. Smith has been off on a vacation, he is back to the old stand now.

Why don't you fellows get busy and send your correspondent some news, don't you know he's a mighty busy man?

G. H. M.

#### Nebraska Division-

Mr. E. M. Richardson is working third trick, at Albright; relieved at "MU," Omaha, by Mr. Geo. Manion.

Mr. Wm. Mitchell has been working nights, at South Bend, but understand he is leaving us before this is in print. Have not heard who will relieve him.

Bro. J. F. McDonald is relieving Bro. M. H. Goodlander, second trick, at Lincoln. Bro. Goodlander is working first trick, while Bro. H. Moore, regular first trick man, is on his vacation.

Bro. R. S. Williams, from nights, at South Bend, to Phillipsburg.

Mr. W. E. Edeburn is back with us again. He was recently checked in as agent at Jansen. Bro. J. P. Burke, second trick, is a C. T. U. of A. man, and his heart is in the right place, too. Bro. E. McReynolds holds down third trick. Changes at this point take place quite often.

Bro. C. A. Fountain, of Hallam, recently off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. W. S. Carlisle.

Bro. Homer Kennedy, Courtland, taking a few days' vacation; relieved by Denny Woolen, who has not done any railroad work for the past two years, but has spent several years on this division.

Bro. C. B. Beymer, Rydal, was off for a couple of weeks, can not say where he went to spend his money. He was relieved by Operator Cronn.

Bro. J. C. Henry is now at Powhattan.

Bro. E. E. Spencer checked in at Montrose vice Bro. Henry.

We are in hopes of getting the meeting started at Belleville again, as soon as we can make arrangements for a room, and hope that the brothers will take enough interest in them to make it a point to attend each and every meeting, as they will do all of us a great deal of good.

If there are any of you who know of a man that is not a member, or one that has become delinquent, go after him and see if you will not be able to get him up-to-date, for those are the kind of men we want. If you need any application blanks advise the local chairman, and he will be very glad to furnish you with them.

E. M.

#### Cedar Rapids Division-

Each of the offices on the Rock Island has been supplied with a tariff case in the last thirty days, which adds one more piece of handy furniture to the stations. It will surely be appreciated, as most of the stations have needed a tariff case for a long while.

We have failed to see the bulletin of Ely station, but "13" H. E. Cover, of What Cheer, who has been doing relief work for more than a year is packing his household goods and expects to take charge of Ely station.

Did not hear who did relief work at "HC" when Bro. Fox was transferred to yard office at Cedar Rapids.

A Mr. Rodgers, formerly with the Iowa Central, but recently with the Iowa Cold Storage Co., Clinton, Iowa, has made application for a position with the Rock Island, wishing to try his luck at railroad work again. If any of the boys see him run him in and get him lined up. At the start is the time to get them going the right road.

Bro. D. S. Sterrett, agent and telegrapher at Riverside, has been lined up since the issue of

the last TELEGRAPHER. D. C. S. is an old B., C., R. & N. man and we are glad to welcome him as a brother. Boys, are you doing your best to assist us in getting the division solid. Remember you can help a great deal if you would only keep after the non working next station to you or maybe in the same office. The nine-hour law ran in 2 bunch on us and some have not yet made good. We need some hard work along this line in order to make a good record by December 31st. Who are you going to keep after until you land him?

We are pleased to see the improvement in traffic. Our division has certainly got its percentage of business at present, the branch lines are too heavy for regular trains and at present we are having two extras about three days of each week.

Owing to a burning of a bridge near Cedar River, west of Bayfield, on the Muscatine line, trains were compelled to run over the Missouri Division to Columbus Junction and the on the main line, Cedar Rapids Division, to Nichols, on the 20th, 21st and 22d. Did not learn how the fire originated.

Bro. D. C. Sterrett, at "VR," was quite indisposed a few days this month, but at this writing is still at his post.

The burning of lumber yards at Rock Island delayed traffic for ten hours the night of the 16th, which put our stock in the Chicago market too late for Saturday's market, necessitating holding over until Monday.

Bro. C. W. Starr, formerly at Cone, is now working at Fairview, Okla. We had lost track of Starr after leaving "CO," until we received notice of transfer.

What is the matter with the Minnesota and Dakota Division write-ups. Don't see them in The Telegrapher. Would suggest that Bro. C. A. Bailey, of Linn Junction, scratch up a few locals and tell us of the living, and keep the ball rolling. "13" Bro. C. A. Colliton, of "CR" office, has quit and is now studying for a position as railway

Bro. Thorndike is again back at "RR." Bro. T. quit at Center Point to go on his farm in the Dakotas.

mail clerk.

Bro. Sterrett, of "VR," was relieved by Bro. Wright, of Hills, the first and second, so as to attend a law suit at Iowa City, in which he was a witness for the R. I.

Bro. Willem wrote a very encouraging letter, dated the 17th, stating that they were getting busy and would get us some applications, and get the delinquents up-to-date. We are sorry to learn of the death of Bro. Willem's father, which occurred the 4th of September. This has taken Bro. Willem away from his duties, but he reports a "solid" O. R. T. force at "BU," which is certainly gratifying. It came about like this, Mr. H. A. Sweigard resigned to accept the agency with the N. P., and now located at Belgrade, Mont.; was relieved by Mr. Conrad Schultz, who was later bumped by Bro. W. B. Downey, of Elmira. Schultz is going to Oelwein for relief. At this writing he is at "CD," relieving Bro. Jenkins, who is on sick list.

Operator Akers, at Mediapolis, has moved his mother to that point, which looks as if he were satisfied with the town.

Bro. W. W. Hall who was at one time operator at Burlington, agent at Sperry, Kalona and Ely, but now with L. C. Smith & Bro. Typewriter Co., with headquarters at Springfield, Ill., called on the boys at "BU," the 17th. He carrys an up-to-date card and says he would not be without it.

Bro. Morgeson, of West Branch, is entitled to an apology for the omission of "Bro." in September write-up. We were unable to learn at that writing of his good standing.

Mr. L. C. Kelly relieved Bro. B. J. McDonald at West Branch; a couple of weeks afterward going to Burlington to relieve Bro. Willem, third trick, on account of parental sickness.

Our new time-table makes a change in the number of train 990, and hereafter it will be 998. The Nos. 99 and 990 were apt to conflict in orders, as they were somewhat similarly made.

Bro. B. McDonald has written us suggesting that we have a meeting at Cedar Rapids some morning about 7 or 8 o'clock, so some of the boys that go on at 1 and 2 p. m. could be there. This is a very good suggestion, and would like to hear from some more of the boys that are in these circumstances, and I am sure if enough will assist that a meeting could be held at that time for the benefit of these brothers.

Bro. Swain, at McCausland, had a few days' vacation the first of October but cut short to allow Extra Man Atherton to attend a law suit at Clinton.

If you do not enjoy these items it is up to you to give us some good stuff. We are very thankful for the assistance from Bros. Willem, of Burlington, and McDonald, of West Branch, who gave us a few items for this issue.

Must close with another appeal to each and every brother to get busy and have the delinquents square up, and get the nons to make good. Brothers, we must pull ahead and we want your assistance.

J. A. Gunderson, Cert. 197.

#### Colorado Division-

As we go to press we find business again in about normal condition; regular freights running in their several sections, also many extra trains are necessary to take care of traffic in both directions.

We have had a great many changes during the last month on this division, and at present it is a hard matter to locate many of the old-timers on the line.

Bro. Widmoyer at last landed at Stuttgart. This is certainly a great relief to Guy, as he has been over the entire division since the station at Calvert was made a non-telegraph station.

Bro. J. E. Barry, formerly at Stuttgart, transferred to Brewster as agent; understand this is but temporary.

Bro. A. S. Rabourn, from Brewster to agent at Gem permanent.



Bro. A. W. Koontz, who has been agent at Gem for the last four years, has resigned and is going into a more profitable business than slaving away at railroad work. Understand he is going in the harness business, also managing a poultry ranch near Gem. Bro. Koontz has always been a loyal member and ever ready and willing to do anything to the interest of our Order, and while Bro. K. may not be working with us on the line, we know we can always depend on him as working for our Order, and for the benefit of those depending on telegraphing for a living.

Bro. J. T. Franklin is back to Kanorado, regular agent, after spending thirty days on the coast and in the Western country.

Wish all brothers and sisters would send any items of changes or of interest to Bro. Fletcher, at Goodland, and I will assure you that we will be able to show a good, newsy write-up each month, if you will only do this. We wish you all to take an interest in this and want you to feel at liberty to send in anything you think will be of interest to the members or others on this line; also want you to feel free in expressing your opinions, etc.

Bro. W. L. Woods has resigned his position as agent at Rexford, and was relieved by Bro. D. R. Mulford. Bro. Mulford left the R. I. about two years ago to seek employment elsewhere.

Bro. Woods passed through on Jersey the forepart of the month, bidding the boys good-bye. He was local chairman for the Colorado Division for almost two years, and during his time he had the division well lined-up, and we have heard a kick from no one. Bro. Woods will engage in the livestock business with his father at Harrisonville, Mo. Should any of the boys on the Colorado Division pass through there I hope they will call on him, as they will always find him with a glad hand and an up-to-date card, whether in a railway office or on his stock farm.

Bro. Krouse, who went from Limon to "KN," Denver, was relieved there, October 4th, by the regular operator, Mr. Cutler. Bro. Krouse is around Mattison, visiting relatives, and relieved Bro. Carter at "MA," one day, while the latter was attending to some private affairs.

Bro. Pierce (member of the dispatchers' union), extra dispatcher at Limon, soon to be relieved by Bro. Krouse, who expects to be back there to work in a few days.

Mr. B. B. Nichols is relieving Bro. Miller at Genoa for fifteen or twenty days. Can not say whether he is a brother or not.

Sister Horton, on third trick at Flagler at present. Hope it is permanent.

Mr. Preston, night wire chief at Goodland, off on vacation for thirty days; relieved by late night chief, Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Schmidt relieves Mr. Johnson at Goodland. Have you all paid that \$3 assessment; if not, why not? This is very important and should be attended to at once. You all know for what reason this was levied. You are aware of the fact that it was not the desire of the committee to go

to Chicago at this time, but they were called in by the company, who were desirous of a change in our schedule, and it was only the hard and faithful work of our committee that saved us from having our salary reduced at least 15 to 25 per cent. Was there not more reason for a 25 per cent reduction at this time than in 1893? Ask some of the old-timers and you will find that they are well pleased with the work of the committee.

Bro. F. M. Gorne, from N. P. Ry. at Seldon, third trick.

Brothers, whenever you have a new man to work with the first thing you should do is to ask him if he has an up-to-date card, and if he has he is always willing to show it and feel proud of it. We have had a number of cases where we would ask the agent: "Is your new man up-to-date?" and in many cases the answer would be: "Don't know, will find out." This shows a lack of interest you take in the work. If you find your man not up-to-date furnish him with application blanks, and see that he files them with you on the first pay-day, if he is unable to do 30 immediately.

The hours of service at Stuttgart and Prairie View again changed back to proper hours, as per schedule. This is quite a relief to Bros. Widmoyer and Brown.

We expect to hold a meeting at Goodland as soon as business will permit, and we wish to see both ends of the division well represented. In the meantime I wish each one would make a note of any suggestion they wish brought before the meeting, and take it with them, as in this way it will not be overlooked or neglected.

Mr. R. B. Allen relieving Bro. Hanz at Flagler, who is off on thirty days' vacation.

The hours at Genoa were again changed from midnight to noon to 7 p. m. to 7 a. m.

Recent wreck near Madison caused by foggy weather. Engineers Kline and Bishop and Fireman Williams, who were hurt, are still in hospital, but hope they will all be ready for serivce soon. Extra Dispatcher and Operator Pierce, from Limon, at wreck giving proper information to all concerned during the clearing of track, etc. Men at Limon doubling up for a few days.

Bro. McGee, from Ruleton, over to Goodland Tuesday night taking in the sights of the metropolis.

Must be some vacancies, as we understand Supt. Abbott is wiring all over the country for agents. Hope he gets good men.

Latest reports shows Sister Hortons at Selden, third trick. This makes "SU" solid O. R. T.; may it always be so.

Mrs. Wilbur, operator at Jennings, off an a few days' vacation; am unable to say who is relieving her. Mrs. Wilbur has given her promise that she will be with us soon and hope by the time this is published she will be able to show an up-to-date card.

Bro. Winegar, second trick operator at Norton, handed us his application blanks on the 19th and will soon be in possession of card and tells us that he will ever attempt to carry one in the future.

Bro. Sarvis, third trick at Norton, is doing some fine work and will have that station in first-class shape in a few days.

J. P. Quinn, operator in superintendent's office, Colorado Springs, promises to be up to date soon.

Latest report shows Bro. J. E. Barry checked in as agent at Rexford; relieved by Mr. Edwards, formerly operator at Colby. Edwards relieved by a tourist (non); am unable to give his name.

Bro. Mulford, from Rexford, to agent Limon; can not say whether permanent or not. Unable to say where Bro. Riddell is going, but hope only on vacation, as we need all the men we can get like Bros. Riddell and Mulford.

Night Wire Chief Preston back to work at Goodland; works but eight hours a day. Late Night Wire Chief Johnson resumes work at night.

Bro. Schmidt (C. T. U. A.), who was relieving at Goodland, leaves for Denver October 24th.

Bro. Don Townsend working extra at Goodland and getting in lots of overtime during the busy times.

Brothers, are you doing your duties? Have you ever mentioned to that non next to you that it is to his benefit that he should join us and help us in the work of organization and betterment of conditions. Am sorry to say that I have not seen a name in the roll of honor from this division for some time. Let us each one try and see if we can not have our name put there in the next publication of The Telegrapher.

Cert. 186.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler has deemed it wise to remove from our midst the beloved sister of our worthy Bro. J. E. Barry; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the membership of C., R. I. & P. Division No. 126, extend to Bro. Barry, parents and husband our heartfelt sympathies in this their hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, a copy forwarded to Bro. Barry, one to husband and parents and one to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

A. S. RABOURN,
A. W. KOONTZ,
R. D. GARBER,

Committee.

# Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry.

Michigan Division-

Eight or ten of the boys from this division attended the O. R. T. meeting at Toledo the 23d. They report about seventy-five attended the meeting and as having a fine time. Such meetings as these are what is needed and I hope there will be more of them.

Mr. O. G. Skelton, working second trick at Archbold, taking the place of Miss Agnes McGuire, who has gone west. Am unable to say if Mr. Skelton has a card or not, but we hope a good O. R. T. man filled the vacancy created by the departure of the non, Miss McGuire.

Bro. Gankwer, of Millersburg, working days at Stryker for a few days.

R. M. Waite relieving Bro. Hasbrook, of "B" tower, who is taking a few days' leave of absence.

Bro. Conklin, of "CX" tower, Goshen, has re-

Bro. Conklin, of "CX" tower, Goshen, has returned to work after a two weeks' visit in Ohio.

Last month I failed to prefix the word "Bro." to the name of Bro. H. G. Brining, of Shipshewana. This was an unintentional mistake on my part, as Bro. Brining is one of the boys and an earnest worker in the cause.

Bro. H. H. Meeklenberg, of Sturgis, working first trick at "RS' during absence of Mr. Goodell. Mr. H. C. Graves taking Bro. Micklenberg's place.

Now, brothers, I want to ask you once more to give me your support in these write-ups. I am aware that my ability in this capacity is limited and am willing some one else would take it off my hands. Now, don't all speak at once, but if no one will take it I will continue and do the best I can, but they could be greatly improved with a little assistance on your part, and I hope in the future more interest will be shown and a good write-up the result.

Remember our motto, "No cards no favors," and keep driving at that non until he gets ashamed of himself and fills out the blanks. "Sox."

# Chicago, Buriington & Quincy Ry.

It is thought that on account of the coming election a number of our members have not paid dues for the current term, fearing that the result of the election might have some effect upon their several pocket books. There are so many who lose sight of the fact that we must continue the fight for the laborers' rights, it matters not who is President and we must have the support of every telegraph and telephone operator on our system as well as the support of all exclusive agents.

It should be remembered that we are to represent the telephone operator as well as the telegraphers. Our constitution provides for this and we must represent them. It is to be regretted that so few of our members ever read the constitution and it is well to call their attention to this fact again.

Some few seem disgruntled because we have only been able to hold our own during the past year. We should not lose sight of the fact that during the past year we have had constantly with us the most far-reaching panic of the age and it has not yet left us.

We must appeal to you all to steadfastly support the organization that has given to you your present salaries and working conditions. It appears to be the policy of some of our members to drop out of the Order as soon as they get a few good things, thinking perhaps that we have got all we can ever get. Let me say that this is a progressive organization and the telegraphers have not as yet received near what is due them and unless you give your support all along you are only blocking progress and making it utterly impossible to get what is still due you. Do not be a backslider, do not block progress, but lend your assistance just as loyally in the future as in the past and the reward will surely be yours.



You are not averse to taking all the good things we get for you. Why be backward in supporting us? Your sympathies can be with us until doomsday, but unless you are a member you are against us, as we need your financial as well as moral support and without it we can not prosper.

Our Order asks the smallest fee of any of the organizations. The other railroad organizations require a fee several times that of ours, and yet they have no trouble in keeping up the membership.

Let us get alive to the fact that we must at all times present a solid front or our weakness will be evident. Let us have a write-up from each division in the future, and above all, let us all get busy.

Information blanks are out and the committee expects to meet in the near future for a revision of schedule. Be sure and return your blanks at once to your local chairman; his name will appear on the blanks.

We hope for better working conditions in the future. Will you help get them?

W. J. Johnson, G. C.

#### St. Joseph Division-

O. C. Wallace, Parkville, and D. C. Davis, Amazonia, are the new ones this month. Everybody get busy now and see how many we can line up for the next month.

Mr. E. C. Baird and W. C. Best have exchanged places, Best going to Curzons and Baird to Forbes, third trick. There has been a number of changes lately on the division, but no one seems to be interested enough to give us the names of the boys making changes.

Mr. Henderson, agent at Neb City Junction, off a few days the latter part of September, Mr. Henderson, Jr., nights McPaul, working relief. Can't say who is at McPaul.

C. C. Bradshaw holding Neb. City Junction nights at present.

Block 36 apparently didn't look good to J. C. Cowles, as he bid Island Park back again.

Bro. A. E. Finch off a week the first of the month visiting friends in Missouri. D. C. Davis, from Amazonia, relieving and F. O. Boyle in turn relieving him, to go to second trick at Amazonia.

F. V. Kemp, agent at Heutons, starts the 15th for the Rosebud land opening.

Bro. Huarston, second trick at Council Bluffs, was taken ill and went to his home in Walbach, Neb., the latter part of October. Can't learn who is doing relief.

Operator F. O. Boyle to Farley, relieving Mrs. York. Farley bulletined.

Vote for a good man, boys, and help put Frank E. French on the Advisory Committee of the Relief Department.

Our chief dispatcher on a few weeks' vacation. Guess Mr. Robinson likes his job of acting chief, for they say "he wears a smile that won't come off.

CORRESPONDENT.

Brookfield Division-

Bro. Hawkins, of Lathrop, is spending his vacation in Oklahoma, Bro. W. I. Ritter relieving him.

Mr. Buckley, agent at Palmyra, taking thirty days off, relieved by Bro. T. D. Freeman, of Woodland. Mr. R. E. Leake doing the owl act at Woodland.

Bro. Bagley, agent at Ely, just returned from South Dakota, where he registered in the Rosebud land drawing.

Bro. A. B. Roof just returned from a trip through Texas. Bro. Ogan worked as agent during Bro. Roof's absence; he in turn relieved by Operator Hughes. Bro. Ogan got busy with Mr. Hughes, and ere you see this in print, Bro. Hughes will have an "up to date."

Bro. McIntosh got Lentner on bulletin. Bro. Reed, formerly agent at Lentner, left the service to take up a course of electrical engineering.

We are sorry to report Bro. McCoy, of Clarence, on the sick list. Hope he will soon be able to resume duty.

Bro. Chin, of Bevier, got Callao on bulletin. Bro. Newland to Bevier.

Agent Theihoff, of Bucklin, just returned from trip through the South.

I wish to say a few words in regard to our write-ups. We have been depending on the boys to send us the news, consequently we have had no write-up for two or three months. I have received several "boquets" lately on acount of no writeup. I will handle this part of it personally for a while, and endeavor to ascertain why no one sends in any items. Now, boys, it's up to you. I would like to have at least twenty-five correspondents on this division. I want you to send me a few items each month. Don't wait until a certain date to do this; send it in any day in the month; if it is received too late for this month, I will use it next. I will furnish postage and stationery to as many of you as will take an interest and assist me to have the best write-up on the system.

There is another thing I wish to call your attention to. In going over part of the division recently, my attention was called to the condition some of the stations were kept. At one or two stations trucks and skids were scattered around the platform when not in use, and some of you had some bad-looking floors and windows. The point they were trying to make was that the men did not appreciate the shorter hours, and were taking no interest in trying to show that it was a good thing. I was forced to admit that these cases were O. R. T. men. Now, boys, don't let this happen again. The next time I have occasion to go over the line, I hope I can call the officials' attention to the improved condition of all sta-A. F. RITTER, Local Chairman. tions.

#### Sterling Division-

How much are you interested in the size of your pay check? Just donate the amount to organized labor in the form of initiation fee to the Order of your craft.



Bro. Cuddy, at Mitchell, has had the good luck to be allowed a "helper," and is showing a good increase in business at his station.

Bro. S. J. O'Connor resigned, at Madrid, and has engaged in the banking business at Elsie.

Some complaints reach us that all vacancies are not being bulletined on the Sterling Division; if you know any such oversight, just let us have your complaints. Our superintendent is on the fair list, and if no bulletins issue, no doubt they were overlooked. This is our busy season, just now, on this division.

C. J. Helmer goes from Bridgeport, third trick, to Ft. Laramie, as agent; relieving Mr. Anderson, who has gone to look for pastures greener.

Loomis has been bulletined, and we understand A. H. Moore was placed there as agent. No doubt older applicants will later be given the place. We failed to learn where Bro. Wingert goes from Loomis.

Bro. H. P. Schroeder, the old standby from Dickens, is now doing the third trick at Bridgeport.

Bro. S. C. Clarke is off duty at Torrington, has been East for several days' visit.

Bro. A. E. Delahoyde, with the aid of a clerk, has been the whole thing at Scott's Bluff, for several days, on account of a shortage of operators. Bro. Call going to the Alliance office. A good promotion.

There are several of the old heads who allowed themselves to fall behind with their dues, that will be lined up again soon. Don't be alarmed at this good news, as they were only careless in this matter, and have not, for one moment, had a doubt as to the merits of our united efforts.

We were recently very agreeably surprised to meet an old "comrade in the service," Bro. C. G. Belding, of the Creston Division, one of the committee at the meeting in Chicago in 1906.

Bro. Belding's "Go ahead period" will be well remembered by members of that committee. He is at present doing the cashier act at Bridgeport.

Bro. H. P. Armitage takes the agency at Bridgeport; R. E. Cozad going to Bertrand. This exchange of positions puts each man near his former location. Bro. Armitage being formerly, for years, at Mitchell, and Bro. Cozad for several years at Elwood and Farnam.

J. T. Maddox.

Sheridan Division-

Bro. R. H. Jenks, Clearmont, third trick, transferred to Clifton, nights, latter resigned; relieved by Bro. Kelly.

Mr. E. V. Runyon, agent, Arvada, on a five day leave of absence; relieved by Bro. J. H. Vacek, who has been doing a thirty day relief stunt at the Billings ticket office.

Sisters Norton and Shaughnessy on a month's vacation, taking in the scenery of Utah, and several other places in the West; relieved by Bros. Garieghty and Seaton.

Bro. E. E. Law transferred to the Sheridan yard offices from Wyola, second trick.

Geo. B. Snyder, a former brother, who dropped the Order on account of leaving the key, has decided to return to pounding brass, and was stationed at Toluca, relieving Bro. R. Maris, who resigned, going to Omaha.

Bro. McPherren, who quit the road a short time ago, has accepted the agency at Toluca.

We are informed that Sister Shaughnessy's folks, of Rozet, have moved back to York, Neb., so the youngsters can attend the convent.

Bro. H. V. Carpenter, third trick, Gillettee, is back at his old stand again, after a long trip back East. Mr. Pugh, who was relieving him, resigned, going back East.

Mr. M. C. Hughes has been appointed trainmaster, with jurisdiction over the division from Sheridan to Edgemont, and A. E. Wallace is in charge from Sheridan to Billings, including the branch lines, vice J. F. Phelan, resigned.

Mr. Harry Kimball has been appointed night chief dispatcher. Mr. Kimball has had considerable experience as an operator and in the train and yard service, being transferred from engine foreman, in the Sheridan yards, to his present position, which no doubt he is thoroughly competent to fill.

Bro. T. F. Kling, Clearmont is on duty again, after a thirty days' vacation; Bro. Harry Kling is relieving Theo, and resumes his trick as second trick operator, while Bro. Wright retains third trick, on account of Bro. Jenks resigning.

Our genial Chief Dispatcher Mr. C. D. Peckenpaugh, with his family, has been on vacation through the lower parts of California. Mr. W. Johnson, trick dispatcher on the west end held down the chief's chair during the absence of Mr. C. D. P.

Mr. J. Smith, third trick dispatcher on the west end, has been transferred to first trick on the east end.

Bro. Geo. A. Hineman, formerly of the C. M. & St. P., relieved Bro. McPeek, who resigned, going to Ogden.

Some nice positions on bulletins 13 and 14. Hope some good brothers secure them.

There are three or four brothers that have not paid their dues for the present term. We can see where those brothers are doing an injustice to themselves. We understand the reason those brothers are dropping the Order, is because that they have to work twelve hours for the same rate of pay other men are receiving for working nine hours. It's hard to blame them for admitting that, but they ought to give us a little time at least so we can have those positions put on a different rate of pay. You all know that it would be useless to demand anything during the depression of business. Our General Chairman Bro. M. J. Johnson, advises that information blanks will be gotten out this month, and when they are all in, he will secure a date with the general managers, Of course, it is hard to make some people believe every one, we hope.

Business, it is claimed, is better at this time than it was before the depression, and offices that have been closed are opening up. In fact, we believe that times for the telegrapher and agent



are better just at present than they ever were on the Burlington.

We should all take a hand in organization, and convert some of these nons. A little of that good O. R. T. talk will fetch them. Some are seeing where they were in the wrong and are requesting application blank. Let us make the coming year, one that will be put on record. If each brother and sister would just help a little. The things that would be accomplished would be surprising. Of course, it is hard to make some people believe this, but give it a trial and you will see.

And another thing, pay your dues promptly, this is as very important as when dues are coming in like a big drag coming up the Ulm hill. The secretary loses his patience, and its hard telling what he does then, as are too far away from him to know. But it causes unnecessary work and expense. So let us all work in harmony, and build up our membership to one hundred percent.

Hardin opened up nights again, on account of such heavy business. Bro. R. B. Peck securing the job. Bro. Tupper, agent there is delighted.

Ballantine Pit has been shut down; taking four dirt trains off. This is just temporarily on account of they needed the crews and engines to catch up with the rush of business that has showed up the past three weeks. Business on South lines from Toluca is very good, the most of it is sugar beet. They have five freight crews up there now.

Parkman was favored with another man, making three operators, including the agent at that point now. Deitz also has another operator on days, by the name of Lewis; and also Alger, nights, has opened up.

Mr. Snyder and Mr. Pugh, two new men on the west end, have traded positions with each other. Pugh from Wyola to Toluca, and Snyder from Toluca to Wyola.

The west end was visited with a very severe wind storm, which demolished the wire business for about thirty hours, between Wyola and Crow agency. Bro. Tupper, who is an old time dispatcher from the Alliance Division, and for the past year agent at Hardin, got his head working, and made trains move and prevented a blockade.

Mr. Orange A. Roode, the unconvinced Verona, nights, is taking a brief lay-off, having some trouble with his homestead. J. S. Garieghty relieving him.

Bro. H. W. Jesse relieved Bro. Seaton, at Arvada, third trick, and a Mr. Jackson relieved Mr. J. S. Garieghty, second trick.

On Mr. E. V. Runyon's return from a short leave of absence, Bro. Vacek was sent to Greybull to relieve Mr. J. H. McClung, who takes a leave of absence of thirty days.

J. P. MERHAN, Local Chairman.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to call Sister A.

L. Thomas from her labors on this earth, Be it

Resolved, That in her death Burlington System

Division, No. 130, O. R. T. has lost a loyal mcm-

ber, and Bro. Thomas and children, a devoted and loving wife and mother; Be it further

Resolved, That Division No. 130 extend its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy sent to THE TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy placed on Sheridan Division of Burlington System, Division No. 130 records.

J. P. MERHAN, W. L. KESINGER, E. E. LAW.

Committee.

Lincoln Division-

Bro. Jones, agent at Tamora, off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. McLean.

Bro. James, agent at Bradshaw, off on vacation. Did not learn who relieved him.

Bro. Plotts, assistant local chairman, of Hampton, has gone to Chicago for a two weeks' rest.

There are a number of members off on vacations now, but we are unable to learn who they are and where they went during their vacation. Those who take vacations should be kind enough to drop the correspondent a line, stating that they were off on a vacation and who relieved them, and we would have you all in the locals and, besides, it would help our write-up each month. Please try and do this.

Bro. C. E. Kulborn off on vacation; relieved by Extra Agent H. E. Gordon. Bro. Kulborn and family went to Oakland, Iowa, and later Bro. K. will go to South Dakota to register for a chunk of land.

Bro. J. W. Johnson, of St. Paul, off on a vacation; going to South Dakota to register for land: relieved by Bro. Tickner.

Agent Taylor, of Archer, and Bros. J. C. Cogil, of Marquett, off on a vacation; relieved by Extra Agent Lepper.

Extra Agent Lepper relieved the agent at Comstock a few days and then went to South Dakota to register for some free land.

J. M. Combs has been transferred to Staplehurst and is the regular agent there.

Bro. F. F. Miles (local chairman) and wife returned from a thirty days' vacation. His wife's health is greatly improved.

Lushtor office is now a 'phone office and managed by a student.

Mr. R. O. Moore, a new man from the Q. east, relieved Bro. Miles during his vacation. It was Mr. Moore on his arrival and Bro. Moore on his departure. Our local chairman is all right.

Operator Goldsberry, second trick at Waverly, and Operator Fender, second trick at Ashland, both took in the registration at O'Neal; relieved by Agent Nickerson.

Bro. Lempk, relieving agent, at Nickerson for a few days.

Sister Taylor relieved Mr. Weaver, agent at Denton, during his absence.

Please send in locals, brothers.

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Ashland Division-

Bro. Wagner, of Oakland, and Bro. McGowen, extra agent, went up to O'Neill to register, and I suppose that they will soon be farming.

Bro. Sneithen, of Dakota City, off a few days; relieved by Bro. McGowen.

They are using the 'phone system for dispatching between Lincoln and Omaha. I "13" Shields office is full of boys and girls learning the station work.

Bro. Likewise, of Malmo, off a few weeks on a trip to Chicago; relieved by Bro. McGowen.

Bro. M. E. Taylor, of Ord, Neb., and Bro. Dell, of Central City, passed through en route to O'Neill to draw a farm.

Bro. Holt, local chairman, was up on a special from Sioux City, shaking hands with the boys on the O'Neill line, and also to register for a farm; relieved by Bro. McGowen.

Bro. Elinor, of Hastings, was also to O'Neill trying to get a farm. There will be a nice bunch of brothers living on homesteads next summer, as they all expect to be lucky ones.

On account of the registration at O'Neill most all of the boys have had to work those twelve long hours. The passenger traffic being so heavy the company had on several specials. Let the good work keep up, the more business the more money.

Bro. Bobbitt, of Homer, off at last on his vacation; relieved by Mr. T. W. Byerly, who used to carry a card, but dropped out. I have mailed him the papers and hope that he will see fit to come back with us.

Mr. L. F. Droell, relief agent at Goodwin asks the rate and will try and come in this pay-day.

Mr. Marsh, agent at Jackson, says he would like to be a member, but thinks it costs too much. Anything for an excuse.

Mr. Lacy, of Laurell, says if he ever gets the money he will come in. But this is an old story, all summer he has kept putting our local chairman off, but he keeps after him just the same.

Our committee are preparing some new information blanks, which will be out in a short time. When they reach you please be prompt in answering all the questions and return them to your local chairman, as it is very important that our committee have this information before going in to revise our schedule.

Mr. Baxley, operator at Oakland, claims to be up-to-date, but is rather backward some way in showing his colors. As I am advised our local chairman has been trying for some time to find out from him any information which would lead to show that he was a worthy brother, but up to this time he has been unable to get any information from him.

The bunch on the O'Neill line seem to have that spongy feeling; don't seem to be awake. Our traveling auditor once said, just after the Burlington had taken this line, that they had a bunch of agents that had been asleep for some time. Guess that they are still in their dreams. We have a few good brothers on this line and if they will make an effort probably we can wake the nons up.

Mr. J. B. Bailey from Oakland to Goodwin for a few days, until Bro. Knudson comes back from vacation.

Our local chairman is going after the nons in good shape on the O'Neill line. He advises he has an application from the agent at McLean. It is Bro. Holenbeck, instead of Mr.

There are a few on this division who have not paid their dues, ending December 31st. Boys, now is the time when we should all stick together, instead of getting weak, if we expect to defeat the telephone.

There are something like 1000 members paid up now. This is a better showing than last year at this time.

There is some violation of the nine-hour law on this division. If you expect the officials to live up to the law try and do so yourself. I know of two places where the agents are working as long as sixteen to eighten hours a day. This should not be done and if you can not do the work in the required time there should be another operator put on.

Mr. Savage, of Dixon, says if he don't leave the service and ever gets the money, etc., he will join, but I think he will always be able to have an excuse.

Mr. Howerter is now on second trick at Oreapolis. Bro. W. E. Aultz resigned. I understand Bro. Aultz intends to go East.

Bro. Paulsen, of Missouri Pacific crossing, Louisville, goes to Gibson. Mr. Lempka, at Gibson, off for a few weeks.

Bro. Paulsen relieved by Mr. McGovern, off the Milwaukee.

Bro. Kimball, agent at Chalco, off a few days; relieved by Mr. Key.

Bro. MacMullen, of Gretna, off for a few weeks, visiting his relatives at Louisville, and also visiting in Denver.

The 'phones don't seem to be a howling success between Lincoln and Omaha, as every day they have to go back to the old stand-by, the telegraph, and get things straightened back in place. The 'phone will have to have a great many improvements before they will be in line with the telegraph.

Bro. E. A. McKee has been appointed correspondent for the Ashland Division, so please send your notes to him so that he can send them in by the 20th.

Cairo opened nights for a couple of months during the stock rush, with Bro. C. L. Bush, from the Wymore Division, doing the second trick.

Bro. C. A. Smith, agent at Cairo, off a couple of weeks on account of being sick; relieved by Bro. M. J. Armstrong, extra agent.

I noticed in the September Telegrapher that C. L. Bush was referred to as mister. Please have this corrected, as he is in good standing, has an up-to-date card, Cert. 1711.

Now, let all of the brothers send in a few items and we will always have a good write-up.

Don't forget the place, Winnebago, Neb.

Cor.



Wymore Division-

Another month has rolled around and we still have a few on the Wymore Division who have not paid dues. While the number is not large, it is larger than it ever has been on this division at this time in the term, and it does not look good, especially when we know all of the delinquents are able to pay. Some of them have taken long vacations during the past few months, but when it comes to putting up the money to help sustain the Order, which vitally affects their bread and butter, they seem to feel they are shy on long green.

All of them are enjoying an increase of from \$5 to \$20 per month, all obtained since the organization was perfected on this road.

It would appear that some of us were inclined to go back where we were five or six years ago.

Look after your neighbors, boys, and see if they are up-to-date if not, try and get them in line. We are getting in lots of new members and the old ones should surely stand up with them.

Bro. Will Hall, agent at Salem, was recently absent on account of the serious illness of his brother. Bro. Glenn, of Table Rock, relieved during his absence.

Mr. Whitford, agent at Falls City, was away registering for a South Dakota farm.

Items are again scarce this month; looks like you fellows were not caring much about the write-up. Better send in a few if you wish to get the news over the division.

Mr. Hicks recently transferred from a day trick at Humboldt to the position of day telegrapher at Syracuse, temporarily.

Bro. Redline, agent at Peru, recently on vacation; relieved by Bro. Reneau.

Col. Cole, agent at Vesta, has been enjoying a vacation; relieved by Bro. Harper.

It is Bro. J. M. Cunningham at Liberty nights now. His application has gone in and he will be sporting an up-to-date card before this appears.

Bro. Ballance, at Pawnee, put his name down for a farm in the recent Dakota drawing; relieved by Bro. Harvey Grimes.

Bro. Jack Hartzell has been holding down Tobias while Mr. Van Dusen is spending his surplus seeing New York. Wish it was as easy for him to spend his coin for a card.

Bro. L. P. Zettle has been relieving Mr. Hadsell, agent at Geneva, who has been on vacation.

Bro. Fuller, agent at Nelson, was recently away; relieved by Bro. Harpster.

Everybody get up-to-date. No card, no favors.

Mr. Silvers has resigned as agent at Superior,
and is relieved by Mr. Gingrich, from the Beatrice office. "13" Mr. Silver has bought out the
bottling works at Superior.

Div. Cor.

#### LaCrosse Division-

It has gotten to be a stale joke for a correspondent to ask for a little assistance in the way of notes. While our boys are good, live members and want to do the right thing, it looks bad when they don't send a few notes to their correspondent.

It seems as though the membership in general doesn't take much interest. No we know such is not the case. But look at it in that light and drop Bro. Rogers, local chairman, a few notes each month, and he will see that they are taken care of.

Bro. Schrunk, of Savanna yard, off on a vacation, and when he returns to work he will have his "life partner" with him,

Bro. Theissa, formerly of Davenport union station, and extra dispatcher for the D., R. I. & N. W., is now working first trick at Savanna depot.

Bro. Dodge, of Galena Junction, second trick, makes an occasional trip to Dubuque.

Mr. E. V. Easterbrook, agent at East Dubuque, has left the service. Understand he is to take up tarming at Milledgeville, Ill. Job is on bulletin.

Mr. Otto Groff, first trick at East Dubuque, has been out west looking over land and getting his mitt in the drawing at Cambridge.

Mr. White, of Rutledge, second, promises to be with us on receipt of his next check.

Mr. "Jud" Lynch, formerly clerk "BU," Dubuque office, is now working third trick, Curry, temporarily.

Bro. Vailes back at Wyalausing after spending a pleasant vacation. Bro. Dill, who relieved him, was sent to Charme to open that station. He works from 11 p. m. until 8 a. m., and has to hike to Prairie Du Chien to feed and bunk.

W. J. Reber, second trick Wyalausing, has done the necessary and may now be called brother.

Bro. M. C. Miller, third trick at Crawford, has resigned. "13" he is hitting the ball for the Colorado Southern.

Mr. Dornfeld, who has been working third at Crawford, goes to Fountain City; relieved by J. Schneider, from Bagley.

Agent Downey, Genoa, has been taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. J. R. Garber.

Mr. L. M. Long, traveling tariff inspector, has been making the rounds posting up the boys.

I am indebted to Bro. J. C. W. for notes this month. Will some of you kindly help out with the next write-up? Don't put it off, use this motto, "Today is short, yesterday has gone, to-morrow may never come." If you've got anything to do, get busy.

Bro. E. W. Dyer and wife, of Lynxville, took in the Pittsburg and Chicago ball game one Sunday this month, Bro. Otis Berger doing the relief for one day.

Bro. Chas. Bright doing extra work as second operator at Lynxville while Bro. Berger is laying off.

Bro. W. E. Bright, third at Lynxville, on sick list for a few days.

Bro. J. N. Norton, second at De Soto, off for a few days; relieved by Operator Dederick; also Bro. Marks, third at De Soto, off for a two weeks' vacation, visiting friends in Minnesota, being relieved by Bro. Fred Owens.

Bro. J. H. Rogers, Jr., and wife made a two days' business trip to Chicago this month.



East Dubuque agency now on the bulletin, but at this writing we have failed to hear who was the lucky man; also agency at Wyalausing on the board.

Blanding is to be opened with an operator on from 8 a. m. until 5 p: m., and from 11 p. m. to 8 a. m.

I am pleased to announce to the brothers that the grievance that we had on the north end has been settled satisfactory to those concerned.

A number of cases of "bumping" have been going on over the line. This is not right and it is not the intention of the management that it is to be allowed unless for a good cause.

All the brothers who read the journal this month drop your local chairman a card in regard to holding a meeting some place along the line and see if we can not arrange for one in the near future.

Bro. H. V. Ailes, operator third trick at Wyalausing, is off for a few weeks on a visit home; Bro. P. A. Dill relieving him.

Galena Junction, third trick, now on bulletin. A good chance for some good operator. "WY," Wyalausing, also on bulletin.

Bro. Washburn, of Bagley, second trick, has been laying off for about a month, with Bro. Schneider to relieve him.

One trick at Chume, B. C., now open, P. A. Dill doing the owl trick there.

We are in hopes that they will soon have all the tricks open, as business is picking up on the old pike. "13" the third trick at "BC" has been bulletined again. I guess there must be too much doing there to suit Bro. Dill, and he is hunting for a more quiet place. Who's the next lucky man?

Bulletin out for Crawford, third trick. Bro. Schneider relieving Bro. Brenner and Bro. Brenner now doing the second trick at "J."

Bro. Ails is now back at his old stand, "WY," after a visit home.

Bro. N. C. Miller, of Crawford, second trick, was called home on account of his father being very sick.

Bro. J. W. Cooper, of East Winona, took a run over the line and stopped off at a number of different places to call on old friends.

Bro. Flannigan, from South Junction, third trick, is now working third at Winona, as it was a case of bump at the junction.

Bro. Brodt, of "F," laid off a few days this month and made a trip to Savannah, while Bro. I. J. Willard did the relieving act as agent.

Mr Johnson, who worked a few nights at Mc-Cartney is now working at Maiden Rock. He is not a brother, but hope we may soon call him so; think he will join just as soon as he has been in the service long enough.

"13" there is a student at Glen Haven. Let us hope this is not the case. If the agent has more than he can tend to he should ask for a helper. Let us do away with the student business, boys.

A case of bump at South Junction; Bro. Gibbons now doing second trick and Mr. Krueger doing third.

As the stock season again rolls around business picks up to some extent, which seems to please most every one. The local freight trains No. 94 and 93 between Grand Crossing and Prairie du Chien, which have been running only three times a week for about three months on acount of slack business, have been recently put back as daily trains.

Operator A. M. Gretesch, working the first trick at Rusk, regular operator Bro. Wm. Goldberg doing some relief work at Savanna yard.

The telegraph office at Rutledge was made a busy place on September 29th when an extra north got a car off at that place, which blocked a number of important stock trains for about two hours.

Bro. Wisebold, third trick at the "RH" office, off for a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Operator Burns. Wisebold after his vacation, relieves Bro. W. N. Olson, second trick at Grand Crossing yard office, Bro. Olson going to Savanna yard to do some relief work.

Mr. W. J. Burns relieved Bro. C. J. Nelson at Dayton's Bluff for a few days. He promises to line up soon. Bro. J. R Garber is relieving Mr. Downey at Genoa for a few days.

Bro. B. A. Bauer, second trick at Rusk, recently took a short vacation, during which he made a trip to the West.

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#### Ottumwa Division-

Mr. O. E. Hutchinson, of Afton, third trick, took West Burlington agency on bulletin.

Bro. R. W. Lee bid in West Burlington, second, on bulletin; unable to say who relieved Bro. Lee at Gladstone.

Bro. E. V. Peel "bumps" Bro. Sanburg at "BY," Burlington, Bro. Sanburg returning to Lockridge, third.

We have but one lady operator on this division, Bro. Stroupe's wife, on second trick at Lockridge. Think we can call her sister soon.

Bro. Carr, third, Lockridge, to agency third, regular working second agency, while Bro. Mehl relieving Bro. Croy, first, off on vacation. Bro. Reed on third.

Bro. Swanson, Monmouth first, on vacation the latter part of September; relieved by Bro. Curry. second Monmouth; unable to say who relieved Bro. Curry.

Bro. H. J. Rodgers, Middletown, taking a spin around the world, being relieved by a Mr. Church, a new man at the business, recently helper at Milton. Iowa.

Mr. C. E. Brenneman, New London, still a non. No cards no favors.

Bro. J. C. Baker, first Mt. Pleasant, off a few days; relieved by Mr. I. G. Miller, third; he in turn, relieved by a Mr. Wynne; unable to say whether a brother or not. Later Mr. Wynne checked in at Avery as agent permanently. Must be a good man, or he wouldn't bump up against this.

Bro. J. B. Painter, Rome, on vacation; relieved by helper from Kirkwood, Ill,



What is the trouble with Ottumwa yard office? It is solid, not with O. R. T. men, but with nons.

Mr. H. H. Kammerick, Albia first, resigned, understand to enter into service of some coal company; relieved by Bro. O. A. French, Albia.

Mr. H. H. Knight, Melrose, third, to Albia, third. Cert. 283.

#### Burlington Division, Branch Lines-

We will start our letter by expressing our regret for the resigning of our brother, G. A, Oliver, as local chairman of this division, but, on the other hand, we are well pleased with his successor, Bro. J. F. Frain, of Wyman, who is appointed to fill the unexpired term.

The writer had a letter from one of the Carthage branch boys a few days ago, and he was paying his respects to the new railroad telephone. I do not need to tell you what he said, for I know we all think alike on that line, and I expect our honest opinion of it would not look well on paper.

Mr. J. C. McKay took a month off and went west. Bro. E. G. Otler, extra agent, relieved him. We have lost trace of Bro. Otler, owing to the lack of news from all parts of the division being sent to the division correspondent.

I would like to suggest a plan to the extra agents, as follows: You should send a list of the stations that you have worked at during the month, and not later than the 20th of each month, and show all the news you can.

Bro. R. F. Alston, of Noble, Iowa, is seeing the sights in the West. Bro. R. H. Stout is working his position during his absence.

Bro. J. M. Miller, of Crawfordsville, Iowa, has been off on his vacation, and C. Essley, ex-agent at Coppock, Iowa, relieved him. Mr. Essley then went to Mt. Union, Iowa, and let Bro. Gorham off for a few days.

Bro. Dale Ellis, who has been doing the extra work on the Albia branch for some time, is relieving Mr. Geo. Severns at Adrian, Ill.

Bro. H. C. Ellis, of Hillsboro, Iowa, claims to be one of the many victims of the Adams Express Company and has to pay double bond premium.

If every division had the fighting qualities that the Burlington Division has, and would use it to that end, I venture to say that the telephone would never live. There is no one who will favor the use of the telephone for handling train orders, when it is explained to them, fully giving the cause and effect. It is a very easy matter to explain to the traveling public why the telephone will be the most dangerous instrument that could be used.

The time has come when every union man should show his colors and do all in his power to expose the defects of the telephone. A man that is afraid to do anything for himself and family, as well as brothers, in a case of this kind, is, to my notion, entirely too big a coward to be a member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. It may be that some will be able to do more than others in this matter, but we can all talk to the public.

A man that will stand on the battle line in the interest of his wife and children in a time of trouble, is a man that a wife and children will appreciate in times of peace.

Bro. R. F. Alston writes that he has reached Lincoln, Neb., and will stay there for a while. He and a friend started west in a covered wagon. I am afraid it will get rather cool before they reach their destination, if continued further.

All of the members of this line have been furnished copies of the circular letters that have been printed. but you may not have a copy of the rules. These rules will be very effective if we have the steel to stand for what is our only duty in such a time.

A note to the nons: Do you remember some time ago I wrote you and told you that the managers were coming in their special with a telephone as a headlight? Now, are you going to sit in your chair and not make an effort to turn the red on this special, when your wife and babies are in the next block and are not by any means out of danger of this supposed special? I dare say that if it was really such a thing you would not only turn your red signal on it, but would have your red lantern out also and all of the ties on the right of way piled on the track, or, in other words, do most anything that would protect the needy. Let me say to you now, you are in as much danger at the present time as if it was really so, and you owe your very best efforts to your loved ones at home. The only way you can do your family justice in this case is to do something to protect your salary. It is dead open and shut that the telephone is only being put in for the purpose of cutting our wages, and you will see that if it is successful the cut will be far greater than the increase has ever been. Who will you have to blame for it all? I say that you are to blame and you know it, too.

Some may say, "Oh, well, they are not going to put in any telephone in my office and I do not care for the rest." Let me again tell you that you are going to get a telephone, just the same as I, and all the rest and the time is fast drawing near. Who has been caring for you for the last few years? It has been the O. R. T. and no one else. You have not make a single attempt to help in any way in the matter up to the present time. It is high time that you, every one of you, members and non-members, were at work and every spare moment do something to help the Order to We, no doubt, have continue your prosperity. members who think that if they pay their dues that it is all that they should do, and in that way the whole effort rests with the few who are loval to the cause, and can tell in a few words why they are members of this grand old Order. You who have mills get busy and get out the letters to friends and hustling business men of your locality, and those who have not a mill send your order to M. E. Stout, division printer, at Birmingham. Iowa, and he will fill your order free of all charge for labor only. Send some postage to cover the expense of sending them back. He is printing

them by the thousands, and is several thousand behind on account of the hustling brothers from several States are sending in big orders to him. He has a mimeograph and is working nights to be able to show his feeling towards his wife, your wife and children and yourself, as well as our positions. We can crush this most dangerous telephone nuisance if we, as one, put our shoulders to the wheel and never let go until it pops.

I imagine that when this letter is read by some non-member he will do as he has done in times past, he will feel very bad for only a few moments, then he will brace up with that same old boldness and say some of the following things: "Gee, I bet if Mr. S. would see this letter "ED" would lose his job, um, um, my," and such. My answer to this man is this: If I was placed where my position was the only thing by which I am to furnish a living for my dear wife, as you all probably have, and this source is going to be cut badly, and can be remedied by me making some little effort. I, for one, will stand for right, and if the position that I now hold is going to force me to punish my home folks with a poor living, I am willing to quit it and quit it quick; and another or the same fellow will take another side glance and say as follows: "Oh, well (with a yawn), what is the use of me spending any money in this O. R. T., for it has not done me any good, and if any trouble comes up when the Order boys are trying to get another raise in wages, and should they be defeated and cause any trouble, I don't have to mix, see." Yes, I see, and we all know too well that if we should ever get into any trouble of any kind that you very fellows would be our most dangerous enemies, for you would stick to your post like a wood tick, and every time an official came in sight you would run up to him and say, "Did you notice that I am one of the company men?" Then Mr. Official would put on one of those manufactured smiles and say in return, "Yes, you are a dandy good fellow, and I will see if I can't get you a dandy good job as soon as this trouble is over." But woe be unto the non when the trouble is all over and, possibly, the O. R. T. boys would be successful; then Mr. Official would come along on the hind end of No. -, and when passing your station he would forget to even bow to one who loves his wife and family enough to stand by their side in time of need, rather than to one who is afraid to do right.

Do you remember reading in the papers that during the financial trouble of a few months' ago four roads entering into St. Louis cut the wages of all employes 10 per cent who were not bound in unionism? I venture to say that if it had not been that your station was listed in the O. R. T. schedule that you would have gotten a touch of it too.

I do not mean to be in any way insulting in my remarks to the non-members, but, boys, I would like to be able to say something that would make you reflect on your past life, and right here make a decision to do the right thing and get busy. We members are not stopping at the payment of

our regular dues, but we are furnishing extra money out of our own pockets to send those letters to where they will do good. Give us your applications and your assistance, and see our cause move upward. I only need to say this to the hustling members. Keep on, boys, for victory is ahead.

CERT. 1126.

#### Minnesota Division-

I know of nons that were working on this division prior to 1903, before we secured our first schedule of \$35 per, and liable to be called any time during the night, and without overtime at that.

I invite them to compare the rate of pay now with the rate prior to 1903, and they will see it has been increased from 20 to 35 per cent. I suppose they attribute this to their being faithful in the olden days, when they were forced to work day and night for straight salary without over-

There is usually a time in a man's lite when he feels very much ashamed of some things, but there are a few nons on this pike that have been accepting added compensations secured by the untiring efforts of the stand-patters, and who never bat an eye.

They never fail to bring to the attention of the local chairman any grievance when they are up against it, however.

Great system, to have some one fight your battles for you, and buy all the powder for the explosion.

The old chestnut: "I am a trifle hard up, just at present, but expect to join next pay-day," seems to be the favorite argument when you can separate an answer from them.

Funny, isn't it? The old stand-up can find the coin to keep an up-to-date card, and the nons never have enough to guy a box of cigarettes.

Our new schedule, if you will notice, calls for the same rate of pay with three hours per day less work. Do you not consider this a pretty fair raise? The general offices getting a nine-hour day and general offices, Chicago and Topeka, a slight raise.

Whose fault was it that this was secured? It certainly could not be the fault of the timid ones, who are spell-bound when approached to give their support for their own good. So I guess we will have to charge it to the untiring efforts of the General Committee, backed up by the support of the members.

Every man on the Minnesota Division should use his greatest care and not abuse the nine-hour law in any way. If the company finds out you are working over the time stated in the law you will be discharged.

Every member should notify the local chairman of any nons working at their station, also if any members belonging to other divisions give local chairmen their names, certificate number, and division. Belonging to so many, he may transfer them, and help your chairman to maintain a solid membership. He will furnish you with blanks

and any other information you may need. You should realize that it is very up-hill business for a local chairman to keep all these things up without the support of you all.

The wires have again been cut in at Dinsdale, Cleves, Pope Joy, Rock Ralls, Winslow and Gordonsville.

Bro. Capwell, Iowa Falls, is away on a hunting trip in Minnesota.

Bros. Percy McCue and G. E. Geist, Albert Lea, have been laying off; Geist being sick at his home in Vinton,

Bro. J. R. McCue, of Train Master Murphy's office, has accepted third trick at Glenville.

Bro. Morris, of Inver Grove, has been appointed assistant local chairman. This covers the division in good shape now that Bro. J. R. McCue has accepted Glenville, as it places an officer at each end and one in the middle of this division, and we should look for some missionary work in converting the nons.

Bro. Percy McCue has returned from refreshments to labor, and is again hammering away at "WB."

Bro. Phil. Tritchler has accepted second trick at Inver Grove.

I see by the papers that the Supreme Court of Wisconsin has declared the Telegraphers' Eighthour Law unconstitutional, as it conflicts with the Federal laws, and also with the Interstate Commerce. Wonder how long it will be before the Supreme Court of the U. S. declare the nine-hour law to be of the same quality? I am afraid it won't be long, for the railway companies are doing everything towards that end, so brothers, don't sleep in the field of action, but get awake to the fact that in order to retain what we have gained we must buckle on our armor and fight to the bitter end to uphold what our noble Order has gained for us.

If you have a non working with you, try your best to get him to join, and then if you fail, remember the war cry: no cards, no favors. And see to it that you give him to understand by your actions that you do not consider him one of us, and therefore not entitled to any favors, and there is not a day passes but what he will ask some kind of a favor from you, and when he does, then is the time to remind him that he is not of us. To cite you an instance, on the Q. railway, not very far from here there is a non working third trick, and though contrary to the laws he is allowed to attend dances, while one of our brothers works for him. One of the brothers lately met him at a dance and put the question to him, "How is it you are here, I "13" that you were working the third trick?" His reply: Oh, Scotty is working for me. Now, Scotty, if this reaches your eye, please stop and think, are you doing right? Your local chairman has worked on this man hard and long, and still he stays outside the fold; do you think you are doing right in assisting him? To say nothing of your violating the law for him. My idea is that you are doing a dead wrong, not only to yourself, but to every brother, and to the Order that you have taken a solemn obligation to support in every way possible. And I would say to you, and to every other brother, grant no favors one way or the other, and by your doing so you will assist your Order, and give this party to understand that you do not consider him entitled to any considerations until he wears the same badge of honor that you yourself do. Try this and see if it don't work.

How many of the brothers are buying bonds in the company our Order has started? To those that have not I would say that it means dollars and cents to them, and will assist in breaking the whip that the railway company is continually holding over you. Get busy and invest, if not more than one share.

Brothers, kindly advise one of your chairmen of any change that may take place at your office or station, and by so doing assist them in seeing that these positions are properly bulletined, for a failure to bulletin a position might mean your losing out on a position that you very much desired.

And again brothers, I would urge upon you that you keep your chairman posted on any grievance you may have, and if you do not bear from one, then write the other, as it may be that your letter was missent or lost in the mail, and further let your chairman hear from you on any subject that you wish assistance on, as he will be pleased to assist you.

Mr. Berry is working the day trick at Minneapolis, Train-Master Murphy's office. Same being under bulletin, but have not heard of any appointment as yet.

From news items, it looks as though Railroad Commissioner Lane was rather favoring the companies. No doubt he has taken a ride over some of the systems in one of the private cars.

Now boys, wake up and assist me with some news, so I can keep the Minnesota Division in line.

Understand the dispatchers disregard the ninehour law, and work double tricks in case of sickness; calling it emergency case. How about it? You at Cedar Rapids should watch these violations.

COR.

#### Beardstown Division-

No items from any of the brothers this month, so if you have made any moves, and your name does not appear in the write-up, don't squeal; send it in next time.

Bro. D. Hodges, "X," first trick at Herrin; relieved by Bro. Smith, "CS," from "B" office, Beardstown, for several days; Bro. Hodges being relieved by a Mr. Yowell, "W."

Bro. J. Elvidge, agent at Litchfield, enjoyed a few days' vacation with home folks, at Chambersburg; being relieved by his cashier, Bro. Joe Yowell; Bro. Yowell was relieved by Bro. Frazier. second trick, at Litchfield, he being relieved by Bro. W. Stehman.

The depot at Atwater was broken into on the night of September 25th, while Bro. F. U. Steb-

man was paying a visit to his brother Willie at Litchfield.

Mr. W. B. Hamm, agent at Sorento, spent a few days with home foks at Riggston; was relieved by Mr. Yowell, "W." Mr. Hamm promises to soon be called "brother."

Mr. C. B. Featherstone, agent at Franklin, departed the 16th for a visit with relatives in California; was relieved by Mr. L. E. Dooley, second trick operator; Mr. Dooley being relieved by Mr. A. D. Hale.

Mr. A. Hickman, third trick operator, Franklin, was called to his home at Table Grove, on account of sickness of his mother.

Bro. P. B. Proctor, from the Sheridan Division, is now working third trick for the C. & A. at Jacksonville.

Mr. R. M. Henderson, agent at Sesser, departed for Nebraska, to pay visits to his brothers; did not learn who relieved him.

Several offices on the "Jack Line" bulletined, and filled as follows: Mr. F. Soskins, third trick, Woodlawn; Mr. Verla Haist, third trick, Litchfield; Bro. Clower, third trick, Virden; Mr. J. J. Livesy, day operator, Girard; Bro. A. W. Cole, day operator, Waverly, but resigned, and vacancy filled by Bro. Willie Stehman.

The telephone system is being installed on the "Jack Line," and it is expected to be in operation before the last of the month; work is being done by Mr. J. A. Kick and assistants.

The nons on this division are plentiful. If some of the brothers have landed seven or eight, why can not you land one? CERT. 1510.

#### Galesburg Division-

As usual, the nons on this division are still busted, when it comes to lining up in the Order. I wonder why it is, that when you write a non asking him to line up, that he never answers your letter. I will bet a dollar he feels guilty, don't you? Why wouldn't he?

Bro. G. E. Long, "S" office, Quincy, is on the sick list; relieved by Mr. A. C. Clayton.

There is no use to write to F. P. Mayberry at Denrock, he will not answer your letters; I think he must be a non.

Bro. and Mrs. M. J. Johnson were over the division some time ago, and spent September 27th with Bro. and Mrs. Malone, in Galesburg.

One day during the past month, there was a non-union operator riding a speeder from his work, on our division, he met a train backing up, he jumped and let his speeder go to ruin, and said nothing to any one; this is the example of a non-union man every time. They will stay as long as we will provide a way for them; as soon as they see an obstacle coming (like the phone proposition or the eight-hour day) they will jump and run, and say nothing, and let their craft go to ruin. If you could see the speeder as it is now on the scrap pile, you could imagine how our Order would look if we were to jump and run; my motto is, "Stay with her boys, and save your steed."

Bro. D. C. Root, of Knoxville, has been on the sick list a few days this month, but it affords me pleasure to state that he is well, and at his post again.

One never knows how much nerve there exists with the railroad operators, until he starts out to line up a few of the old hard heads and cheap skates, then he finds it out.

Bro. Kelley, at Saluda, is out of the service; relieved by one of the hot foots from "GT" office; think his name is Debree. I think he is the hot foot that Hasselbacher relieved from Yates City.

Mr. Hill, at Saulda, was off sick a few days during the month; relieved by Bro. Harlan, who came from St. David, where he relieved Mr. A. C. Hansen. I don't know if Hansen is a brother or not, but think not.

Bro. O. J. Cunningham, at Barstow, has dropped out since he got married. I wonder why it is that so many of these boys drop out as soon as they get married, they certainly don't have their sweet-hearts interested in the Order or they would urge them to stay in. I think a man that is married has more reasons for holding up the union than a single man has, as the single man has no one to care for but himself, and the married man certainly needs an insurance for the protection of his family in case he is called from them, and with out living wages he would be unable to care for them, while he is with them. How many of our brothers think of this?

By the time this appears in print, I suppose the new information blanks will be filled in with such information as each man is able to furnish our committee. We would like to be able to speak for every operator on this division, as a brother and a member, but from the way it looks at present, we will be unable to do so. But wait until the schedule is revised, then you will hear from the nons, they are always the first to holler, but never willing to help.

How many delinquents do you suppose we would have semi-annually if we were all like Bro. Sample, at Graham, who states that if our dues was raised to \$25.00 semi-annually, he would still be up-to-date. He has his obligations to meet each month, as well as the rest of us brothers with families.

We note that Joe Weakley, at Prospect Street, Galesburg Yards, is not up-to-date, he claims he can not afford it. I wonder how he managed to exist when he worked the same position twelve hours per day, at \$55.00 per; he now draws \$63.00, and only works eight hours. "Can not afford it," don't you think that's a good excuse.

Mr. G. C. Dove, at Peoria yard, has resigned his position there to accept a position with the Chicago & Alton, as track walker and signal inspector; have not heard yet who gets the place.

Maquon office opened as an "all night" office, after being bulletined, the job was given to the former helper, Charles Walker. I guess Charley can "IS" trains "I. R. T." We understand that some other men made applications for this position, who had a little seniority, but nevertheless the position was given to the helper, who had no seniority in the telegraph department at all, wonder if this is what the schedule calls for; we

will tell you more about it next month, after we have investigated it thoroughly; but I "13" the men that applied for it were nons, so it don't make much difference any way; only we have helped them to every thing else they have got, I suppose they think we should help them with this too.

Bro. "Hy." Thornton, at Farmington, laying off; relieved by a Mr. Tonkin. "Hy." has departed for regions unknown.

Yates City, day job, bulletined, but I have been unable to find out who landed the place. Bro. Erickson was there last account, but think he is only extra.

If any of the boys have any use for the wrecker, just call up the Peoria branch, she's been down here three days, and a pretty good show to be down here three more between the engine that turned turtle east of Oak Hill, last Saturday the 10th, and another one on the ground at Farmington, we are keeping them pretty busy. The engine that was off in the ditch at Oak Hill, is nearly a total wreck, but fortunately no one was injured. Engineer Boone and his fire boy jumped before the engine tipped over.

Bro. Eiker, at Alpha, was off two weeks on account of sickness, but we are pleased to know that he is alright again. He was relieved by C. Larson.

Bro. Daugherty, of Rio, away on a two weeks' vacation: do not know who relieved him.

Bro. Victor, of Rock Island, laying off; do not know who relieved him, but I "13" it is a brother.

Boys, what do you know about a conductor working sixteen hours, and going into a telephone both getting his own order, and blocking himself for passenger trains. Is it any worse for the operator to work sixteen hours than the conductor? Should not the conductor be prohibited from this; do you think he is capable of handling train orders after he has been on duty sixteen hours? Well, I should say not.

Bro. G. E. Long, when returning to work at Quincy, expects to trade tricks with Mr. Boyles, and work from 12 to 8 a. m.

Bro. Ray Word is on duty again, after his long illness at Augusta. Mr. Pugh, who has been relieving him, will go to La-Prairie, as agent; do not know whether permanent or temporary.

Former Bro. G. C. Maxwell is going over the division, fixing up the new tariff files, etc.

Hammer it at the nons, and especially the delinquents.

We have one operator on the south end of the Quincy branch, that claims he is up-to-date, but our general secretary and treasurer advises that he has no record of his being a member of this division; when one of our brothers asked to see his card, he told him it was at home.

Do not overlook the items that you might be able to contribute each month, even if you are only able to furnish just one item, it will help that much. How do you suppose we would shine up in the journal each month if it was left to some of you to do, when you are unable to furnish a single item. Did you ever stop to think that

our division (130) was in the lead, and that we have more stirring men than any other system? Can you not tell that by reading the journal?

We should not stop reading after we have read the write-up from our own division, we should read the other write-ups, and know what is going on over the system and on other systems, as well as our own.

Mr. Fred Omer, second trick, Camp Point, formerly a brother, and who promises to be with us again soon, spent a day at the State Fair.

Mr. Schwamke, former agent at La Prairie, got Bradford, on bid; understand several of the boys are out after La Prairie now, as it is bulletined.

Mr. Cole, at Plumriver tower, will be a brother by the time this is in print.

Bro. Roy Daugherty, of Rio, is in Dakota, trying his hand on the land deal; relieved by Bro. J. L. Mearer.

Mr. Arlingdale, the agent at Barstow, attended court on company business, one day last month; relieved by Mr. J. W. Murray, formerly of Prospect Street, Galesburg. (Mr. is the abbreviation for a non.)

Bro. Novak, at Lynn, was relieved by a \$45.00 phoner. I wonder what the nons on the north end think of that?

Mr. Chittendon, Prospect Street, Galesburg, is on a vacation; relieved by another non; don't know his name, but says he is from Fenton; probably it is another one of non Colville's export ham.

I noticed in the journal, some time back, that the Hannibal Division held the world's record for ham exporters and ham factories; now I will tell you boys, if they have got Fenton and Plymouth beat they certainly are entitled to the belt.

I wish to think Bro. Armstrong, Bro. Root, Bro. Bower and Bro. Fling for items this month; if other brothers would aid us, we could have a nice little write-up each month.

Do not fail to give all possible assistance to our worthy Chief Dispatcher Mr. W. E. Fuller, he does his very best to give every one of us a square deal, and we should appreciate it.

DIV. COR.

#### A. C. L. Ry.

#### All Members Division 132:

Notice of dues for term ending January 1, 1909, will be mailed out on December 1st to every member of Division 132. If you do not receive same, it will be because you have changed address and not notified me. If you do not receive notice, please do not wait, but send in your remittance for the first half of 1909, and also send fifty cents for convention fund at same time. The A. C. L. should never allow the convention to come to our territory and not help to entertain it royally. Yours fraternally,

J. H. WILLIAMS, G. S. & T.

#### Savannah District-

The following new members have been added to our roll since the last write-up: Mrs. W. R.



Barnett, first trick at McCullough; Mr. Geo. T. Gates, third trick at Folkstone, and Mr. Robt. P. Jones, nights at Dyal.

G. C. Bidgood has been appointed agent at Walthourville, relieving Bro. S. J. Hood, who is leaving the service.

Bro. R. F. Donaldson has been checked in at Patterson again, relieving Bro. Porter, who goes back to Blackshear as assistant,

W. J. Lewis, a new man, is at Ways. Can not find out how he stands.

Mr. R. S. Edwards, who relieved Bro. Mc-Gowan at McIntosh during his illness, has been placed at Bolongue.

Bro. R. B. Cassells, agent at McIntosh, has resigned and was relieved by Bro. C. L. Saunders, formerly from C. of Ga. Bro. H. C. Saunders relieved Bro. B. M. McGowan, second trick at McIntosh, who was transferred to second trick at Savannah Junction.

Bro. McGowan is still third trick at McIntosh and is getting in some good work on that end.

Mr. J. W. Reddick, of Hortense, Ga., has also sent in his papers, credit of Bro. T. L. Butler, of Callahan,

Bro. J. M. Clements, of Savannah Junction, has been transferred to our division.

Bro. J. C. Featherstone, first trick at Folkstone, is getting in some good work on the south end. We wish we had men of this kind all over the line.

The heavy season is now on and it is the earnest desire of all of us that each man gives everybody his very best service and closest attention, to avoid "scraps" with dispatchers and other officials. Answer calls promptly and give close attention and everything will go on smoothly.

We learn the A. B. & A. are doing much more business this fall and will be a good road soon. This road connects with the A. C. L. and Way-cross and Offerman. No schedule on that pike yet, but they are fairly well lined up—not very many nons. We must strive to secure a schedule for them.

Quite a number of new men being placed on our line—nons, too. But the majority of them are big-hearted fellows and come across easy if we will only work on them; and they know the rule—"no card, no favors."

A Mr. Jones placed at Dyal (12 hours, nights only). Some one should look after him and bring him in as he seems to be willing and only needs a push.

Bro. E. F. Hull, agent at Offerman, spent Sunday in Savannah.

Now, boys, give our local chairman a few notes next month, and he will see that they go in. He is very busy and can not get out to see what is doing.

Mr. W. P. Goodwin is holding down second trick at Offerman tower, in Bro. Nichols' place. Bro. Nichols is taking a two weeks' vacation. Mr. C. C. Lamb is working third trick in Mr. Goodwin's place while he is relieving Bro. Nichols. Both of the above members have remitted for

their cards and are going to make good and be up-to-date members.

Bro. Ila Smith made a flying visit to Atlanta a few days ago, from Offerman tower, and reports a good time. "RASTUS."

Norfolk District-

Business seems to be picking ap some on this district—running trains about normal. But it does not seem to justify the company in opening some of the offices which have been closed for over a year. Think a few of the offices will be closed permanently.

We sincerely hope to have some opened in a few months. While business seems to have picked up on the main line it seems to have dropped off on branch lines, although it is some better now that a few weeks back, as they have been running but one freight between Rocky Mount, Plymouth and Washington. One to Washington, branch off at Parmele one day and to Plymouth the next.

Extra man, Bro. Gardner, has been taken off at Bethel long ago. Did not use him there but a few days. It seems as if truck business was not as they expected at that point.

A few changes have taken place in the last few weeks:

Mr. E. A. LaFrage has accepted the agency at Washington, N. C., relieved by Bro. R. C. Pender, of Tunis; Bro. Pender relieved by Bro. Turner, of Eure, he being relieved by Bro. White, of South Tunis; new man at South Tunis.

Bro. W. L. Bailey, agent at Conetoe, has been off on a week's vacation. He went with a party to New York via Baltimore, Philadelphia and Pittsburg. Relieved by Bro. J. W. Gardner, of Bethel.

Bro. Hale, of Norfoleet, was off, sick, a few days; relieved by Mr. H. L. Gardner, extra man. Mr. Little, agent at Packtolus, off, sick, a few days; relieved by Mr. H. L. Gardner.

Bro. J. W. Gardner has come back on the main line again and was sent to yard tower to work the first trick a few days. On account of Bro. Hick being taken sick suddenly Bro. Gardner was sent to Boone. Va.

On account of a bad wash-out on Wilmington district, Bro. Marquette and Bro. Winborne, of Whaley, were sent over on account of not having sufficient men. Bro. Gardner, who was sent to Hobgood the same day, was instructed to be prepared to go to Wilmington district, but was advised to go to Whaley and work from 12 o'clock, midnight, until 9 a. m., office being closed from 5 p. m. until 12, midnight.

Bro. Hathoway has returned to yard tower from a month's vacation. Mr. Capps, who has been relieving him, was sent to Whaley to work second trick. Bros. Marquette and Winbourne returned on the same day, which was not expected. Bro. Marquette took fifteen days' vacation, placing Mr. Capps on third trick.

Bro. Gardner was sent to Sourn Tunis to relieve Mr. Allbritton, who relieved Mr. Jeffry on first trick, Mr. Jeffry going to the hospital at South Rocky Mount.



Bro. Fluck, of Tarboro, is off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Spruil, of "X" office, Rocky Mount.

Bro. G. C. Blow, of Tarboro, goes back to Suffolk on second trick, displacing Mr. Small; relieved at Tarboro by Mr. Pennington—can not say whether a brother or not.

Bro. Marquette has returned to his regular job at Whaley. Mr. Capps went to South Tunis, relieving Mr. Allbritton, who goes to Scotland Neck to relieve sick agent, Bro. Pender, who had been relieved one day by Bro. Clifton, who has been off a few days on account of sickness. Bro. Clifton returned, relieving Bro. Gardner, who goes to Speed to work twelve hours night during wreck.

Bro. Harrell, third trick at Kelford, recently had a little difficulty with the dispatcher and had to go to Norfolk for investigation. Relieved by Bro. Gardner.

Bro. J. W. Gardner has changed his sign from "G" to "PX." Says he wanted to get a sign that every one on the pike "3" of them signs.

Mr. Gardner, extra man, while laying off in Norfolk, accepted a position with the Tidewater R. R. Can not say what kind.

The O. R. T. boys are getting fively on the other district. Don't see why some of the boys can't do something on the Norfolk, as I think we have a lot of O. R. T. boys. We have the promise of two or three nons to join us in a month or so.

Did you notice what the floating brother of page 1504 says in the September issue. Boys, I think this is wise talk and we should go by this to the letter.

We have a new man at Hobgood—Dragart. Can't say if a member or not.

Bro. Calhoun went to Norfolk a few days ago for investigation on account of the wreck at Speed, which was said to be caused by the second man following less than two minutes behind the other. This sounds bad for an O. R. T. member.

"The KID."

#### Jacksonville District-

Very few items received this month. Only two of the boys sent in items. We would like very much to see this district represented in The Telegrapher each month, but unless some of the boys will help get up a few items we are liable to drop behind.

The following changes have been reported:

Mr. T. J. Perkins, regular ticket agent at Sanford, has resumed his duties after a few weeks' vacation. Mr. J. R. Yearby, who relieved him, has gone into other business at Orlando.

Mr. Jas. Mackinlay has resumed duty as agent at Port Tampa, after several weeks' vacation.

Mr. R. D. Stephens, agent at Port Tampa City, has returned to duty, relieving Bro. K. C. Pope, who is now working nights at that point.

Bro. C. J. Woodward has returned to the agency at Tavares after a two weeks' pleasure trip to Lookout Mountain, Tenn. Bro. Woodward was relieved by Mr. J. W. Hunter.

Bro. H. D. Corbit has returned to his old hunting ground at Carter's Mill. Bro. Hartley was

acting relief while Bro. Corbit was off. Do not know where Bro. Hartley will hang up next.

Mr. C. W. Gilbert, first trick at Kissimmee, is off for a few days' outing, being relieved by an extra man from the dispatchers' office at Sanford.

Mr. Jennings, our old second trick dispatcher, has returned to his place after a sixty days' vacation.

Two new cards have arrived at Winston. That looks good to us, and we are betting on keeping that joint solid. "Three of a kind beats two pair."

We understand that the company will put the regular scheduled trains back soon; also understand that the wires are going to be cut in at Auburndale and Winter Haven soon, and we hope they will not be cut out again. We like to hear these two men on the wires once in a while, and hope to see their salary restored to what is was last year.

Bro. Bedenbaugh is running a bachelor hall at Winston. His family are visiting points in Georgia. Understand that his little girl had to undergo an operation on her eyes, which we are glad to say was successful.

Several have promised us their application before the first of the year, and we hope to start a new year with the district in much better condition than it is now. Boys, let's club together and take one non at a time and hammer away at him till he comes in. Let's get a list from our local chairman of the nons and get busy and try to start the new year with a solid district.

Don't forget to send a few items to either the local chairman or the correspondent.

"FLORIDA CRACKER."

#### Norfolk District-

I see in the September journal where the S. A. L. boys are proud to report they are now rid of T. B. Capps, who scabbed in Norfolk last summer during the commercial strike, but very sorry to say we have this specimen of humanity on the Norfolk district. He is working second trick at Hobgood, N. C. It is reported on good authority that he is passing himself off as a single man.

Bro. W. E. Albritton, second trick at South Tunis, has been transferred to Scotland Neck as clerk-operator.

Bro. J. P. Harrell, third at Kleford, is off for a few days' vacation, being relieved by Bro. J. W. Gardner.

Bro. A. A. Calhoun, third at Hobgood, was dismissed from the service this month for allowing two trains too close together, causing a serious wreck. From the information received by the writer, we are of the opinion that Bro. Calhoun has been unjustly treated.

I am sorry to say we have a few scattered news yet, but soon hope to have them.

Our dispatchers have all been taking their vacations, being relieved by Mr. Jones.

Am glad to see business is picking up again. Probably some of our members who were thrown

out of work some time ago can get back soon now, if they haven't secured something better than pounding brass,

Bro. Blow, of Tarboro, has been transferred to second trick at Suffolk, and is succeeded at Tarboro by Mr. W. E. Pennington, who is hibernating for the winter. Bro. R. L. Small moved to Boone second from Suffolk to make room for Bro. Blow.

Bro. G. S. Smith has transferred from Hobgood second to South Tunis second. Brother Smith is lonesome there at present, but he will soon have company, as Mr. Cowan will have the right colors by the time this appears on the district.

Second Trick Dispatcher Mr. Cole has been dismissed from the service; relieved by Mr. Mabry, from Rocky Mount. If Mr. Mabry will take the advice of the men on the district he will be a little more respectful over the wire than he was when formerly in Norfolk and perhaps have easier sailing. There is no use for a dispatcher to get the idea into his think tank that he is the whole cheese. The friendship of the telegraphers on a district is one of the best assets a dispatcher can have. If Mr. Mabry will try this once he will find it so.

Bro. W. E. Blow has been transferred from third at Boone to third at Hobgood. Understand Boone second trick is on bulletin, and from what I can hear it is likely to stay for a while, as it isn't wanted.

Bro. Herbert Hale, agent at Norfleet, has been off a few days. He was relieved by Bro. J. W. Gardner.

It pays to advertise, so I will again remind the members on this district that there is a scab at Hobgood, second trick. Don't forget this.

"LOCAL.

#### Norfolk District Branches-

The branches of this district are in better shape from an organization standpoint than they have been for a long time. The recent trip of Bro. Williams was productive of much good. The members on the branches always like to know they are being thought of and glad to shake the hand of one of our division officers. Bro. Williams reports the whole district in much better shape than it has been for a long time.

Changes over here are not so frequent as on the main line, but we get one occasionally, and most of the vacancies are desirable.

Mr. Worley, at Plymouth, has been given sixty days' leave of absence, to enter other business, and that point is being held by Bro. J. A. Griffin, formerly cashier at Kinston. The vacancy was not bulletined as the change is not permanent yet.

Mr. Smith formerly with the Western Union, is filling the vacancy at Kinston for the present.
Mr. W. E. Albritton has been appointed clerk at Scotland Neck and has moved his family there.

D. C.

#### Richmond District, North-

The October journal has just reached me and I note with pride that the A. C. L. shows up very

well as to the number of districts represented, although we could hear more from the center of the system, the Wilmington, Charleston and Columbia districts.

This end of the line is not as well organized as it should be, but Bro. Williams has just been over the entire district and we learn he secured several applications, though not as many as would naturally be expected from the number of nons now in the service.

The following members of other divisions who are now working with us have been transferred to Division 132:

Bro. J. F. Power, working at Tar River tower, transferred from Division 59.

Bro. J. L. Lechler, working at Jarratt, transferred from Division 40.

Bro. L. E. Lucas, working second at Collier, transferred from Division 40.

Bro. W. K. Jonks, working at Petersburg tower, transferred from Division 40.

Bro. A. P. Chambless, working at Garysburg, transferred from Division 97.

Bro. E. H. Jones, third at yard tower, transferred from Division 59.

This is a pretty good lot of transfers in one month. This is one of the results of Bro. Williams' trip.

A few changes are made daily. This may sound fishy to some of our brothers in the South, but it is true that there is scarcely a day passes that some change is not made in the telegraph force on this district. It is not all to the credit of the officials that this is done, either, and is not improving the service. The writer would never raise a single objection to any reasonable discipline, but when the rules are so rigidly enforced that it is impossible for a man to observe all of them, then I think the thing has gone too far. That appears to be the situation on the Richmond district at the present time.

We are glad to welcome Bro. J. W. Boisseau back into the service. Bro. Boisseau is now working third at Pleasant Hill.

Sister Mrs. Spiers gave up her position at Jarratt upon her return from her bridal trip, and we miss her on the wires. We wish she and Bro. Spiers all kinds of good luck and happiness.

There does not appear to be a single name from this district on the honor roll in the October journal. There are too many nons on this end not to have several names on the roll. Can't we get at least half a dozen on for November? Let's try it.

Our worthy local chairman, Bro. Peebles, has been off for a few days attending the Emporia Fair. Bro. Peebles was relieved by Mr. Mitchell, second trick man at Enfield.

Bro. E. P. Kuper, who was dismissed in June, has been re-employed. He has been assigned to second at Dunlop, which is a pretty warm proposition, and will probably prove sufficiently interesting for Bro. Kuper.

I make an earnest request that each member receiving a copy of THE TELEGRAPHER with this article, sit down immediately and write a letter



to at least three nons on the Richmond district, and ask them for their application for membership in the O. R. T. The rate to join in November is \$6.00. This article will reach you about pay-day. Let's get the district 99 per cent strong by December 31st.

DIV. Com.

#### Richmond District. South-

I have just read the article in the October journal from this district, and have not been as much impressed with anything from this system in a long time. There is much truth and good advice in this article. We have too many members who have been stricken with this roving spirit, and the result is that they do just as this brother has done, waste several of the best years of their lives.

Having known this brother before he started to "booming," he was spoken of on his district as one man who was sticking to his business and saving his money, and it was predicted by his fellow-workers that he would make his mark. You can see by his own statements how he has made it. With all of his "booming" he has kept straight. and if he has thrown away his money he has not been the wild, dissipated man that so many of that class are. We can all see, by the way he writes, that he fully realizes how much he has lost by his waste of time. Let us hope that his experience, as told through the columns of THE TELEGRAPHER, will be the means of saving many of the members on the A. C. L. from going the same route. This brother can tell you that there are worse places than a small station on the A. C. L.

There is one thing he has learned which is to his advantage. He has learned to put his thoughts in attractive language, and I feel my incompetency in this direction, and trust he will continue to let the old Fayetteville District be heard from in each succeeding issue of THE TELEGRAPHER.

We can all learn something from a "boomer" (who has reformed).

A very large number of positions have been on bulletin this month, and the following are some of the changes that have been made:

Mr. J. B. Farmer, of "YD" yard tower, bid in second trick at "DI," South Rocky Mount, but remained only a few days, preferring the tower and the interlocking plant at \$50 to the office at "DI" at \$60 per. Mr. Farmer had only been back at the tower for a few days when he was dismissed from the service for failure to properly instruct Bro. McKinney how to operate the plant, Bro. McKinney having only been sent there to work a few days as relief. Bro. McKinney was also dismissed for delaying several trains by his inexperience in handling an interlocking plant. We learn that Mr. Farmer will probably be reinstated. It is the general opinion that this is carrying discipline too far when a mistake is made by a new man at an interlocking plant, who has had no previous experience, and has not been given time to learn the operation of the same. It is our understanding that discipline is intended to improve the service. Our eighteen years' experience in

railroad telegraphing does not lead us to believe that discipline of this character will improve the service on the A. C. L.

Mr. F. W. Scott has been assigned the first trick at Kenly. Vacancy caused by the death of Bro. W. L. Hooks.

Mr. O. A. Harvey has been assigned to second trick at Elrod. Mr. Harvey is a new man on the district. We hope he carries the right kind of credentials.

Bro. J. R. Farley transferred from yard tower, second trick, to Parkton, third trick.

Mr. B. Harris bid in third at Dillon.

Mr. D. A. Foster, another new man, bid in third at "FY," Florence. Bro. Bolick will see that he has the right passport, if he does not already carry it.

Mr. R. D. Jones assigned to third trick at Winona, and Mr. I. C. Hall, temporarily as third trick at Benson.

Mr. O. L. Johnson advanced from third trick at Parkton to second trick at same place. Mr. Johnson is very young, but promises to be a good man when he gets the required age.

Bro. R. H. Merchant has been appointed agent at Pembroke. It seems hard to get a man to stay at Pembroke, but we believe Bro. Merchant is equal to the emergency.

Have just learned that Micro agency is on bulletin, but have not learned where Bro. Ausley goes. D. C.

#### Waycross District-

The banner district shows up in the October journal, as does several others. The first thing we do after receiving The Telegrapher is to turn to the fraternal columns and see what is doing on the Coast Line. I have often wondered if all the members on the system did this, and if they were disappointed whenever they failed to see their districts represented. I know a number of the men who are away off on other lines immediately turn to the A. C. L. and see what is being done among the men on the line they formerly worked. There are a large number of these men scattered over the country, and some of them worked on the old Waycross District. They want to know that we are as live and up-to-date as ever.

The district can not boast of being 100 per cent strong, as it did before the B. & W. was added, but we can say we are the best organized on the system, and take pride in this fact. It takes hard work to keep it so, but we propose holding the record.

It has just been reported that the Norfolk Ditrict is running us a close second for first place, and we must get up and hustle. We must be well represented at Atlanta next May, and we also want to be able to have our representative say that the Waycross District of the Atlanta Coast Line is the best organized in the State of Georgia. That would be a record to be proud of. We must do the work before December 3151 in order to hold it. Who will be the first cracker to secure an application? They call us "crackers"

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and we deserve the name, for who has been able to crack the shells of as many nons as we have.

Bro. H. E. Harrell bid in first trick at Jasper, vice Bro. H. J. Sausby, resigned to accept a position as bookkeeper for a firm in Jasper. Bro. Sausby says that he will always be found with an up-to-date, even if he is not working for a railroad company. This is a worthy example that could be followed by some who are working for a railroad company.

Bro. J. H. Dozier transferred from night operator at Boston, Ga., to agency at McAlpin, Fla. Bro. Dozier is always there with the proper credentials.

Mr. D. R. Hays, who was sent to Fairfax as agent, has been let out for boozing. This is a very poor record, but note the prefix.

Bro. J. L. Fuller, formerly at Baker's Mill, bid in Ousley agency, and Bro. C. A. Welch, from nights at Manor to Baker's Mill agency.

Bro. S. M. McKnight, who has been holding down Ousley for some time, goes back to medical college at Charleston. Bro. McKnight will soon be in a position to cut off arms and legs, instead of slinging lightning.

Mr. Lorraine, Murray, bid in third trick at Waycrosse, vice Mr. F. L. Hall; relieved for trouble with the dispatcher, and for the same old cause. Spell it with a B.

Bro. W. F. Williams, of Albany, off for a few days' vacation; relieved by Operator Shanks. Can't say, yet, whether he is a member, but will find out.

Bro. W. W. Davis, of Willacoochee, has been let out, and the vacancy bid in by Bro. J. F. Rice, of Ruskin. As there had to be some one promoted, I am very glad to see Bro. Rice get this place, as he is worthy and deserves something better than Ruskin.

We welcome to our ranks several new members this month, and hope to have the pleasure of more before this reaches St. Louis.

Bro. R. L. Hall is now working extra in yard at Waycross.

Bro. O'Neal, while on duty at Nahunta, was held up by robbers and shot and at this writing is still in a critical condition, is still unable to speak and only his immediate family allowed to go in to see him. He is in the hospital at Waycross. Have not learned full particulars in regard to the robbery and attempt on Bro. O'Neal's life which may prove fatal.

Dupont agency is on bulletin. There are several applications for this agency as it is a good one.

Bro. Pearce, who went to the Western Union at Albany, is back with us working extra. Bro. Pearce says the commercial is not what it is cracked up to be. That is not news to any of us who have had experience with them.

Bro. G. L. Youmans is now holding down the agency at Brookfield. Bro. Youmans comes to us with an up-to-date card in Division No. 46, and will transfer to this division. We are always glad to welcome men of this kind, especially when they are up-to-date in every other way.

GEORGIA CRACKER.

#### Lakeland District-

Since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER our worthy local chairman, Bro. W. Brantley, has been assigned to the agency at Martel, being transferred from Dunnellon. We understand Bro. Brantley is much better fixed than he was at Dunnellon, and is very well pleased with the change.

Bro, John Giddens assigned the agency at Croom on bulletin.

Bro. F. E. Henry went from Croom to Inverness in September. He soon found the work there too heavy and asked for help, which was given, and now he has a \$50 clerk-operator, which gives him the desired relief. Bro. Henry is the first man that has been able to get the desired help since the retrenchment policy was put into effect some time ago, and it speaks well for him, as they are not putting on help unless they know it is impossible to handle the business, and not always then.

Bro. A. D. McKinney has resigned the Fort Meade agency and same is at present being filled by Mr. Jackson, from Lakeland. Permanent assignment has not yet been made.

Bro. W. P. Goodwillie has been assigned to trick at Dunnellon, after several others had been tried there. Bro. Goodwillie is a member of the Grand Division, but will transfer to this division if he remains on the road. He came from the Postal and is desirous of returning to commercial work.

Mr. R. M. Selvidge, who has been working extra on Waycross District, is again at Lakeland.

We still have some nons with us, too many, in fact, but look for some applications before the end of the month. If all the nons who have promised to join on this district had done so we would be 150 per cent strong. That is figuring some, but we would have had 50 per cent more members than there are operators on the district, so that would make us 150 per cent.

Oranges are moving freely and by the time this appears the tourists will be moving also. Then things will begin to hum in this part of the country.

Let's hear from this district each month. If you will send some notes to the local chairman each month before the 20th he will have them written-up for THE TELEGRAPHER. Will not each one help to make this one of the best-represented and best-organized districts on the system?

D. C.

#### TO ALL MEMBERS OF DIVISION No. 132 ON LAKELAND DISTRICT.

Bro. W. Brantley, local chairman of the Lakeland District, has been moved from Dunnellon to Martel, Fla. In writing him use the latter addess.

Yours fraternally,

J. H. WILLIAMS, G. S. and T.

Wilmington District-

We have a pretty good set of men over here, and very few changes are made in comparison with the neighboring districts.



We are like the others in one respect, how-We have more nons than is beneficial. There has been one change over here recently, that is not in accordance with the schedule, and we hope it will be handled in a manner that will prevent such occurring in the future. This refers to the many changes that have been made at Marion, S. C., and which were not filled in accordance with the schedule. Mr. J. W. Rainey was given the agency upon resignation of Bro. R. B. Hand, and the vacancy not bulletined until after circular announcing the appointment had been made. Then the superintendent had bulletin issued, but no change was made in the first appointment, although several older men made application. Mr. Rainey resigned, and I understand a man from another district has been given the place. When superintendents openly violate rules of the company, how can that same superintendent expect employes under him to respect his authority, or to live up to the rules. I hope this will come to the attention of the general manager, and he will call someone's attention to this open violation of the rules which he has issued over his signature.

Bro. S. C. Bannister left the service on account of this injustice. I sincerely hope to see this satisfactorily adjusted.

I hope to have something much more interesting to report next month.

Kicker.

#### Columbia District-

Business moving so smoothly now that we have very little of interest to report from this end of the pike. The writer has heard of only one change during the month, that of Bro. F. B. Van Sant, from Bardwell agency to Wadesboro agency; can not say who succeeded brother Van Sant.

It has also been reported that there is something wrong at Gibson, and a new man has been sent there. It seems that Bro. Smith has been sick for a long time, and the business has been badly balled up while he could not see to it. Hope the reports are exaggerated, however, and that the matter can be straightened out.

Bro. R. W. Wynne, second trick, at Columbia, has also been let out for alleged unsatisfactory service; an investigation was held, but the decision was against Bro. Wynne.

The seniority rule seems to be giving dissatisfaction on some of the districts, because it is not being observed by the officials as it should be, but we are glad to say our superintendent is living squarely up to it, and we are all proud of him and are as loyal as any set of men on the system. We know our superintendent will stand by us as long as we show him we are trying to do our duty. That is why we have so few complaints from this territory, and why we have so little to record in comparison with others.

SAND-LAPPER.

#### Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Ry.

#### Cleveland Division-

Since last writing we have had several changes along the line, also in the offices at Cleveland.

Mr. Miller our former chief, was appointed chief train dispatcher of the Indianapolis Division. Mr. J. R. Kelley being appointed acting chief dispatcher of the Cleveland Division. Mr. Kelley was first trick dispatcher before being promoted, which made a change in the dispatcher's office. Second trick man, Mr. Kelley, commonly known as Buster, is working first trick. Mr. Shay, formerly third trick, working second trick, and J. R. Kelley's son, Mr. Edward Kelley, is doing the third trick stunt.

Bro. L. M. Eberhard spent his vacation in the wilds of Northern Michigan. He reports a very pleasant time.

Bro. F. R. Reams, has been assigned third trick, Ridgeway. Vacancy being caused by Mr. H. C. Akins getting third trick, Galvin.

By statistics, we find we have only two percent of the boys out in the cold; you have application blanks and a yard or so of good common sense, so make use of it, and make this division solid.

Mr. James Braudal is doing the second trick stunt at Ridgeway. Before we see this in print, he will be a full fledged member.

Bro. D. R. Stump, first trick, Ridgeway, bid and obtained second trick at Galion, but soon changed his mind and is still holding forth at his old job, first trick, Ridgeway, bulletined.

Mr. Geo. McGinnis is working third trick at La Grange. Just a little persuasion after pay day will bring him among our midst.

Brothers, look along the lines of correspondence, and see which occurs most frequently, Bro. or Mr. So and So.

We have another new brother among us-Bro. Kellogg, of Harper.

Our new chief is very prompt as to bulletining vacancies. We have at present bulletined third trick, Shelby; first trick, Ridgeway; second trick, Galion; third trick, Vernon Junction, and second trick, Columbia.

We would be pleased to hear from our brothers East of Galion.

Our motto: "Where there is Union there is Strength." W. E.

#### Chicago Division-

At last it seems that the Chicago Division boys have come out of their lethargic state, and has the dope to hand out for this once, and if we never have the chance again we can say we once had a dandy write-up.

We can thank Bros. Martin and Cory for the east end write-up, and Bros. Kennington and Mesd for the west end.

Now their may be some mistakes in the line up as to prefixing the "brother" before some names, and if so, please do not feel sore, but feel that it is simply an error, and was not done intentionally, for it is impossible to tell with a certainty

who are and who are not brothers, but remember the brothers did the best they could, and if any one noticing any mistake will please mention same to me, I will see that it is corrected.

We find that in the write-up for the west end, for previous month, there was an error made in mentioning Bro. H. R. Winship, of Earl Park, as Operator H. B. Winship, when it should have been Bro. H. R. Winship. These mistakes are bound to occur, and as we find that mistake was made we hereby tender Bro. Winship our most humble apologies, and will try and not let the mistake happen again. Doubtless there are some mentioned as brother in this line up who should not be, but if so let us see how many have the nerve to come out and correct same, which goes to show that they appreciate having their names mentioned as brother in our write-up.

I would like to thank the brothers who interested themselves enough to get up this write-up, and would ask them to come with the same kind of a bunch each month, for I am sure that we do not realize the good that would be done by getting a write-up of this kind in each month, as it would enliven those brothers who are disposed to be a little bit slow in working things up, and show those who as yet, have not been made to see, as clear-minded folks cannot help but see that we are taking an interest in the work, and are not all, as some of them think, merely Order men simply because we are benefited from a monetary standpoint, but also for the good done socially as well.

We certainly have no cause to be discouraged, for we can readily see that our Order is increasing each month, and what if there are some who will not accept things in the right light, I presume that we can amble along until such time as they see fit to replace a little of the candy they have been accepting the past two years or three.

We have some married men, who I think should be confirmed bachelors, as they certainly do not appreciate the nine-hour law, from the impression we receive, and we can receive no other as the stand they take plainly shows that they would be pleased to be placed back on the old twelve to thirty-six hour system, for are they not working as hard as possible to replace the working conditions on this basis; so do not think their home life is as it should be, as their actions plainly show they do not appreciate the three to four extra hours they are enabled to spend at home with their families.

We find that a few of our brothers have as yet not come up with the necessary for the current term. To these would kindly say this is something we should not neglect for we have hard enough a time getting the new boys converted without going after back sliders, and again, would say be always prepared, for we know not the day nor the hour when the time cometh, that we shall need just your membership, so please get in line if you have not already done so. Would just like to make mention here of the kindly treatment I received at the hands of our

train-master and dispatchers during a recent bereavement, and would say that I think we can expect nothing but just treatment from our officials of the east end, and think we all would do well to show our appreciation of this kind of treatment, by giving faithful service. Probably, at times, we receive a gruff call down from one of those in a position superior to ours, but if so we would do well to stop just a moment before making reply, and think possibly said offender had been irritated from some cause unknown to us, and as all know there are times when we are not quite in the disposition we should be, possibly ill health or wire trouble, trains not moving just as they should, or one hundred and one other trivial matters, so think twice and speak once, and I am sure we will all get along much

Do not forget that Bro. Martin is correspondent, and please mail any little news item to him, no matter how trivial, and you brothers of the west end if you have anything to help out the good work we now have started, please hand same to Bros. Kennington or Mead.

Above all things, do not forget the Order of Railroad Telegraphers is in existence, and if you run across any one without a button, find out why, and show him why he ought not be without same.

Will it not be grand when we see our write-up including every man on the division, and the prefix. "Brother" before each and every name? This is what we want, and you are the one to bring this about, not I or the other fellow, but just you; be enthusiastic and show others you are enthusiastic, as this is the surest way to stir up things; for one man going bugs over the Order may start another one, and that one may start another one, until first thing we know we will all be working, not to get the nons in, for they will all be in, but to promote some other scheme. might get up contests of some kind or numerous other things that is if we all take an active interest in the work, and not be dead ones as we have in the past, and there is no excuse now for such, as we have a grand start, and it will take but very little effort on the part of each to keep the start growing greater and greater.

Be a booster. W. O. Brinkman.

#### Chicago Division, East-

Bro. R. C. Corbin, third at "YD." Bro. Corbin, late addition to that office, has been working for some time at "CD."

Bro. S. J. Noe, first trick at Dix, is laying off a few days; relieved by Mr. E. R. Dawson, who has been, but has fallen by the way. He expects to be back on the main line the first pay-day, and would like to suggest that he be reminded, lest he forget. Bro. W. Switzer is doing the third turn at Dix.

Bro. F. C. Beatty, second trick at "BR."

Bro. Earl Dickerson is relieving the agent at Fairland, who is off on thirty days' leave of absence. Owing to the up-hill fight Bro. Dicker-

son has been compelled to make in the last two years would like to see him permanently situated.

Would like to thank Bro. Cory for the bunch of items he furnished, and hope other of the brothers will follow his example, as it is a very hard matter for one man to get up the write-up without the assistance of all; so please remember, brothers, that every little bit helps, and if it does look like nothing of interest to you, let's have it; probably it will interest some one else.

Bro. S. Rathburn is doing the first trick at "DA" and is there solid, or he could not stand it in his surroundings, as this place seems to be a Jonah. But keep up heart, Sam, there's a brighter day coming.

Bro. R. W. Moody, first at "GB," has been off for some time owing to ill health.

Bro. R. L. Adams, second at McCoy, is laying off a few days; relieved by Grandpa Livingston.

Bro. Darling was off a few days owing to the illness of his little son; Bro. Pineson relieving him.

Bro. Fred Gaugh is doing the late trick at Valley Junction.

Bro. W. M. Shotwell is doing the first turn at "MS," again having been on the car job for some time.

Bro. McKee, of "VI," is visiting in Salt Lake City for thirty days, being relieved by ex-Bro. H. L. Johnson.

S. G. Martin, Div. Cor.

#### Chicago Division, West End-

The list of night offices operated number the same as last March, and changes among the craft are few, although a few vacations have been allowed, and those who enjoyed the time spent in recruiting have again donned their working clothes and resumed the duties at their respective stations.

A dispatcher was recently heard to remark, in answer to a query as to when he thought the night offices now closed would be reopened, said "soon as cold weather starts in." From this I should judge November the first, or thereabouts, should find all night offices and a goodly number of second tricks re-established, as November first last year snow covered this section several inches deep.

On the August bulletin appears the following tricks open for bids: Third, Donovan; second, Swanington; first, St. Anne; third, Earl Park.

Bro. B. J. Butler is relieving the agent at Aroma for two weeks. Name unknown, but he is a non.

Bro. Butlers' stay at Altamont, while relieving Bro. Kennington, was of short duration, as his services as an agent were in demand. After three days as signalman he was relieved by a Mr. R. F. Seng, of Augusta, a promising young man, whose length of time in the telegraph service as required by our Order being too brief to permit him becoming one of us.

In our September write-up an omission occurred in referring to a Mr. Bender, of Whitestown. Mr. Bender is third trick at this station and is an up-to-date member, holding pasteboard No. 978, Div. 138. The word brother not being prefixed to this brother's handle caused the writer much worry.

Bro. M. H. Mohr is relieving Bro. Jordan, third trick at Sheldon, who is off for a few days, which he is spending in Chicago. Bro. Mohr is recently from the L. E. & W. and holder of Cert. 99, Div. 120. A transfer to 138 is forthcoming.

A Mr. Oldendorf, brother of the agent at Hazelrigg, has emerged from his apprenticeship bounds and is doing nicely on third trick at Donovan. Trust his ideas excel those of his brother regarding the advantages gained through the O. R. T.

Speck Milligan, third trick dispatcher at Kankakee, has returned after spending a week's vacation on the farm near Clark's Hill.

Second Trick Dispatcher Drury relieved Mr. Milligan, who in turn was relieved by Operator Repschlager, of the same office. This afforded Bro. Rep. an opportunity to display his ability as a dispatcher and "13" he was there with the bells on.

Bro. Jordan is relieving Mr. Bussert, first trick at Sheldon.

Bro. Mohr third trick at Earl Park.

KENNINGTON & MEAD.

Michigan Division-

J. G. Long worked one day last month at Jonesboro in the absence of Agent Seward, who was called to Urbana to attend a funeral.

Bro. King, night owl at North Vernon, was beld up and robbed some time ago. Bro. King was at the telegraph table and was attracted by a man at the front window, who immediately upon gaining King's attention, covered him. Now, Bro. King is not one so easily bluffed, so starts for his gun, which was on the opposite side of the room. On his way, however, his attention was called to three more guns at the open ticket window. Of course it was up to Bro. King to adjust his arms in mid-air, subject to the rulings of his masked visitors, and they gained entrance to the office, where Bro. King was the victim of a cruel beating. They broke open the cash drawer and took forty dollars for their troubles.

Bro. H. S. Walters, former agent at LaFontaine, at present night owl at Marion, is studying the art of embalming.

Time and again we see our brother conductors and engineers retiring from active railroad life. Brother telegraphers, what are we going to retire on when we get too old to carry the mail? For God's sake, you telegraphers who are teaching from one to five boys telegraphy; you men are the ones that are keeping wages down to a mere nothing; you are the men that are laughed at by both officials and good union men. The officials don't think any more of you, and the good sound men think a good deal less. For heaven's sake, men (if you class yourself as such), wake up; cut this business out.

I have in mind one brother on this division who has been treated rotten by the division superintendent. This brother has worked several places as clerk and operator, always doing his best for the company, but when the bumping came last spring on account of cutting out third trick positions, he was forced to go back as clerk, doing

both clerk's and operator's work. Now, this station was the first place he showed up on seniority list. Last spring when the seniority list came out this brother was not shown. Thinking it might be through an error of the division superintendent, this brother wrote him, calling his attention, and wanted a cause, if kept off by other than an error. The brother got word that because he had declined promotions his rights were taken away and he was no longer considered in the service as operator. Now, as I have said before, this brother has worked at different points, and we are going to see if this Mr. Superintendent understands Rule No. 7, which is very plain, if one can read English. Now, look here, brothers, the grand Order is not a plaything; it was organized for the purpose of protecting a gentleman who had sense enough to see the need of protection. When you have a grievance, boys, take it up and show them who we are. I hardly think some of these officials understand our schedule.

Bro. Kind, of Fairmount, was seen on No. 25 one day this week.

I have failed to see any of those notes as yet. Are you sick, dying or dead? It might be the latter; I can't say, as I never hear from you.

E. N

#### Indianapolis Division-

On going over my books I find that we are getting an over-production of nons. Now this must not be, and I ask all members to make an individual effort to get them in line. The time is coming when we must again get busy and show our strength. While Division No. 138 is in good shape, being informed by General Chairman Whalen that we have 832 members, there is no excuse why we should not make it 1000 in a very short time. Get busy, men.

Local Chairman Bob Cook attended the banquet at Columbus, Ohio, October 24th, given by the C., H. & D. boys and Hon. Judson Harmon, candidate for Governor of Ohio.

Operator Neal, at Hardy, has accepted Raleigh, second trick.

Bro. Bud Faidley is laying off.

Bro. E. R. Martz, third trick at McCord, has returned to work, after being absent ten or twelve days. O. L. Rickey relieved him.

Bro. J. W. Rickey, first trick at McCord, took a two weeks' vacation. He was relieved by O. L. Rickey.

Bro. Burkett, of McCord, took the second trick when O. L. Rickey went on first trick.

Smith, of Fortville, took a ten-day trip to New York City and was relieved by Mr. Hahn.

Mr. Boyer, of Belt Junction, first trick, was off a few days to attend a trial; relieved by O. L. Rickey.

Operator Yates traded his second trick at "SC" for second trick at McCord, worked two days and resigned. Have not heard where he went.

Bro. Branam, third trick at Raleigh, was sent to Oaklandon as agent for a few days, and has now returned to his work at Raleigh; relieved by his brother, E. R. Branam.

Second Trick Operator Smith, of Raleigh, resigned to go to work for the Standard Oil Company and Operator Harper is relieving him.

The office at the U. S. army post has been shut up and Operator Rhoades sent home.

Heard that the offices at east yard and Elroy were to be opened in the near future on account of business picking up.

Operator Atkinson is working second trick at "CJ," extra, for a few days.

Operator Foster, of third trick Farmland, is taking fifteen days off. I "13" on account of not carrying the mail. Operator Newfarmer is relieving him.

Bro. Earnest, first trick at Belt Junction, has resigned and Operator Boyer is working first trick there until position is filled by bulletin. Operator Thomas is working second trick in Boyer's place.

Operator Miller first trick at Ansonia, is taking a vacation; relieved by Operator Shoffner.

GEE WHIZ.

#### St. Louis Division, East-

We are glad to be able to report a few more new members, and also we are glad to say we have got next to a brother or so who failed to pay their dues on the last term. Can't say what the trouble is unless they (?) forgot it. One of these fellows is working a job he got on bulletin, and after landing the job he says he can't see why he should have to pay dues, etc. How and why a man can get such notions in his cranium is something we can not see. If he is not treated as he thinks he should be he is sure to say that is not according to our schedule, etc.

Bro. R. C. Withers, of Carbon, is taking a vacation; relieved by Mr. E. H. Brown.

Bro. Tincher, agent at Hadley, has returned from a visit in the Western States.

Bro. Fred Goodwin, at Delmar, has been taking a vacation. He was relieved by E. H. Brown.

Bro. C. W. Riffle, former agent at Lena has re signed and taken up the show business.

Mr. Chas. Knipp who was acting agent before Bro. Riffle's resignation was accepted, was relieved by Mr. E. E. Evans, who bid the station in on bulletin.

Mr. Evans was working second trick at "JB" and was relieved at that place by Bro, Roller. "13" Mr. Knipp went back to Kentucky.

Bro. R. C. Spangler has left the service.

Mr. C. D. Simpson got third trick at Duane on bulletin.

We "13" the Honorable (?) C. H. Stone, formerly a copyist, third trick dispatcher's, has at last found the end of his string in that office, as he has been discharged.

Mr. Chapman, St. Mary's, got third trick at "WR" on a bid.

The Wabash gravel pit has been reopened and we "13" Extra Dispatcher Walker is doing the stunts at that place.

We are in receipt of a letter from the general chairman, who announces a meeting at Terre Haute, October 20th, 7:30 p. m. This is a joint

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meeting for roads entering Terre Haute and a grand crowd is expected. Bro. Whalen says if this meeting is well attended he will try and arrange a meeting every month. If possible, a banquet will be given in the future. Come out, boys, and help warm things up on Division No. 138.

DIV. COR.

Cairo Division ---

Bro. Chas. Sullivan is off for a few days visiting relatives in St. Louis; relieved by Operator John Cross.

Bro. J. W. Crouch is back at work again after being off a few days attending the funeral of his sister.

The company has started to distribute coal around to the different places to keep the boys from freezing this winter.

Bro. Calvert has been laying off, but is back at work again now.

Bro. Sullivan is back at work again after being off on a ten-day leave of absence.

Bro. Hall, at "MX," is back at work after laying off a few days. Bro. Hall was relieved by Mr. Fitspatrick, of Gillispie.

The C. & E. I. people have been having very poor success in getting their locals into terminals here of late on account of the heavy work and the sixteen-hour limit.

Ex-Bro. Parmer is back at work again, after being off attending to his mother's farm over in Indiana all summer.

Business is getting better every day on the Big Four. The more money they make the better it will be for us when we get our schedule renewed again.

Bro. Crouch, from the Cotton Belt, spent a day or so with J. W. crouch at Irving. Bro. Crouch works for the Cotton Belt at Greenville, Tex., and seems to be pretty well satisfied with the treatment of the Cotton Belt.

Heard Bro. Cole, the second trick man at East Alton, telling "DI" he had had a chill, the other night.

Sister Mary Carroll, from "KS," has been visiting her brother, "AR," who works second trick in the dispatcher's office at Mattoon.

The Big Four had a wreck at Venice crossing a few days ago, No. 57, westbound local freight, Hillsboro to East St. Louis, engine No. 6171, Engineer Menifee, sideswiped a switch engine at Venice crossing, derailing engine 6171 and two cars, and injuring Engineer Menifee, but I did not learn how bad.

Understand the Big Four had a special train of soldiers, eleven cars in all, from "FT," Ben Harrison to Urbana, via Shelbyville, a few days ago.

Can not some of the boys up near Windsor show Tull where he is going wrong. Bro. Hill says he has been trying, but, so far, has been unsuccessful. Some older brother try him and show him where he is wrong. Don't let him go.

The writer has secured the applications of John Cross and L. I. Lancaster, all signed up and sent in to Bro. Burton at St. Louis, and each of these

men you can call brother by the time this reaches the eyes of the brothers.

Ex-Bro. Welch off on vacation; relieved by Bro. Cross, who just received his card.

Bro. Lindsey has quit the Big Four; relieved by Bro. Fitspatrick.

Hillsboro, third trick, and Pana, third trick, are on bulletin.

Sorry to say I woke up some of the brothers last month for news, but thus far I have received news from only Bro. Linch, "MX."

Bro. Welch is back at work, Bro. Cross, who worked his trick at Witt, going to "KA."

Brothers, get busy and send in your news to Bro. J. H. Cook, lock box No. 6, Irving, Ill., as this is a hard matter to look after unless some of you help and, of course, you all look for Big Four news. St. Louis Division, west get busy and help make this division the banner division of the O. R. T. in general for news.

DIV. Cor.

#### P. & E., East End-

I regret to say that some fellows haven't any more judgment than to think now is the time to learn some one telegraphy, I sincerely wish there was some way of getting rid of the so-called ham factories. It seems that the boys do not take the interest in trying to drive them away, that they should; say something to the non, it may convince him that there is really something in the Order for him after all.

The second trick at New Castle, is now open for some good man. Bro. H. A. Swain, I understand, canceled his application for it, and is going to keep his agency at "CS."

Operator Sandberg is doing second trick stunt at "QN," and Operator Lindley, formerly of the dispatcher's office, is on third trick.

A. D. Farris was sent to "RH," to relieve third trick man a few days; while Operator Christie is doing second trick at "NC."

S. C. Wilson, formerly of the P. & E., is working for the Union Pacific at Solomon, Kan.

Operator Shearer relieved H. A. Swain at "CS," one day.

Bro. J. C. Frazier, of the Cincinnati Division. is at his home near New Castle.

Bro. W. R. Cooper is still on west end, doing relief work as extra agent.

H. N. Iddings, agent at Arcanum, is still doing his fourteen-hour stunt, daily. Does that look good to the brothers, if not way is it permitted?

Let's strive to make the 138 better each month.

"HAPPY."

#### Pennsylvania Ry.

Allegheny Division-

For several months now, nothing has appeared in our journal from this division, which was due to the fact that your correspondent has been sick with typhoid fever; however, he is again on the job and the "Valley" will be represented each month as before.

There are so many changes to report, and so many of the boys and girls have been away on



their vacations, that if any are omitted, we hope to be pardoned under the circumstances.

Bro. Geerhard and Sister Snyder have our thanks, for a nice bunch of items, hope they will come again each month.

Bro. C. W. Golden bid in second trick at "MD" tower, said he was tired of the "Jungles" around East Sandy; third trick at latter point up for bid.

Bro. T. L. Ray, second trick, "BO" tower, has returned to duty, after a two weeks' trip to Van-Buren, Ind., and Niagara Falls, N. Y.; being relieved by Operator J. A. Bever, formerly a member of the C. T. U. of A.

Mr. W. J. Barras, agent and operator, East Sandy, was off for a week or two recently, for the purpose of moving his family from Phillipston to Franklin, where he will reside in the future; relieved by Bro. J. F. Joyce.

Bro. J. T. McNaughton was off for several days recently, visiting friends and relatives in Parker; relieved by Extra Operator Bever.

Bro. W. E. McGee bid in and secured third trick at Sandy. Third trick at "BO" up for bid. Bro. E. A. Hudson, first trick at Kennerdell, has been offered a fine position with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in New York City, but at this writing Bro. Hudson has been unable to break away from his pleasant associates, and we hope he will decide to remain here.

Bro. W. H. Enix, second trick, Kennerdell, and Bro. C. F. Geerhart, first trick, St. George, were absent from duty the latter part of last month, on a visit to the former's parents, in Wheeling, W. Va. Bro. Enix was relieved by Sister Snyder, who in turn was relieved at "BO" tower by Extra Operator McCain.

Bro. A. C. McCormick was transferred from Phillipston to Du Bois, and then to second trick at "SK" tower.

Bro. J. B. Reynolds, ticket clerk and operator, at Kittanning, is off on an extended vacation, being relieved by Bro. F. A. McElhinney.

Bro. M. M. McGeary has been appointed agent at Lawsonham; H. E. Daniels going to Red Bank, and Geiger to Falls Creek.

Sister N. E. Cuineen, formerly of "BN" office, Pittsburg, las secured a position on the Central New England R. R., near her old home.

Miss Johnson was the successful applicant for the position of message operator at Phillipston. Did anyone ever notice a non-member declining to take advantage of the privileges secured by the O. R. T., on the grounds that they did not help to maintain the organization?

Bros. Shuster, of Red Bank, and McCracken, of Brookville, were in Pittsburg recently, attending a meeting of the local committee.

The general committee has met in Philadelphia, but the result of their deliberations has not yet been made public, but we all hope to hear something to our advantage in the near future.

There are still a number of the brothers who have not paid dues for the current term, and I would urge every one of you to get busy and get up-to-date; it speaks well for the sisters when there is not one on the delinquent list. The organization

needs you, but you need the organization still more. There will be an Order of Railroad Telegraphers long after we have all been laid away and forgotten. Think it over! "BRIGHAM."

#### The Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry.

Just a few words to apprise the rest of the boys that we have a few men on the "Boll Weevil," although from all signs you would never suspect it.

For obvious reasons names and locations are omitted, but we have a small mebmership, and more coming. Are you one of these, and if not, why not? Do you like the present situation? Do you intend to repeat the performance of last winter, sixteen to eighteen hours' work per day? You will have to if you don't bet busy, and send up a committee. The nine-hour law, while good, does not keep you from working overtime in case of emergency, say like last January, when even the passenger engines went dead on the main line.

This should be enough for a starter. Let's hear from some one else. CERT. 4371.

#### Chicago, Lake Shore & Eastern Ry.

Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Ry .-

Business is picking up daily; it seems like old times to see the monotony break.

Bro. Kruse, from second trick, at Cavanaugh, to third trick, at "X;" relieved by Benson, who will join the fold as soon as he gets old enough. Operator Miller, formerly third trick, at "X," "13" he is now driving a coal wagon.

Bro. Richie, from all over, the "GN" last, is doing the stunts on the second act at "X."

There is no more said in regard to holding a local meeting. Boys, this will be the best thing we can do, all turn out and attend the next meeting of No. 91, at Chicago, then adjust matters so that we could hold a local meeting at some station where almost all could get there conveniently. If we get the local meeting along the line, we could hold an open meeting and invite a few of the nons, for we must do something to keep these fellows up-to-date; they have forgotten the Order since they have an eight-hour trick, it seems.

We could also appoint some members who have an afternoon or an ovening to themselves, and have them go and visit a few of these delinquents.

If any one who has any news or article, which they would desire to write up in the journal, give it to Bro. McDonald, 263 La Salle Street, Chicago, and we assure you it will receive the most prompt attention.

Zoo.

#### Lehigh Valley Ry.

Auburn Division-

Happening to glance over THE TELEGRAPHER for October, 1908, I saw a few words in regard to the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Now why is it that we can not get together and organize? There are lots of operators on this division that would be only too glad to join the ranks if some one



would only have a little talk with them. All other employes of this road are organized and are enjoying the fruits of organization. Why can not we, the lowest paid of them all? We need organization and we need it bad. Things seem to be at a standstill at present, owing to the lack of interest shown. Now let us get together and work things up a little. We certainly would be paid for our efforts a hundred fold. Let us hear from someone else on this subject in the next issue and, boys, don't lose interest. Let us be represented in THE TELEGRAPHER, even though we are not organized.

#### Wilmington Div., No. 58.

We had a very interesting meeting on September 21, with Bro. Coverdale in the chair in the absence of our worthy chief, Bro. H. W. Kennedy, who was unable to attend on account of working train sheet, 4 to 12 trick. Several subjects of interest to all were discussed, and while there was a very good attendance, there was room for more. Boys, get busy and make an effort to attend our meetings. Do not stay at home and depend on your brother to conduct your business for you, then criticise him because he did not do it to suit you. You have not the old excuse of no transportation, as each one who has been in the service for three years has an annual pass over the division. Let's go to work and try and get a schedule. We can do it if each brother will do his part. The boys on the Maryland Division have been a sleep long enough, and it is certainly time for us to wake up. The company is willing to meet us half way and always treat us fairly, and I believe it is our own fault that we are not working under a schedule on the Maryland Division today.

I am very sorry to see some of our members giving the students too much freedom. One brother is at present serving a two weeks' suspension, the result of allowing a student to do his work. Boys do your own work and you will know how it is done. The company do not pay you to allow a student to do your work. You not only run the risk of his getting you into trouble, but you are forcing your brother telegrapher to work with him, and if there is any trouble the man who will allow a student to do his work will try to shield himself, even at the expense of his brother telegrapher. The company pays the boys to learn and will tell you to instruct them, but I have never in my experience known of a case where the division operator has instructed an operator to allow a student to do his work, and I am unable to understand why an operator will sharpen a knife to cut his and his brothers' throats. Boys, cut it out. It is certainly up to you. While we can not throw them out of the window, if we give the company our best service we will not have time to devote to the teaching of students.

There are a number of vacancies advertised on the division, among them one position in "WD" office, also two positions in "BR" office, Baltimore, which were advertised some time ago as paying \$66.55, have been readvertised to pay \$72.60. Some one is evidently on the job. "AR" has been reopened after having been closed for some time.

The boys from Oakington to Perryville are having enough work to do to keep them awake on account of the B. & O. trains using the Pennsylvania bridge over the Susquehanna River while their bridge is being reconstructed. We "13" this will last for at least eighteen months; we also "13" the boys over this route are after a leverman and more money, and we sincerely wish them success, as we know they earn it.

Some of the boys are complaining about train sheet operator, the big "C," refusing to ask the dispatcher to stop trains to get them home. "C," we hope you will do better. It is only your small size that protects you, as we would not care to tackle a man so far beneath our weight.

DIV. COR.

#### Cobalt Div., No. 99.

Most of the boys have returned from their vacation and are back to work for another year. There was no inconvenience this year in getting relieved, as every one was relieved on time. Bro. H. Wolfe relieving.

The dispatcher in "H" office is going to leave us when the relief days are over for this year.

Quite a number of changes on our line lately and some new men have come in. Some are lined up and some are not. Most of these we expect to join shortly.

Some of our members are becoming disinterested and allowing themselves to drop behind. If they would only stop to think for a minute what the Order of Railroad Telegraphers has done for us they would surely pay up and do it now, after the nice increase we all got in our first schedule.

Bro. Murray is on the sick list, but we hope for a speedy recovery.

We can now call the operator and agent at Mathason brothers.

Every one will be sorry to hear of the death of Bro. Isaac Irwin, who died suddenly on the evening of October 27th.

J. J. CAMPBELL.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Divine Ruler of the Universe has removed from our midst Bro. Isaac Irvin, submittingly we lament the Divine decree, realizing the inestimable degree of our loss; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the high standard of his long and active term of fraternal services, the labors and duties so promptly and willingly performed will long remain fresh in our memories; and

WHEREAS, We desire to perpetuate in enduring words our respect for, and appreciation of, the noble deeds, the lofty character, the sterling principles of the departed dead; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That as an organization we, the members of the Cobalt T. & N. O. Railway Division. No. 99, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender to the bereaved relatives our sincere and heartfelt

sympathies in this, their sorrow, assuring them that we deem it also our own; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, printed in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy sent to the bereaved relatives of the deceased.

J. J. CAMPBELL, General Chairman.

#### Twin City Telegraphers' Club.

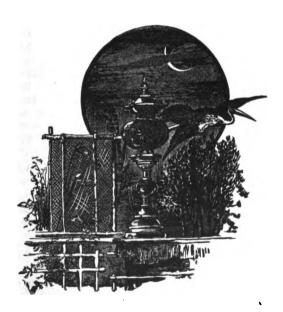
A special meeting of the club was called for September 30th, to take the place of the regular meeting for October. About thirty members were notified by cards, and several promised to attend, but the turnout was very disappointing. So many of the members are out of the city, and other reasons advanced by some that are in the city. It was decided, for the present, at least, to have the meetings of the club subject to the call of the officers, instead of once a month as at present. The new rule will go into effect at once. It is to be hoped that in the near future we can instill some energy into a few members, and can resume our meetings again.

Bro. Lynch, of Red Wing dispatcher's office, was a Twin City visitor lately.

Bro. Goss, of first trick, at Allsona, came in to take second trick at East St. Paul. Bro. Goss relieved Bro. Nichols.

Bro. Richards, third trick, at East St. Paul, was laid up a few days with a sprained ankle.

Bro. Lapham was off a few days, with an attack of ptomaine poisoning; relieved by Mr. Herberg. Bro. Foulkes spent a couple of days at Rochester, visiting his sister at the hospital there. COR.





# MUTUAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

Assessment No. 116 is due NOV. 1, 1908. Time for payment expires DEC. 31, 1908.

#### AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On \$	300 00 (Series	A)
On	500 00 (Series	B)
On	1,000 00 (Series	C)60 cents each

### BENEFITS PAID DURING OCTOBER, 1908.

CLAIM		Cert.			
No. NAME.	CAUSE.	DIV.	No.	SERIES.	AXT.
	Bright's Disease		. 12318	3B\$	375 00
781Edw. W. Brown	.Pulmonary Tuberculosis	91.	. 15650	)A	300 00
785J. Frank Ridgeway	.Pulmonary Tuberculosis	53.	. 11444	4A	300 00
786Owen F. Haney	.Pulmonary Tuberculosis	34.	. 14829	9A	300 00
788 Harry T. Barchus	.Typhoid Fever	129.	. 10304	1A	300 00
789Russell R. Dodd	.Chronic Nephritis and Gastritis	59.	. 22426	5 C	1,000 00
790Archibald C. Sadler.	.Pulmonary Tuberculosis	126.	. 7776	5c	1,000 00
793John M. Hovey	.Typhoid Fever	8.	. 411	lB	500 00
794 Charles L. Foster	.Struck by Train	2.	. 1957	7B	500 00
805William I. Benien	.Scarlet Fever	55.	. <b>26</b> 861	lA	300 00

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT-MORTUARY FUND.

#### RECEIPTS.

Received on Assessment Account to September 30, 1908	.\$689,935 94
Received on Assessment Account October, 1908	. 5,148 70
	\$695,084 64
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Death Claims paid to September 30, 1908	.\$454,731 47
Death Claims paid in October	. 4,875 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	. 1,100 81
Assessments transferred to dues	. 184 73
Cash on hand to credit Mortuary Fund, October 31, 1908	234,192 63
	\$695,084 64

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- NO. 32.—Division covers the Francisco Railroad System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. C. G. Kelso, Gen'l Chairman, 1368 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.; J. E. McQuade, Gen'l S. & T., 1368 N. Jefferson st., Springfield, Mo.



- NO. 33.-Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. Districts, meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10, Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., Philadelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every other month, commencing Saturday, September 10th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. W. C. Safford, Local Chairman, Eastern District, 515 Washington st., McKeesport, Pa. J. T. Williams, Local Chairman, Western District, Mars, Pa. Cleveland Division meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall. Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, Local Chairman, Massillon, Ohio. Chicago Division meets on third Friday nights of each month, in B. of L. F. Hall, Garrett, Ind. O. J. Prouse, Local Chairman, East District, 303 North Union st., Fostoria, Ohio. A. P. Webster, Local Chairman, West District, Kimmell, West End Baltimore Division meets third Friday of August, November and February, at Washington Junction, Md., at 8 p. m. Third Friday of September, December and March at Typographical Hall, 423 G st., N. W., Washington, D. C., at 9 p. m. Third Friday of October, January and April at Woodstock, Md. D. M. Wright, Jr., Local Chairman, Brunswick, Md.
- NO. 34—Division covers the Chicage & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.
- NO. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.
- NO. 36.—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319 Atalanta ave., Tuxedo Park, St. Louis, Mo.
- NO. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets ad Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Bank's Hall, over postoffice, New Rochelle, N. Y. F. J. Maher, Chief Tel., Harlem River station, New Yerk, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N. Y.

- NO. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Suturday each month, 8 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Art. O. Betters, Chief Tel., 216 Summer st., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S. & T., Box 1417 Springfield, Mass.
- NO. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; Charles I. Mead, Gen'l S. & T., Smyrna, Mich.
- NO. 40-Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. A. W. Holmes, Gen'l Chairman, Lowell, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; A. W. Holmes, Chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Lowell, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, Chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; L. G. White, Chairman Rivanna District, Warren, Va.; D. H. Scott, Chairman James River District, Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, Chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; G. N. Hancock, Chairman New River District, Montgomery, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, Chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Olympia, Ky.; J. W. Mathewson, Chairman Cincinnati District, Vanceburg, Ky. Meets subject to call of Chairman.
- NO. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon, ave., West Somerville, Mass.; John A. Tuck, S. & T., upper station, Wakefield, Mass.
- NO. 42.—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. Frank N. Hall, Gen'l Chairman, 35 Clinton st., Salamanca, N. Y.; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.
- NO. 43.—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. E. McDermott, Gen'l Chairman, Richmond Hill, Ont.; E. G. Skelding, Gen'l S. & T., 531 Victor st., Winnipeg, Man.
- NO. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets ad Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. F. Heller, S. & T., 1441 Bushwick ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- NO. 45, WOODVILLE, N. H.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Plymouth, N. H.

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- NO. 46—Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga. O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga.
- NO. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. A. D. Lawson, Chief Tel., Hunters River, P. E. I.; J. Trainor, S. & T., Bedford Station, P. E. I.
- NO. 48.—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of Chairman. H. J. Tobin, Gen'l Chairman, 315 E. Exchange st., Owosso, Mich.; A. F. Weast, Gen'l S. & T., 930 Oak st., Springfield, Ohio.
- NO. 49.—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. A. H. Wasson, Gen'l Chairman, Amethyst, Colo.; F. W. Aiken, Gen'l S. & T., Cotopaxi, Colo.
- NO. 50.—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.
- NO. 51.—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets 1st Friday evening after 16th, each month, in Eagles' Hall, Greenville, Pa., after the arrival of trains 2 and 13. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshall st., Conneaut, Ohio.
- NO. 52, PITTSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandwiew ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
- NO. 53.—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., 1220 12th ave., East Oakland, Cal.
- NO. 54.—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.
- NO. 55.—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 8 p. m., in Trades and Labor Assembly Hall, Massillon, Ohio. J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; C. R. Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.
- NO. 56.—Division covers Georgia Southern & Flerida Railway Systems. L. D. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Tifton, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.

- NO. 57.—Division covers the Houston & Tems Central Railway System. Meets every third Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex. W. J. Burke, Gen'l Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.
- NO. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall, 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. H. W. Kennedy, Chief Telegrapher, 305 N. Van Buren st., Wilmington, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.
- NO. 59.—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; A. L. McDaniel, Gen'l S. & T., Forest City, N. C.
- NO. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T., 936 "B" st., S. W., Washington, D. C.
- NO. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; R. A. McMillan, S. & T., Charlo Station, N. B.
- NO. 62.—Division covers the Queen & Crescast (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333, Williamstown, Ky. J. W. North. Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., High Bridge, Ky. W. E. Hines, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Somerset, Ky. Meets 4th Saturday night each month at Somerset, Ky. B. D. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings on Ciscinnati and A. G. S. Divisions subject to call of General or Local Chairman.
- NO. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N. B.
- NO. 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chief Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary, St. Pierre, Ce. Montmagny, Que.; Ed Roy, Treasurer, Aston Junction, Que.
- NO. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall. Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S & T., Fremont, N. H.



- NO. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- NO. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. E. O. Sherman, Chief Tel., 331 S. River st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.; J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- NO. 68.—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.
- NO. 69.—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. Talley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarvillé, Miss.
- NO. 70.—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, 206 W. 34th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.
- NO. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA.—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.
- NO. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., Box 432, South St. Joseph, Mo.; W. E. Roese, S. & T., Box 682, St. Joseph, Mo.
- NO. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets ad Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- NO. 74.—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. J. M. Peck, Gen'l Chairman, Farmingdale, Ill.; A. W. Morrow, Gen'l S. & T., 425 Jefferson st., Greenfield, Ohio.
- NO. 75.—Division cevers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; F. K. Harter, Gen'l S. & T., Jonesbore, Ind.
- NO. 76.—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell Junction, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.

- NO. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.
- NO. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall, 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N. Y.; B. M. Nichols, S. & T., Altamont, N. Y.
- NO. 79.—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.
- NO. 80.—Division covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Stratton, Miss.
- NO. 81.—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of Chairman. Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.
- NO. 82,—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. E. Marker, Gen'l S. & T., Smithburg, Md. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman.
- NO. 83.—Division covers the Banger & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the Chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, New Sweden Station, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Abbott, Maine.
- NO. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets ad Friday at 8 p. m., at Morgan's Hall, Fourth and Market sts., Camden, N. J. J. W. Diffinderfer, Chief Tel., 610 Park ave., Collingswood, N. J.; I. W. Newkirk, Sec'y, Pitman Grove, N. J.; T. J. McCabe, Treas., 1014 Spruce st., Camden, N. J.
- NO. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. Chas. R. Carty, Chief Tol., 3e8 Wood st., Bristol, Pa.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., 494 West Hanover st., Trenton, N. J.
- NO. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets ad Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hellidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.
- NO. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Menday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenpert, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa.



- NO. 88.—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the Chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman. Keithville, La.; J. E. De Souza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.
- NO. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, elevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss st., South Framingham, Mass.; J. W. Finn, S. & T., 22 Milton ave., Dorchester, Ctr., Boston. Mass.
- NO. 90.—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of Chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va. J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Blue Creek, W. Va.
- NO. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Chicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel., 1760 North Lawndale ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st., Chicago, Ill.
- NO. 92.—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the Chairman. H. R. Childs, Gen'l Chairman, Warsaw, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.
- NO. 93.—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the Chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Lulu, Miss.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill. Chicago Terminal holds regular meetings on 3d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., sharp, in Vicinity Hall (3d floor), N. E. cor. 35th and Cottage Grove ave., Chicago, Ill.
- NO. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. Cor. Dauphin and Jackson sts., Mobile, Ala. J. E. Jones, Chief Tel., Oak Grove, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Catherin st., Mobile, Ala.
- NO. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 546½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumberland Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S & T., East Waterboro, Me.
- NO. 96.—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. W. L. Albrecht, Gen'l Chairman; Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Readlyn, Iowa.
- NO. 97.—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.

- NO. 98.—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Solomonville, Ariz.
- NO. 99, COBALT, ONT.—C. D. Chaterton, Chief Tel., North Bay, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Latchford, Ont.
- NO. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st., Elmira, N. Y. C. M. Weeks, Chief Tel., Stanley, N. Y.; C. R. Elliott, S. & T., 381 South Main st., Elmira, N. Y.
- NO. 101.—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyserville, Cal.
- NO. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conshobocken, Pa.
- NO. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.
- NO. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. F. H. Willard, Chief Tel., Lancaster, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 28 River st., Marlboro, Mass.
- NO. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—A. Walters, Jr., Chief Tel., Penacook, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T, North Boscawen, N. H.
- NO. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. C. V. Larrick, Chief Tel., Mason-Dixon, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.
- NO. 107.—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & West ern Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso, Ill.
- NO. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. F. J. Taylor, Chief Tel., Hamburg, N. Y.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland. Pa.
- NO. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.
- NO. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets third Wednesday of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, 4th st. Emporium, Pa., and first Wednesday of each month at Corry, Pa. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel., East Emporium, Pa.; H. S. Getchell, S. & T., Emporium, Pa.
- NO. 111.—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Calif.

- NO. 112.—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of Chairman; James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.
- NO. 113.—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. F. W. Bishop, Gen'l Chairman, Arkville, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.
- NO. 114.—ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jaques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.
- NO. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. T. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote des Peres, Que., Can.
- NO. 116.—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; C. Reif, Gen'l S. & T., Lake Linden, Mich.
- NO. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets third Saturday in months of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 7 p. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, Mahanoy City, Pa., and on third Saturday, at 8 p. m., months of February, April, June, August, October and December, in P. O. S. of A. Hall, Shamokin, Pa. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
- NO. 118.—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. E. Arnold, Gen'l Chairman, Nelsonville, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.
- NO. 119.—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.
- NO. 120.—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, Ind.
- NO. 121.—Division covers Wisconsin Central Ry. System. G. A. Harsh, Gen'l Chairman, Dorchester, Wis. O. R. Barber, Gen'l S. & T., Allenton, Wis.
- NO. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening of each month at Whitehall, N. Y. F. H. Keeley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st. Fort Edward, N. Y.
- NO. 123.—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.

- NO. 124.—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkes Barre, Pa.
- NO. 125.—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets ad Friday night each month at K. of P. Hall, 3d floor, 825 Main st. (opposite postoffice), Fredericksburg, Va. R. M. Graham, Gen'l Chairman, 619 7th st., N. E., Washington, D. C.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A. Crowley, Chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 622 B. st., S. W., Washington, D. C. C. B. Butterworth, Chairman, L. B. of A., South End, Milford, Va.
- NO. 126.—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., 4th Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Whiting, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., 1115 Throop st., Topeka, Kan.
- NO. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; J. F. Kenney, S. & T., Alborn, Minn.
- NO. 128.—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Ger'l S. & T., Box 328, Pueblo, Colo.
- NO. 129.—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Blasdell, N. Y.; C. D. Hull, G. S. & T., 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio.
- NO. 130.—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System. M. J. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Anselmo, Neb.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.
- NO. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—C. A. Bilodeau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.
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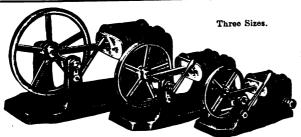
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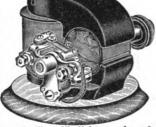
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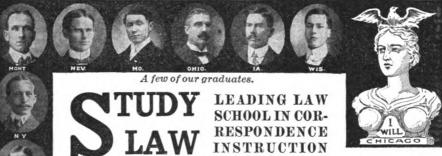
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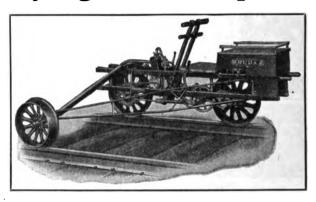
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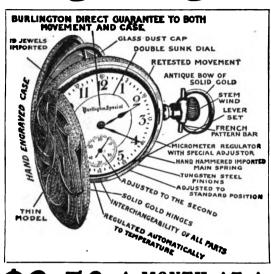
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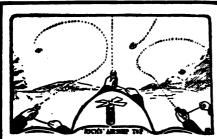
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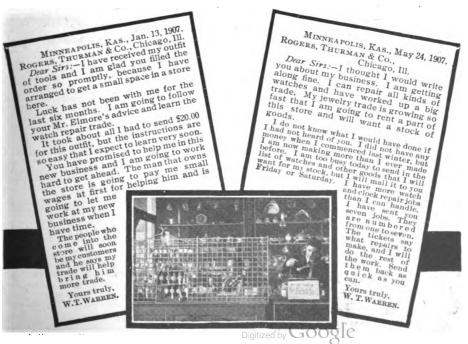
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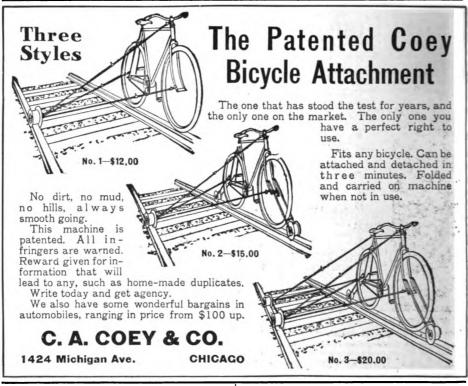
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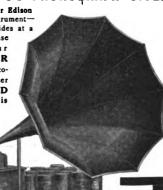
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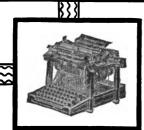
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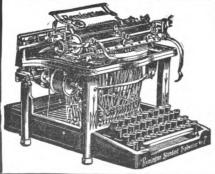
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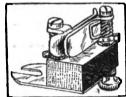
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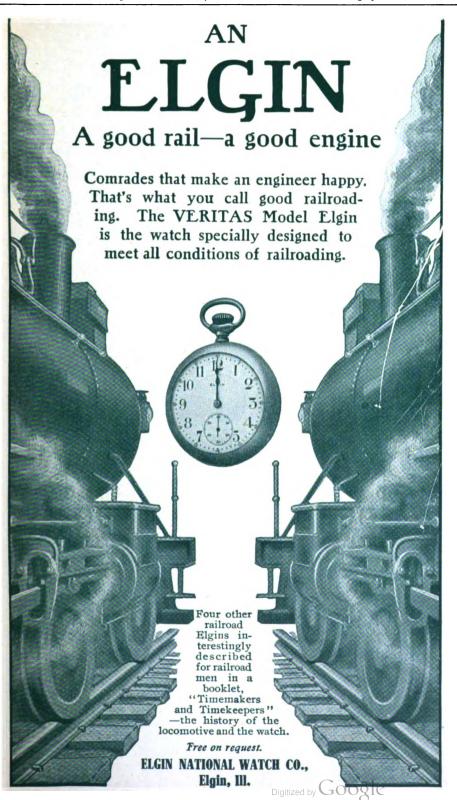
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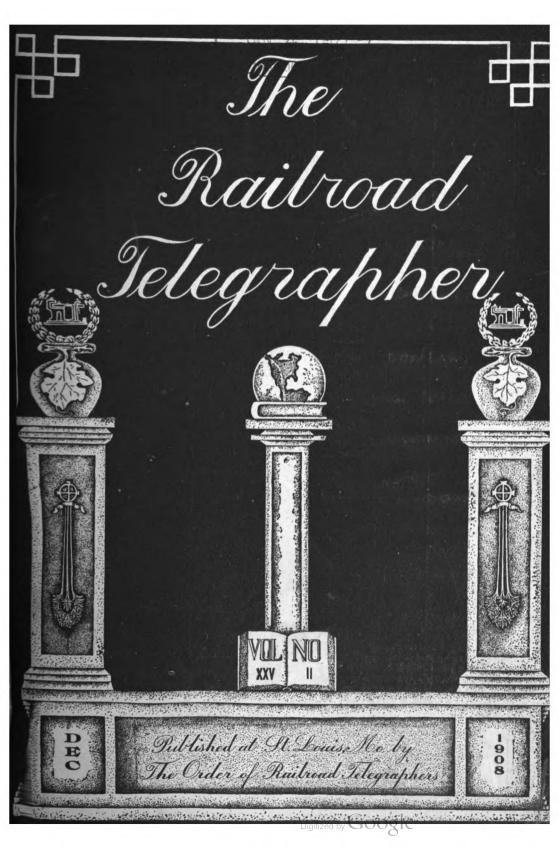
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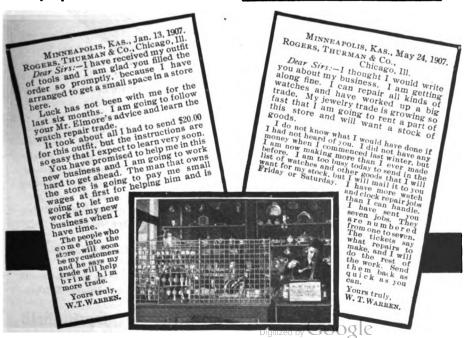
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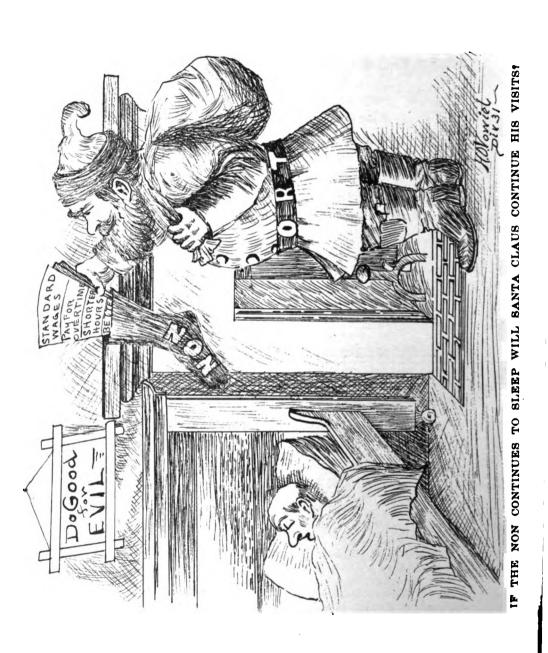


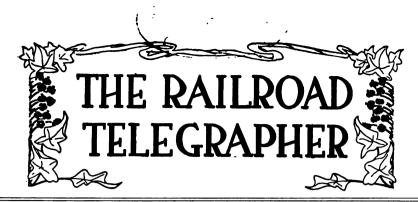
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# Manner of Holding Them in Local and System Divisions

HE annual election of officers in local divisions and the biennial election in system divisions are about to occur, and as there has been considerable misunderstanding in the past, especially on the part of new members as to the laws in regard to elections, a brief review of them should serve to acquaint every member with his duties and rights in this very important matter.

The manner of holding elections in local and system divisions are considerably different.

In local divisions all the elective officers, except local chairmen, are elected in the division room at the first regular meeting of the division in the month of February.

In system divisions the local chairmen and delegates and alternates to the Grand Division are all elected by mail ballot in the month of February, and no one can be voted for for any office in a system division who has not been nominated by nominating petition signed by three members of the division in good standing.

The General Chairman and General Secretary and Treasurer of a system division are elected by the local chairmen.

Section I of Article IV of the Constitution, which applies to both local and system divisions, clearly defines who are eligible to election as delegates and alternates to the Grand Division.

It reads:

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### LOCAL DIVISIONS.

Section 40 of the local division statutes provides that "the officers of local divisions shall be annually elected by ballot at the first regular meeting of the division in February, except the Marshal and the Outside and Inside Sentinels, who shall be

appointed by the chief telegrapher on the occasion of the installation of officers. Delegates and alternates to the Grand Division shall be elected at the regular election preceding the biennial session of the Grand Division. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect, and should there be no choice on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each succeeding ballot shall be dropped until a choice be made."

It will be seen from the foregoing that the officers of local divisions, except the Marshal, Inside and Outside Sentinels, are elected in the division room by the members present at the first regular meeting of the division in the month of February. As the Grand Division convenes in regular biennial session next May all local divisions will, at their February elections, elect delegates and alternates to the Grand Division, as well as elect its full quota of officers.

Section 40 of the local division statutes further provides for the election of local chairmen for systems of railway under the jurisdiction of one or more local divisions. In brief, it provides that the election of local chairmen shall be held by mail.

It is as follows: "On a system of railroad (several divisions or lines of railroad) under the jurisdiction of one or more local divisions of the Order, there shall be elected biennially, during the month of February next preceding each regular session of the Grand Division, a chairman for the Local Board of Adjustment for each sub-division of railroad under a superintendent or separate management, by ballot, by members who are employed on such subdivision of railroad. Nominations for local chairman shall be announced not later than the first regular meeting next preceding the time of the election, and immediately the secretary of the division having jurisdiction shall have printed an official ballot. This ballot to contain the names of all candidates who have been nominated by at least three members employed on such subdivision of railroad, said ballot to designate the different railroads and subdivisions for which the candidates have been nominated, and

shall also contain a blank space for the purpose of permitting members to vote for any other member employed on said division, but no member shall be permitted to vote for more than one candidate. Should a subdivision of railroad be in the concurrent jurisdiction of two or more divisions of the Order, the election of the local chairman for such subdivision of railroad shall be conducted by the division having the majority of the members employed on such subdivision, and such election shall be binding until the next regular election. The candidate for each office of local chairman receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected and shall assume their respective duties immediately.

The elective officers of a local division (except local chairmen), including delegates and alternates to the Grand Division, are to be elected at the first regular meeting of the division in February. A majority vote of the members of the division present at the meeting are necessary to elect.

Local chairmen for railways under the jurisdiction of local divisions are elected by mail ballots, which ballots must be sent out by the secretary or secretaries of divisions having jurisdiction during the month of February. In order to place a member in nomination for local chairman, it is necessary for three members of the division in good standing to sign a nominating petition and forward such nominating petition to their secretary. The petition can be of any form so that it states its purpose and is signed by three members of the division having jurisdiction and they are in good standing. The following form, addressed to the secretary of the division and signed by the three members, will probably answer as well as any other:

In making nominations on a division or district of railroad under the concurrent

jurisdiction of two or more local divisions, the nominating petition can be signed by members of any of the divisions having jurisdiction or be signed jointly by members of the two or more divisions having jurisdiction. Members of local divisions in voting, can vote for some member other than those who have been placed in nomination, if they desire to do so.

### SYSTEM DIVISIONS.

Elections in system divisions are conducted somewhat differently from those of local divisions. All the voting in system divisions is done by mail ballot, and no member can be voted for for any office that has not been nominated by petition signed by at least three members of that division in good standing. The officers to be elected in a system division are a local chairman for the various districts or divisions and delegates and alternates to the Grand Division. The local chairmen, after their election, elect the general chairman and general secretary and treasurer. No special form is provided for the nominating petition. The following form will answer as well as any other:

If the nomination is for delegate to the Grand Division or alternate, instead of local chairman, it should be so stated. It should be understood that a nominating petition must be filed in each instance. If it is desired to nominate one person for both local chairman and delegate to the Grand Division, two nominating petitions should be filed and the same three members can sign both of them.

No specific time is named for the sending out of the ballots by the General Secretary and Treasurer, but as the section named provides that all ballots shall be returned to the General Secretary and Treasurer on or before February 28th, the ballots must be sent out a sufficient length of time before that date to enable all members to vote. Neither is there any specific date

named for the filing of nominations, but these, of course, must be filed in time to permit the General Secretary and Treasurer to get out the ballots and announce the nominees so that the election can be completed before February 28th, as provided by the laws of the Order. In the absence of any specific law on the subject a suggestion, which, if generally observed, will tend to assure to every member a fair opportunity to voice his wish and exercise his right, seems to be in order.

The suggestion is:

That members who desire to make nominations shall file their nominating petitions with the General Secretary and Treasurer on or before February 5th. This will enable the General Secretary and Treasurer to prepare the circular naming the nominees for the various offices, have it printed and send it out with the ballots on or before February 10th. This will then leave the members eighteen days in which to fill in their ballots and return them to the General Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 69 of the system division statutes reads:

"The chairman of each Local Board of Adjustment of system divisions and delegates and alternates to the Grand Division shall be elected biennially during the month of February next preceding each regular session of the Grand Division. No member shall be voted for at the bicnnial election of officers who has not been placed in nomination as hereinafter provided.

"No member shall be placed in nomination for any office unless there is a petition signed by three or more members of the Order working on that system, filed with the General Secretary and Treasurer of said system division, who shall publish the names of all candidates by circular at the time ballots are sent out.

"Each space shall have a printed heading giving the title of the officer to be elected, with the words "official ballot." One blank official ballot, and no more, shall be mailed to each member qualified to vote, and no blank ballots shall be sent out after February 28th next before said election, unless authorized to do so by the General Com-

mittee of said system division. A member receiving said ballot shall write in ink in the spaces provided thereon the names of candidates for whom he desires to vote, the ballot to be signed by the member voting. certificate number and working residence to be shown thereon, and deliver the same, securely sealed, either in person or by mail, to the general secretary on or before the 28th day of February. Every qualified member may cast one vote for a chairman of the Local Board of Adjustment of the freight division or district on which he is employed, and one vote for a delegate and alternate from his district. All votes cast must be written on the official ballot, and in case the blank official ballot is defaced, a slip of blank paper may be used with the names of the candidates written thereon and attached to the official ballot, which must in every case be returned with the vote cast. All official ballots must be enclosed in an envelope securely sealed and marked thereon 'Official Ballot,' and shall be opened in form as hereinafter prescribed. The general chairman, within ten days next after February 15th of each election year, shall appoint a committee, a majority of which must be present, together with any other members of the Order who can attend, and in the presence of all they shall open and count the ballots on March I, or within three days thereafter.

"The candidate for each office receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected, and the membership advised of the result of such election.

"The general secretary shall then and there fill out a return of said election, giving a list of all the candidates voted for, and the number of votes cast for each, which return shall be signed by the committee, or a majority thereof, together with at least two other members of the Order, and immediately forward the same, properly signed and sealed, to the President and Grand Secretary and Treasurer, giving the names and location of all the chairmen of the Local Boards of Adjustment, delegates and alternates elected.

"For the purpose of carrying out the intent of this section relative to the elec-

tion of delegates and alternates to the Grand Division, the General Committee of each system division shall biennially subdivide the territory covered by said system division into as many districts as the system division is entitled to delegates in the Grand Division, and one delegate and one alternate shall be elected from each of said districts, and the membership included in each district shall vote for the candidates for delegates and alternates for their district only."

### WHO MAY BE PRESENT AT COUNT.

Section 70 of the system division statutes provides that "any member of the Order whose dues and assessments are fully paid shall be entitled to be present during the opening and counting of the votes cast at any election of officers or delegates."

## AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

DESIRE to express to the members of the Order my profound thanks for the loyal support given me by them in my candidacy for Congress, and the deep interest they manifested in that contest.

As I was honored with election by my constituents, it is needless to say that I will not neglect your interests while serving in that capacity.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

Yours fraternally,

A. P. Murphy, Cert. 1214, Div. 32. Rolla, Mo., December 9, 1908.

### RAILROAD STATISTICS.

HE report recently issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission on "Statistics of Railways in the United States for the year ending June 30, 1907," contains some interesting figures. It is, in part, as follows:

"The report shows that on June 30, 1907, the total single-track railway mileage in the United States was 229,951.19 miles, or 5,588.02 miles more than at the end of the previous year. An increase in mileage exceeding 100 miles appears for Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia,

Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and New Mexico.

"Substantially complete returns were rendered to the Commission for 227,454.83 miles of line operated, including 8,325.97 miles used under trackage rights. The aggregate length of railway mileage, including tracks of all kinds, was 327,975.26 miles. This mileage was thus classified: Single track, 227,454.83 miles; second track, 19,-420.82 miles; third track, 1,960.42 miles; fourth track, 1,389.73 miles, and yard track and sidings, 77,749.46 miles. These figures indicate that there was an increase of 10,-802.07 miles in the aggregate length of all tracks, of which 3,988.55 miles, or 36.62 per cent, represented the extension of yard track and sidings.

"The number of railways for which mileage is included in the report was 2,440. During the year railway companies owning 2,811.65 miles of line were reorganized, merged, or consolidated. The corresponding figure for the year 1906 was 4,054.46 miles.

"The report shows that for the year ending June 30, 1907, the mileage of roads operated by receivers was 3,926.31 miles, or a decrease of 45.12 miles, as compared with 1906. The number of roads in the hands of receivers was 29.

"On June 30, 1907, there were in the service of the carriers 55,388 locomotives, the increase being 3,716. These locomotives, excepting 1,237, were classified as: Passenger, 12,814; freight, 32,079, and switching, 9,258.

"The total number of cars of all classes was 2,126,594, or 167,682 more than for the year 1906. This rolling stock was thus assigned: Passenger service, 43,973 cars; freight service, 1,991,557 cars, and company's service, 91,064 cars. These figures do not include private cars of commercial firms or corporations.

"The average number of locomotives per 1,000 miles of line was 243, and the average number of cars per 1,000 miles of line was 9,350. The number of passenger-miles per passenger locomotive was 2,163,146, showing an increase of 108,510 passenger-miles,

as compared with the previous year. The number of ton-miles per freight locomotive was 7,375,585, showing an increase of 143,-022 ton-miles.

"The number of locomotives and cars in the service of the railways aggregated 2,181,982, of which 2,059,426 were fitted with train brakes, or an increase of 231,637 over the previous year, and 2,159,534 were fitted with automatic couplers, or an increase of Nearly all the locomotives and cars in the passenger service had train brakes, and all but 58 locomotives in the same service were fitted with automatic couplers. Only 1.17 per cent of cars in the passenger service were without automatic couplers. Substantially all the freight locomotives had train brakes and automatic couplers. Of 1,991,557 cars in the freight service on June 30, 1907, the number fitted with train brakes was 1,901,881, and with automatic couplers, 1,972,804.

"The number of persons reported as on the pay-rolls of the railways in the United States on June 30, 1907, was 1,672,074, which is equivalent to an average of 735 employes per 100 miles of line. As compared with the year 1906, these figures show an increase of 150,719 in the number of employes, or 51 per 100 miles of line. Of the employes 65,298 were enginemen, 60,384 firemen, 48,869 conductors and 134,257 other trainmen. There were 53,414 switch tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen. The total number of railway employes, disregarding a small number not assigned, were apportioned among the four general divisions of railway employment as follows: For general administration, 64,808; for maintenance of way and structures, 538,003; for maintenance of equipment, 352,181, and for conducting transportation, 713,465.

"The report includes summaries showing the average daily compensation of eighteen classes of employes for a series of years, and also the aggregate amount of compensation returned for the several classes. The total amount of wages and salaries reported as paid to employes during the year ending June 30, 1907, was \$1,072,386,427.

"The report shows that the number of passengers carried by the railways during the year ending June 30, 1907, was 873,905,-133, this item being 75,959,017 more than for the year ending June 30, 1906. The passenger-mileage, or the number of passengers carried one mile, was 27,718,554,030, the increase being 2,551,313,199 passenger-miles.

"The number of tons of freight shown as carried (including freight received from connections) was 1,796,336,659, which exceeds the tonnage of the year 1906 by 164,962,440 tons. The ton-mileage, or the number of tons carried one mile, was 236,601,390,103, the increase being 20,723,-838,862 ton-miles. The number of tons carried one mile per mile of line was 1.052,119, indicating an increase of 69,718 ton-miles per mile of line in the density of freight traffic.

"The average revenue per passenger per mile for the year ending June 30, 1907, was 2.014 cents. For the preceding year the average was 2.003 cents. The average revenue per ton per mile was 0.759 cent; the like average for the year 1906 was 0.748 cent. The earnings per train mile show an increase for both passenger and freight trains. The figures show an increase in the average cost of running a train one mile. The ratio of operating expenses to earnings for the year 1907 was 67.53 per cent. For 1906 this ratio was 66.08 per cent.

"The gross earnings of the railways in the United States from the operation of 227,454.83 miles of line were, for the year ending June 30, 1907, \$2,589,105,578, being \$263,340,411 greater than for the year 1906. Their operating expenses were \$1,748,515. 814, or \$211,638,543 more than in 1906. The following figures present a statement of gross earnings in detail and show the increases of the several items over those of the previous year: Passenger revenue, \$564,606,343 — increase, \$54,573,760; mail, \$50,378,964—increase, \$3,007,511; express, \$57,332,931-increase, \$6,322,001; other earnings from passenger service, \$12,674,899increase, \$1,360,662; freight revenue, \$1,823,-651,998-increase, \$183,265,343; other eamings from freight service, \$6,113,648—increase, \$468,426; other earnings from operation, including unclassified items, \$74,346,795—increase, \$14,342,708. Gross earnings from operation per mile of line averaged \$11,383, the corresponding average for the year 1906 being \$923 less.

"The operating expenses were assigned to the four general classes, as follows: For maintenance of way and structures, \$343,544,907; maintenance of equipment, \$368,061,728; conducting transportation, \$970,952,924; general expenses, \$65,404,655; undistributed, \$551,600. Operating expenses averaged \$7,687 per mile of line, this average showing an increase of \$775 per mile in comparison with the year 1906.

"The income from operation, or the net earnings of the railways, amounted to \$840,589,764. This amount exceeds the corresponding one for the previous year by \$51,701,868. The net earnings per mile of line for 1907 averaged \$3,696; for 1906, \$3,548, and for 1905, \$3,189. The amount of income attributable to sources other operation was \$286,583,042. This amount includes the following items: Income from lease of road, \$124,705,781; dividends on stocks owned, \$88,523,952; interest on bonds owned, \$24,361,054, and miscellaneous income, \$48,993,155. total income of the railways (\$1,127,173,-706)—that is, the net earnings and income from lease, investments and miscellaneous sources-is the amount from which fixed and other charges against income are taken to ascertain the sum available for dividends. Such deductions aggregated \$677,-712,518, thus leaving \$449,461,188 as the net income for the year ending June 30, 1907, available for dividends or surplus.

"The amount of dividends declared during the year under review (including \$49,297 representing other earnings to stockholders) was \$308,137,924, leaving as the surplus from the operations of the year ending June 30, 1907, \$141,323,264. The surplus from operations as shown for the preceding year was \$112,334,761. The amount of deductions from income as stated above, \$677,712,518, comprises these items: Salaries and maintenance of organization,

\$648,835; interest accrued on funded debt, \$344,242,617; interest on current liabilities, \$16,671,532; rents paid for lease of road, \$128,766,452; taxes, \$80,312,375; permanent improvements charged to income account, \$38,552,890; other deductions, \$68,517,817.

"The preceding figures for the income and the expenditures of railway companies are compiled from the annual reports of leased roads as well as of operating roads, and include duplications in certain items of income and also of expenditures on account of the fact that, in general, the income of a leased road is the rent which it receives from its lessee. The statistical report includes, however, a summary which presents an income account for all the railways considered as a single system, from which intercorporate payments are substantially eliminated.

"The complete report includes a summary showing the total taxes and assessments of the railways by States and Territories, and also an analysis showing the basis of assessment.

"In their annual reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission, carriers include returns for all casualties to passengers, employes, trespassers, and other persons. The following figures are therefore not comparable with details in the Commission's Accident Bulletins, based on monthly reports, since the latter relate chiefly to casualties to passengers and to employes while on duty on or about trains.

"The total number of casualties to persons on the railways for the year ending June 30, 1907, was 122,855, of which 11,839 represented the number of persons killed and 111.016 the number injured. Casualties occurred among three general classes of railway employes, as follows: Trainmen, 2.537 killed and 40,755 injured; switch tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen, 169 killed, 1,091 injured; other employes, 1,828 killed, 45,798 injured. The casualties to employes coupling and uncoupling cars were: Employes killed, 308; injured, 4,353. The casualties connected with coupling and uncoupling cars are assigned as follows; Trainmen killed, 272; injured, 4,062; switch tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen killed, 19; injured 149; other employes killed, 17; injured, 142.

"The casualties due to falling from trains, locomotives or cars in motion were: Trainmen killed, 497; injured, 5,898; switch tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen killed, 19; injured, 160; other employes killed, 64; injured, 653. The casualties due to jumping on or off trains, locomotives, or cars in motion were: Trainmen killed, 147; injured, 5,496; switch tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen killed, 12; injured, 171; other employes killed, 66; injured, 720. The casualties to the same three classes of employes in consequence of collisions and derailments were: Trainmen killed. 776; injured, 6,273; switch tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen killed, 7; injured, 58; other employes killed, 111; injured, 1,019.

"The number of passengers killed in the course of the year 1907 was 610 and the number injured 13,041. During the previous year 350 passengers were killed and 10,764 injured. There were 376 passengers killed and 8,113 injured because of collisions and derailments. The total number of persons other than employes and passengers killed was 6,695; injured, 10,331. These figures include the casualties to persons trespassing, of whom 5,612 were killed and 5,512 were injured. The total number of casualties to persons other than employes from being struck by trains, locomotives, or cars was 5,327 killed and 4,876 injured. The casualties of this class were: At highway crossings, passengers killed, 1; injured, 20; other persons killed, 933; injured, 1,797; at stations, passengers killed, 34; injured, 102; other persons killed, 510; injured, 682; at other points along track, passengers killed, 4; injured, 12; other persons killed, 3,845; injured, 2,263. The ratios of casualties indicate that I employe in every 369 was killed and I employe in every 19 was injured. With regard to trainmen—that is, enginemen, firemen, conductors and other trainmen-it appears that I trainman was killed for every 125 employed and 1 was injured for every 8 employed.

"In 1907, I passenger was killed for every 1,432,631 carried, and I injured for every

67,012 carried. For 1906 the figures show that 2,222,691 passengers were carried for I killed, and 74,131 passengers were carried for I injured. With respect to the number of miles traveled, the figures for 1907 show that 45,440,253 passenger-miles were accomplished for each passenger killed, and 2,125,493 passenger-miles for each passenger injured. For 1906 the figures were 70,103,735 passenger-miles for each passenger killed, and 2,338,094 passenger-miles for each passenger injured."

# TO ALL.

E take this means of extending to all members of the Order and its friends our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The year 1908 has been an eventful one in the history of the Order.

During that period the Order has been called upon to face conditions that few organizations encounter. The financial depression, with its attendant trials and hardships, was in full blast at the beginning of the present year. In March the nine-hour law went into effect.

Efforts to reduce wages in the telegraph service, first on account of the financial depression, and then on account of the nine-hour law, were successfully resisted. This is the first time in the history of telegraphy that a reduction in wages was successfully resisted during a financial depression.

With normal conditions being gradually restored, and the membership of the Order, as well as its finances, at its usual high standard, it is in a position to continue its efforts toward better remuneration and working condition for the railroad telegraphers of North America.

Let every one assist in this work during the year 1909.

With best wishes, we are,

Fraternally yours,

H. B. PERHAM,

President.

L. W. QUICK, Grand Secretary and Treasurer.



# THE RAILROAD EMPLOYES' DEPART-MENT OF THE AMERICAN FED-ERATION OF LABOR.

T the twenty-eighth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, held at Denver, Colo., November 9th to 21st, an important movement was undertaken by ten affiliated organizations representing railroad employes. A Railroad Employes' Department was formed similar to the Metal Trades' and Building Trades' Departments, and the new department received the unanimous indorsement of the convention. The organizations forming the department are as follows:

Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

International Freight Handlers' Union.

Brotherhood of Boiler Makers and Iron Ship Builders of America.

International Association of Machinists.

International Association of Car Workers.

International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths and Helpers.

Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. Switchmen's Union of North America. International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes.

International Association of Steam Fitters of America.

H. B. Perham, President of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, was elected chairman of the department, and P. J. Flannery, President of the International Freight Handlers' Union, was elected secretary. The object of the department is to enhance the welfare of all railroad employes, to aid in more closely organizing them, to encourage all organizations to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, to further the interests of employes by means of legislation, and to take such action as may be mutually agreed upon to protect the interests of all concerned.

A Constitution and By-Laws were partially agreed upon before the delegates left Denver, and the next meeting of the department will take place at the Kaiserhoff Hotel, Chicago, Ill., on the third Monday in January, 1909, when it is expected that the Constitution and By-Laws will be finally agreed upon and the future policy outlined.

It is not the first time that an effort has been made to bring the interests of the railroad employes closer together, but it is the first movement along the lines of a scientific working agreement between long-established class organizations, officered by well-seasoned men, who know all the ins and outs of the business.

The department will probably have the effect of instituting new and improved methods of organizing whereby the expense will be lessened for each organization, and a greater degree of stability attained. It will undoubtedly work as a unit on legislative questions, and may eventually take part in the settlement of difficult grievance cases. It was an opportune time for such a movement, and future developments will prove the necessity of such a powerful combination to safeguard the interests of railroad employes.

#### THE ROLL OF HONOR.

DURING the month of November the following named members of the Order secured one or more new members by individual effort:

Harold G. Austin, C. R. Allen.

H. S. Bartholow, C. H. Bean, W. C. Bliss, M. P. Brophy, J. P. Blondeau (2), Jos. P. Brown.

H. M. Clay (3), G. E. Chance, H. H. Chambers, W. H. Cord (30), J. A. Cross (3), A. W. Cue, J. J. Collins, E. I. Crossley, C. B. Conyers (5).

W. F. Denton (16), F. L. Davis, E. R. Derrickson (2), E. F. Dewitt (2), K. Dunn, L. A. Dreese, T. W. Denn (2), John D'Lloyd'(2).

N. J. Edwards, C. M. Evans.

J. C. Featherston (2), V. E. Fraker, F. B. Fraleigh (2).

D. E. Garrett, C. E. Gahagen, R. D. Garber, H. G. Gibbs, J. W. Grant.

J. J. Hedrick (2), H. E. Harrington (5), A. E. Haley, C. E. Hosler (3), Z. R. Hook (2), A. J. Hoskin, L. Hockett, N. C. Hines, A. L. Hughes.

P. E. Jenkins (3), L. M. Johnson, J. M. Jones, C. M. Johnsey.

J. C. Kelly (2), B. H. Knox, J. F. Knox (14).



R. E. Lund (2), F. R. Lyons, T. J. Laird, C. E. Lowe, G. B. Lamm, W. P. Lippincott, W. J. Leahy, C. L. Loring (3), C. E. Lynde (3).

R. R. McInroy (2), W. E. McCargar (2), J. T. Maddox, J. P. Meehan, J. W. Martenis, Jas. M. Mein, W. F. Miller.

L. D. Newhart, H. A. Norman, C. F. Norton, J. T. Northrup.

E. L. Porter, Thos. Phippens (5).

W. M. Queen (3).

R. C. Rudy (3).

Thos. Sasser (5), R. R. Searle, G. A. Shields (4), J. R. Sandifer (2), C. R. Swope, L. E. Smith (2), T. H. Stanton, L. G. Smith (2), H. W. Stabler.

L. A. Taylor (3), D. H. Turner, W. N. Thornton (6), T. J. Tedder.

Mrs. C. A. Van Sandt.

E. H. Webster (5), E. D. Warner, O. F. Weaver, C. A. Walter, C. D. Williamson

(3), Wm. Wilson (2), G. D. Willett (3), E. B. Wilcox (6), P. H. Willem, A. G. Yost (2).

## ALL COPY "31."

NORTH AMERICA, December 31, 1908.

C. and E., all trains, East, West, North and South:

O. R. T. Special, Engine 1909, will leave its headquarters at St. Louis, Mo., at 12:01 a. m., January 1st, loaded with an eighthour day, better remuneration, good will toward all men and a resolute determination to continue its efforts toward better working conditions for the railroad telegraphers of North America; this special will carry as a guard 43,000 members and an excellent treasury, and will have right of track over all trains. It will traverse all lines in North America.

JUSTICE FRATERNITY, Supt.



The membership cards for the next term are now being distributed.

Seven hundred and twenty-three new members were initiated into the Order during the month of November.

August Grunz, first vice-chief telegrapher of St. Louis Division No. 2, has been appointed State Mine Inspector for Illinois.

James C. Towne, Certificate 18, Division 127, was elected as Register of Deeds for Lake County, Minn., at the late election.

It is said that W. C. Groos, whose name appears on the Katy scab list, is now working for the Iron Mountain at McGehee, Ark.

Since the last announcement system divisions have been established on the Maine Central Railway, the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railway, the Green Bay and Western Railway, the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railway, the Trinity and Brazos Valley Railway.

Some unscrupulous person started a report that W. R. Robertson scabbed at Memphis, Tenn., during the Commercial Telegraphers' strike. This report was investigated by E. Cosgrove, local chairman of the Fulton Division of the Illinois Central Railroad, and was found to be entirely without foundation. Bro. Robertson is a member of Division 93 in good standing.

A member in Virginia calls attention to the fact that a fraud is being perpetrated in that section by one or more persons representing themselves as having recently been discharged from the railroad service. They then solicit a loan, offering to give their watch in security. The watch is represented to be a "Standard," and to have

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passed inspection. After the loan is made the party decamps and it is said that the watch proves to be of little or no value.

The statement issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the month of October. 1908, shows that there were 40,994 aliens landed at the various ports of entry in the United States during that month; that there were 580 debarred from entrance. classified as follows: Idiots, I: imbeciles. 3; feeble-minded, 6; epileptics, 1; insane, 15; loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, 155; professional beggars, 34; likely to become public charges, 208; mentally or physically defective, 17; contract laborers, 53; accompanying aliens, 14; under sixteen years of age, unaccompanied by parents, 2; assisted aliens, 1; criminals, 8; polygamists, 4; prostitutes and procurers, 42; under provisions of Chinese Exclusion Act, 21; other causes, 4.

Samuel Gompers was re-elected President of the American Federation of Labor at the Denver Convention with only one dissenting vote. Frank Morrison was reelected Secretary and all the other old officers were re-elected except Daniel J. Keefe. The defeat of Keefe was quite significant, inasmuch as he was the only member of the Executive Council who failed to support the action of President Gompers and the other officers of the Federation in the late campaign. The re-election of President Gompers by a practical unanimous vote, as well as the other officers of the Federation, and the defeat of Keefe, shows that Labor generally is thoroughly in sympathy with the action taken by the officers of the Federation during the late campaign.

# A Macon, Mo., newspaper special says:

"It cost the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad an even \$4,000 for failure to maintain a fire in its waiting room at Bucklin, Mo., on the night of November 7, 1907. That was the amount it paid today to J. L. and Louise Bumps on a rather unusual cause of action. In her deposition taken here recently Mrs. Bumps stated that

on the morning of the 7th she was in Linn County with her two little children, Asa and Elsa; that wishing to return to her home in La Plata that night she called up the agent at Bucklin and asked him what time the first passenger train would be along. The agent informed her, according to Mrs. Bumps, that the first train east would reach Bucklin about nine o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Bumps took her children and went to the depot, arriving there at 8:40. In addition to Asa and Elsa she carried an eighteen-months-old baby in her arms. Mrs. Bumps testified that on reaching the depot she found it bitterly cold, and that there was no fire in the waiting room stove. Two window lights were out and the wind rushed in from the northwest. making the room seem like an ice-house. The train due at nine o'clock did not arrive until midnight. Mrs. Bumps testified that during the long wait she pleaded repeatedly with the operator to build a fire in the waiting room so her little ones would not suffer, but said that he paid no attention to her. The operator had a fire in his room, Mrs. Bumps said, but she was afraid to venture in there, thinking it was against the rules of the road. As a result of exposure, Mrs. Bumps testified, her infant died December 8, following, and the other children had long and serious attacks of pneumonia. She filed suit demanding \$10,000 for the death loss and \$2,000 for the illness of each of her children.

The Act of May 30, 1908, entitled "An Act granting to certain employes of the United States the right to receive from it compensation for injuries sustained in the course of their employment," which came into effect on August 1, 1908, is a measure of great importance in the domain of labor legislation. Under previous laws, compensation in case of injury is paid to employes in the Railway Mail Service and in the Life-Saving Service. The new law applies to persons employed by the Government as artisans or laborers in the following services: Arsenals; navy yards; river and harbor construction; fortification construction; hazardous employment in the Reclamation Service, namely, in construction and in control and management of works; hazardous employment under the Isthmian Canal Commission; Government manufacturing establishments.

According to a rough estimate made by the Department of Commerce and Labor, about 75,000 Government employes come within the provisions of the law. Compensation will be paid under this act only for such injuries to an employe as occur in the course of his employment and cause inability to pursue his employment for more than fifteen days. Compensation is not paid if the injury is due to the negligence or misconduct of the employe injured. The

act applies only to injuries received on or after August 1, 1908.

The compensation consists of a continuance during the period of disability, but not over one year, of the same pay which the employe was receiving at the time of the injury. If the employe is killed by the accident or dies from the results of the injury received and leaves a widow or children under sixteen years of age or dependent parents, the same amount of compensation is paid to these dependent relatives until the completion of the twelve months' period.

The administration of the act is intrusted to the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.



A. B. LOWE,
President International Brotherhood Maintenance of Way
Employes.

# PERSONAL MENTION

The following births have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

To Bro. and Mrs. M. R. Loehr, of Milwaukee, Mich., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. C. Link, of Flatonia, Tex., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Martin Larkin, of Fairmont, Okla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. C. Crump, of Brooklyn, Miss., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. D. Danford, of Outville, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. L. Carson, of Danville, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. A. Mitchell, of Kangley, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. P. Willcoxson, of McDonald Station, Mont., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. H. Knowlton, of Fall River, Mass., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. F. Fierron, of Pierron, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. O. Young, of Effingham, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. R. Cochran, of Andrews Yard, Ind., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. J. Erskine, of Tilton, Ill., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. D. Reese, of Newington, Conn., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. R. A. McMahan, of Dade City, Fla., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. A. Beard, of Ft. Davis, Ala., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. C. Booker, of Colon, N. C., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. D. Light, of Woodside, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. S. A. Ward, of Brunswick, Ga., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. M. Wiseman, of Toledo, Ohio, a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Hoover, of Nelsonville, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. E. Saylor, of Canal Winchester, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. E. W. Kind, of Fairmount, Ind., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. E. Bronoel, of Manistique, Mich., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. Bert Cuddy, of Mitchell, Neb., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. E. White, of Stoddard, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. E. Maltby, of Tucumcari, N. M., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. Harry Blocher, of Alesia, Md., twins.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. G. Penny, of Woodhaven, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. G. J. Jenkins, of Dodson, Mo., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. J. O'Donnell, of Oakland, Pittsburg, Pa., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. M. E. Whiting, of Standley, Ohio, a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. L. Hoover, of Hoppers, Mont., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. C. G. White, of Lancaster, Wis., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. L. L. Lyles, of Marathon, Tex., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. K. Lehman, of Cannden, N. Y., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. H. B. Morey, of Utica, N. Y., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. B. L. Swang, of Duplainville, Wis., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. A. R. Johnson, of Catawissa, Pa., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. V. G. Martin, of Red Water, Tex., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. F. E. Lowe, of Byron, Ill., a girl.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. R. Hefner, of Monticello, Ill., a girl.



EARL MORRISON,
Deceased Member Division No. 98.



JOHN W. HODGE, Deceased Member Division No. 14.

To Bro. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, of Winston, Va., a boy.

To Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Rimer, of Kansas City, Kan., a boy.

The following marriages have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

At Poplar Bluff, Mo., Bro. L. F. Reitz, of Div. 32, to Miss Grace McKinley.

At Wilkesbarre, Pa., Bro. E. G. Byers, of Div. 53, to Miss Eick.

At El Paso, Tex., Bro. C. B. Bright, of Div. 53, to Miss Lila Lyall.

Bro. S. S. Webster, of Div. 76, to Miss Tomano Jacobson.

Bro. C. L. Milner, of Div. 51, to Miss Grace Scofield.

At Rome, N. Y., Bro. Floyd E. Keeler, of Div. 8, to Miss N. Blanche Dewey.

At Hammonville, Ky., Bro. T. M. Lively, of Div. 49, to Miss Edythe N. Gaddie.

At Liberty Center, Ind., Bro. C. E. Hatcher, of Div. 2, to Miss Lula Lee.

At Rye, N. Y., Mr. Albert Keeler to Sister J. Hughes, of Div. 37.

At Charleston, Ill., Bro. W. A. Walton, of Div. 2, to Miss Sella Grace Wilder.

At Onawa, Iowa, Bro. C. M. Rice, of Div. 31, to Miss Florence L. Hilton.

At Calvert, Ala., Bro. Graham Myers, of Div. 132, to Miss Margaret Dickens.

At Duluth, Minn., Bro. Bill Blake, of Div. 76, to Miss Kittie Wendt.

At Worthington, Iowa, Bro. Arthur Miller, of Div. 76, to Miss Elizabeth M. Sauser.

At Freeport, Ill., Bro. R. Toombs, of Div. 93, to Miss Jansen.

At Manchester, Va., Bro. H. O. Chalkley, of Div. 125, to Miss Mollie J. Courtney.

At Thief River Falls, N. D., Bro. J. R. Herrick, of Div. 49, to Miss Lillian Connely.

Bro. E. A. Garber, of Div. 130, to Miss Gautenbein.

At Dixie, Ga., Bro. A. P. Nix, of Div. 32, to Miss Minnie L. Jones.

At Bellefontaine, Ohio, Bro. Frank Thatcher, of Div. 138, to Miss Kuyler.

At Schwenksville, Pa., Bro. Calvin M. Frederick, of Div. 136, to Miss Laura M. Highley.

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JOHN T. LEAHY, Deceased Member Grand Division.



R. D. HAWLEY, Deceased Member Division No. 23.

At Brookhaven, Miss., Mr. T. W. Curry to Sister Ellen Rea, of Div. 93.

At Ridgedale, Tenn., Bro. D. E. Brantley, of Div. 46, to Miss Sarah F. Bradshaw.

At Marion, Mich., Mr. Wm. Sullivan to Sister Bessie Irene Switzer, of Div. 48.

At Grand Junction, Colo., Bro. Clark Bugbee, of Div. 49, to Miss Lena Parrett.

At Elmer, N. J., Bro. E. G. Patterson, of Div. 84, to Miss Lydia G. Fell.

At Camden, N. J., Bro. T. J. Frau, of Div. 84, to Miss Helen Delial.

Bro. W. O. Clark, of Div. 6, to Miss Ethel Lohr.

At Racine, Wis., Bro. R. J. Goodney, of Div. 23, to Miss Mary Luedke.

At Watertown, Wis., Bro. E. L. Kelioe, of Div. 23, to Miss Edna Urteebees.

At Cayuga, Ont., Bro. O. H. Owens, of Div. 1, to Miss Edith M. Waltons.

Bro. I. A. Berger, of Div. 91, to Miss Fanny Brown.

Bro. L. H. Roberson, of Div. 2, to Miss Nova Ramer.

THE TELEGRAPHER extends congratulations to the happy couples. The following deaths have been reported since the last issue of THE TELEGRAPHER:

Bro. D. A. Lawson, of Div. 47.

At Youngwood, Pa., infant son of Bro. T. J. Sullivan, of Div. 52.

At Great Cacapon, W. Va., Bro. E. B. Dyer, of Div. 33.

At Milwaukee, Wis., Clarence A., little son of Bro. A. M. Loye, of Div. 23.

At Lula, Miss., wife of Bro. W. P. Moore, of Div. 93.

At Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. Sally A. Wheeler, mother of Bro. Albert Wheeler, of Div. 6.

At Tasso, Tenn., infant of Bro. W. H. Haggard, of Div. 59.

At Eldorado, Wis., Bro. W. E. Abbs, of Div. 76.

At Hicksville, Ohio, Bro. Charles Gingery, of Div. 33.

At Baltimore, Md., child of Bro. W. F. Schaile, of Div. 33.

At Stony Point, N. Y., Bro. C. E. White, of Div. 42.

At Crystal City, Man., Hon. Thos. Greenway, Ex-Premier of Monitoba, father of Bro. E. T. Greenway, of Div. 7.

At DeClare, N. C., wife of Bro. J. W. Mays, of Div. 59.

At Nearman, Kan., W. J. Hequembourg, son of Sister Rose Hequembourg, of Div. 31.



FLORAL OFFERING, MEMBERS O. R. T. Funeral A. B. Matheney, Deceased Member Division No. 2.

At Henvelton, N. Y., father of Bro. E. W. Lowry, of Div. 20.

At Shenandoah Junction, Va., child of Bro. S. D. Brown, of Div. 14.

At Mechanicstown, N. Y., Bro. M. W. Clifford, of Div. 20.

At Little Rock, Ark., infant son of Bro. J. W. Quiggins, of Div. 31.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all.

#### WANTED.

Present address of J. H. McNeil.
F. M. Nelms,
Chandler, Okla.

Present address of H. J. Gray, last heard of at Bologne, Fla. "Horace," if you see this write me at Spottsville, Ky.

E. H. ROBERTSON.

Present address of W. G. Miller, formerly worked for B. & O.; went to South Caro-

lina and was working in broker's office when last heard of. Parents anxious. "Wier," if you see this wire your father or sister.

A. C. TRUE,

Erie, Pa. R. F. D. 6.

Present address of J. P. Fitzgerald, last heard of was working for U. P. at Evanston, Wyo.

M. D. MACE,

Milford, Utah.

Present address of J. M. Holmes, last heard of at Merrouge, La.

Mrs. J. M. HOLMES, 2225 Ave. F, Birmingham, Ala.

Present address of Chas. W. H. Heideman, last heard of in U. S. Signal Corps in Alaska.

E. D. Prey,

Care of S. P. Co., Red Rock, Ariz.

Present address of A. S. Young, last heard of working for Southern Pacific in California. If you see this, "A. Y.," write me at Liberty, Ind.

R. C. CONNER.

Addresses of persons who have had dealings with firm of Patrick Elliott & Camp, of Goldfield, Nev. F. Prevost,

North Leominster, Mass.

Present address of W. B. Kennedy and J. F. Gibson, last heard of was at Cardinal, Ont., on G. T. R. R.

R. E. SPRAGUE, 410 Fabins St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Present address of Dave Douglass, last heard of at Denver July, 1908. Have important mail for him,

> J. H. HUGHEY, Junction City, Kans.

Present address of Oliver C. Drake, a locomotive engineer; last heard of at Argentina, Ark., about four years ago.

W. H. HADWEN, Strasburg, Mo.

Present address of C. M. Anderson, last heard of worked at Bethesda, Ohio, for B. & O. in September and October, 1908.

H. W. Lewis, Box 5, 7 Lake St., Bethesda, 0.

Present address of H. G. McMurphy, last heard of in Omaha in August, 1907, going west. If you see this, "KX," write your

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old pal. Also present address of S. Reele, last heard of working in Omaha.

C. C. GRISWOLD, Care of U. P. Ry., Rawlings, Wyo.

Present address of A. B. Chandler, worked at Taber. Texas. November, 1007.

H. F. STRAW, Marathon, Tex.

Present address of P. C. Bryan, last heard of working for C., B. & Q. at Malvern, Iowa. "P. C.," if you see this write to your old pal.

S. Horron,

"Al," if you see this write me.

Green River, Wvo.

Present address of J. S. Knapp, last heard of telegraphing in War Dept, Washington, D. C., during Spanish War. If you see this, "Uncle Jim," write me.

> P. S. Southwick, Tyrell, Ohio.

Present address of C. C. Bowen, last heard of working for O. S. L. at Bliss, Idaho; left there August, 1907, for Omaha. "B," if you see this write me. Important.

W. L. MOFFITT,

Wells, Nev.

To know the whereabouts of E. M. Mawhinney, last heard of working for Wabash at Forrest, Ill., in 1904.

> GLENN CUNNINGHAM, 203 West 8th St., Coffeyville, Kans.

Present address of Hunt Moore, last heard of working for I. C., Kuttawa, Ky., April, 1908. Supposed to have gone South. "Hunt," if you see this write me care I. C. Ry., Louisville, Ky., and we will be "Home Again."

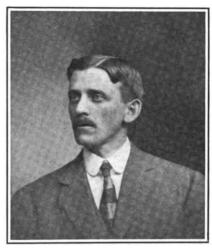
H. M. WRIGHT.

Present address of V. G. Foster. Information of his whereabouts will be appreciated by his wife and mother.

MRS. V. G. FOSTER,
Covington, Okla.
MRS. MATTIE COPENING,
Covington, Okla.

Present address of H. A. Johnson, last heard of was working in Rock Island yard office at St. Joseph, Mo. Also present address of J. Z. Dukes, formerly agent and operator for Rock Island at Mill Grove, Mo., last account of him was somewhere in Wyoming on a ranch.

> C. Larimore, La Plata, Mo.



BRO. THOMAS S. WILSON,
Member Div. 84, O. R. T. Elected sheriff of
Gloucester County, N. J. Received largest
majority of any candidate.

Present address of A. M. Hammond, last heard of working for D. & R. G. at Thistle Jct., Utah, in September. If you see this write your old pal.

S. HORTON,

Green River, Wvo.

Addresses of all members of the First. Eighteenth and Nineteenth Companies, U. S. V. Signal Corps, who served in the Philippines in '98 and '99. Will give your address to the other boys who write.

T. E. Inman, Orpheum Theater, Eugene, Ore.

The following members desire to exchange souvenir postal cards with other members:

- A. E. List, Blandburg, Pa.
- C. L. Gantz, Bourbon, Ind.
- F. Peters, Van Meter, Iowa.
- E. E. Preston, Franklin, N. Y.
- O. C. Metzger, Crete, Ill.
- D. H. McLearen, Mitchells, Va.
- E. D. Miller, New Richmond, Mich.

## LOST OR STOLEN.

Card 22884, Cert. 1667, Div. 2, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 16990, Cert. 1979, Div. 59, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 16713, Cert. 2147, Div. 130, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 31545, Cert. 2160, Div. 126, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 9648, Cert. 15, Div. 136, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 30279, Cert. 1010, Div. 7, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 18703, Cert. 2007, Div. 7, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 23009, Cert. 741, Div. 1, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 12099, Cert. 150, Div. 137, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 17419, Cert. 1059, Div. 8, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 27023, Cert. 73, Div. 131, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 17507, Cert. 87, Div. 15, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 26686, Cert. 5497, Grand Division, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 21640, Cert. 6077, Grand Division, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 26949, Cert. 506, Div. 54, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 22098, Cert. 540, Div. 138, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 31786, Cert. 2591, Div. 76, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 23176, Cert. 2046, Div. 8, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 7160, Cert. 5992, Grand Division, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Card 5934, Cert. 440, Div. 8, for term ending Dec. 31, 1908.

#### NOTICE.

Lost or Stolen—Pocketbook containing O. R. T. Card No. 16713, issued to Cert. 2147, Div. 130, railroad pass and other papers.

M. J. Armstrong, Lincoln, Neb.



W. A. Frost. C. R. Sillers. S. A. Foster.
O. R. T. MEMBERS-SOUTHERN PACIFIC RY., EAST OAKLAND, CAL.



Organize.

Organization will pay you.

Every member get a member.

"The Anarchist represents Justice gone mad."

It is up to the working people to help themselves!

You can lengthen your life by shortening your working hours.

The Montana Federation of Labor will try to amend the employers' liability law of that State.

The last session of the Oklahoma Legislature passed thirteen labor bills out of sixteen presented.

The fifty-second anniversary of the eighthour demonstration was held in Melbourne, Australia, recently.

How much of your obligation do you remember?

How much have you lived up to?

Every wage-earner is wanted in the ranks of the labor movement to do battle for increased opportunities and better conditions.

The cost of living has advanced during the last ten years 40 per cent, while wages have increased not more than 15 or 20 per cent at the outside.

The American workingman is not typified by the man with the hoe and the bent back. He has learned the meaning of the Declaration of Independence.

A man who is a member of a total abstinence society and drinks intoxicants, is no greater hypocrite than a member of a union who buys non-union goods.

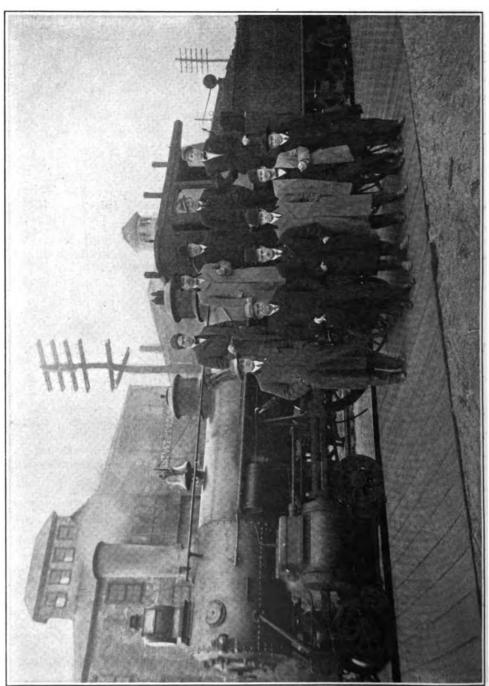
Every man and woman should be interested in the union; it stands and works for a better living for the whole people, and should receive the first attention of everybody.

When you drop your union card, no matter what you make yourself believe, or what excuse you give to some one else, you have "sold out" to the boss.—Pattern Makers' Journal.

The woman who is in accord with the unions' effort to abolish child labor, raise wages, and wipe out the sweat-shops speaks a good word for it on every opportunity and may be a member; "but," union shoes hurt her feet.

Those critics who profess to support the union cause, but find fault because at some point it does not quite measure up to their standard of perfection, are reminded that none of us and not even they themselves are perfect.

Organized labor demands that employers shall pay a standard union rate of wages; but this is something entirely different from insisting that all men shall receive equal pay. The union rate is a standard below which no man is supposed to work, but the invariable rule is that the more skilled the workman the higher the remuneration he will receive.



C. W. Sinclair. J. C. Donovan. nnell. W. A. McConnell. C. E. Watkins. O. R. T. OROUP-HOUTH FRAMINGHAM, MASH. Top Row-W. B. Ames. Ge. Bottom Row-L. J. Ress. R. Obrien.

The schools of our country, of which every one is proud, are largely in answer to the demands created through the advanced conditions secured by the laboring men as represented in their various labor organizations.

The labor unions of Nova Scotia, Can., have decided to launch a labor party on English lines; that is, for labor and Socialism to combine for the purpose of parliamentary action. This has accomplished great things in England, and will probably do great things for Nova Scotia workers.

If we are not misinformed of the character of the place, hell is full of men and women who, while on earth, protested that they loved their fellows and then persisted in perpetuating a sweatshop system that murdered men and women morally and physicially.—Ex.

The man with his union card believes in the union and belongs to it, may attend its meetings and be active in his local, "but;" his epicurean taste has been developed to an appreciation of a certain brand of non-union tobacco which he buys regularly.

Organized labor has lifted the toiling masses from the depths of poverty and degradation to the plane of comfort and respectability. To do this it has cost those engaged in the struggle an amount in time and money sufficient to pay our great national debt.

The union movement represents the life struggle of the toiling men and women who lead honest lives, and who are rearing the vast majority of the citizens of the coming generation, who are likely to make the laws governing the lives and property of the sons and daughters of the wealthy classes of the present day.

We want a living wage, we only fix a life line for labor, and that, I say, is a minimum scale, every country has its minimum scale. In Germany that means, perhaps, bread and beer; in China, rice and occasional rodent, but in the United States it means three square meals a day. That is the minimum scale below which we shall not go.—Samuel Gompers.

In looking over some old manuscript we find that the ancients were the real originators of the eight-hour workday. During the building of King Solomon's Temple the workmen engaged in its construction worked only eight hours. They divided their time as follows: Eight hours for work, eight hours for sleep and eight hours for pleasure. What the trade unions of this country are trying to resurrect is only an ancient custom.—The Tradesmen.



Orin C. Smith. Homer Peace.

MEMBERS DIV. 3, PENNSYLVANIA RY.

Punxsutawney, Pa.

Organized labor is wielding an influence upon every public question never attained before. The world's thinkers are now beginning to appreciate the fact that the demands of labor mean more than appears on the surface. They see that the demand for work is not alone one for the preservation of life in the individual, but is a human, innate right; that the movement to reduce the hours of labor is not sought to shirk the duty to toil, but the humane means by which the workless workers may find the road to employment; and that the millions of hours of increased leisure to the over-tasked workers signify millions of golden opportunities for lightening the burdens of the masses, to make the homes more cheerful, the hearts of the people lighter, their hopes and aspirations nobler and broader.

Ten new labor laws were enacted by the last New York Legislature.

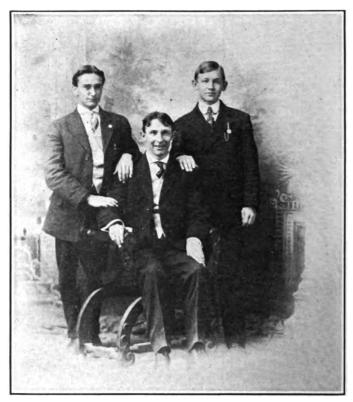
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General Rosecrans, who was in command of the soldiers in St. Louis in 1864, detailed a number of men who were printers to take the places of strikers on the *Democrat* and *Republican*. The union printers sent in a report of the condition of affairs to President Lincoln: The answer returned

to succeed Levi Ankeny, making use of the direct primary system. It is proposed to select a member of the State Grange as the candidate this year and a union man two years hence to succeed Senator Piles.

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Never think yourself too wise to listen to advice or suggestions. Don't get puffed up and think that your ways and ideas are the only ones that can bring success



W. E. Berry. W. R. Connelly. J. L. Sullivan.

# O. R. T. GROUP-SOUTHERN RAILWAY, MIDLAND, VA.

was as follows: "Order those soldiers back to duty in the ranks. The servants of the Federal Government shall not interfere with the legitimate demands of labor so long as I am President."

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The labor unions of Washington are reported as discussing plans to unite with the granges and elect a United States Senator in the labor movement. And above all things don't imitate the schoolboy and say you won't play because your opinions are not given preference over all others. Such conduct might leave the impression that you are not sincere or that you care more about yourself, the recognition of your opinions and the adoption of your ideas than you do about the success of your organization of the labor movement.

The future of democracy is with the people. It is high time that they use their power at the ballot box if the Declaration of Independence is not to become a byword and a jest.

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It is often flippantly averred that labor is a commodity, but modern civilization has clearly and sharply drawn the line between a bushel of coal, a side of pork and the soul of a human, breathing, living man.

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It is clearly an unwarranted assumption on the part of the courts or others to place the voluntary associations of the workers in the same category as trusts and corporations owning stock and organized for profit.

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The American workingman stands erect and looks the whole world in the face; not afraid, not ashamed; but declaring that he has a right of the equality of opportunity, and, particularly, of equality before the law.

* * *

There are bank failures, but so far no postoffice failures have been reported. But it would be "paternalism" for the government to go into the banking business, and thus guard the small depositor against loss.

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"A weapon that comes down as still
As snowflakes fall upon the sod,
But executes a freeman's will
As lightning does the will of God;
And from its force no door or locks
Can shield you; 'tis the ballot box."

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It should be the aim and endeavor of every union man to become vastly superior to the non-union man. By becoming more competent and skilled there will be every inducement to employers to hire nothing but union men, for under such conditions membership in a union is a guarantee of ability. This is already recognized to be the case in most crafts, but there is room for more improvement along this line.

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Make this labor movement, which I have just now but faintly portrayed, impossible,

and what then? Does any one imagine that the American working people are going upon their bended knees to beg for mercy or consideration from those who have robbed them? That might have been had our great-great-grandparents not been given the opportunity of learning the alphabet.

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Union men accept majority rule. The member who rejects majority rule is not really and truly a union man. Majority rule may not be everything we would like, but we must abide by it just the same. The majority may be wrong; sometimes it is, but that does not permit refusal on your part to abide by what that majority declares.

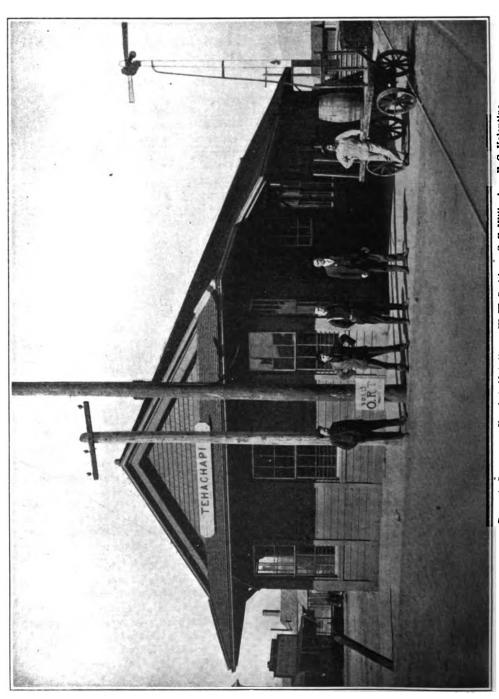
Somebody has figured it out that if Adam had, on his first arrival on earth, secured a position which paid him \$4.50 a day, worked at it steadily all these years, and never purchased Eve any other raiment than that which was considered proper in those early days, he would have just the same size pile as John D. Rockefeller is reputed to have—\$1,000,000,000.

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It is announced from the headquarters of the Federation of Labor at Helena, Mont., that the strike of the linemen of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Company, as well as the sympathetic strike of operators, has been called off, the various unions having voted almost unanimously to accept the compromise reached between the employers and employes. The agreement is regarded by the labor officials as a substantial victory for the employes.

Judging from the brand of activity that some fellows who carry union cards put forth, they are afraid to move, fearing that their skirts show too much or that their hat ain't on straight. Just pass the package of Yucatan to that bunch and let it go at that. They are wall-flowers so far as the movement is concerned. They may be of some use, but this scribe will be ding-busted if he knows where they fit.—Mixer

and Server.



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The objection that the labor union has a tendency to destroy individuality and efficiency is a flimsy one. The strong character is the one that feels and accepts responsibility for others—which is the soul of unionism. And the strong man strives for efficiency. Inefficiency is the badge of weakness. Unionism believes with Emerson that "Nature arms each man with some faculty which enables him to do easily some feat impossible to any other." And it teaches him to make that ability of the best value to himself and those with whom he is associated.

Since the beginning of time the workers of every nation have been compelled to struggle for the right to organize and confer with their employers, but little by little, by associated effort, the workers have fought against and overcome their opponents. In this struggle they have encountered the prejudice of the church, sometimes the State, next the courts, and too often their employers. As the justice of our cause became better known and better understood, one after another of the more courageous statesmen, employers, pulpiteers and sociologists have boldly proclaimed the existence of an organized labor movement and fearlessly advised the sensible plan of dealing with it.

Capital insists upon its rights to hire labor at the market rate. We all know what this means. The "market rate" is always below the rate at which men are holding their jobs, no matter how low that rate may be, so long as there are men out of employment. This is not a theory; it is a condition. If it be granted that every man has a right to work where, when and for what wages he will, without restraint, it is easy to see where the laboring man would come out. At the present time the condition of unaffiliated labor is not so noticeable. because trades unions have set up a standard of wages and the non-union man benefits thereby.

A good many injunctions in labor disputes have been issued in the past few

years. In fact, they have become so common that a labor leader conducting a strike feels slighted unless he is enjoined by a few courts. But a recent injunction issued by Judge M. J. Moss in Bell County, Kentucky, is worthy of more than passing no-The coal miners down in the blue grass country went on strike against the Coleman Mining Company. The strike caused the company some inconvenience and the miners really had the audacity to publish the fact that there was a strike at the mine. Although it was not clearly proved, it also appears that the miners actually paid strike benefits to the men who were idle to keep them from returning to work. All these things appeared unlawful to Judge Moss, and he issued an injunction restraining the miners from publishing any news about a strike or lockout at this particular mine and also from offering food or money to men to cause them to desist from working. A careful perusal of the restraining order shows that Judge Moss overlooked restraining the men from breathing, and latest reports from the district show that the men are still breathing freely in spite of the court's injunction.—Steam Shovel and Dredge.

One grave error into which some people fall, particularly the opponents to our movement, is to designate the organizations of labor as "trusts."

The trade union is not, and from its very nature can not be, a trust.

Trusts consist of organizations for the control of the products of labor.

Workmen possess their labor power; that is, the power to produce. Workmen have not any products for sale.

There certainly can not be a trust in anything which has not been produced. It is, therefore, economically unsound, as well as untrue, to designate labor organizations as "trusts."

The trust is an association of the owners and controllers of the product of labor for the benefit of a few.

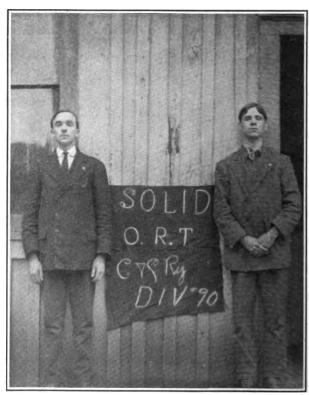
The trade union is an association of many for the benefit of all.—Samuel Gompers.

One of the grandest evidences of bravery the world has ever seen is the fidelity to principle displayed by American trades unionists during the prevailing industrial depression. They have steadfastly refused to surrender their union cards, accept a reduction of wages, or concede the contention of employers for the non-union shop. In this they have shown themselves intensely American. They have suffered, it is true, but they have not surrendered Their heroism is worthy of the exalted examples of those who gave freedom to this American republic.—Labor Journal.

To whom does the honor belong for the shorter hours which men and women work today than twenty-five years ago? What class of men was it that secured for you better wages, better sanitary conditions, child labor laws and payment in money

instead of store orders? The employers did not do it and neither did strike-breakers. These reforms were brought about by union men and union women. The non-unionists stand in the way of progress, and they must be brushed aside so that civilization may not be retarded.—Amalgamated Journal.

Texas is coming to the front with a vengeance, the Union Banner, of Fort Worth, being authority for the statement that sixteen members of the Farmers' Union and fourteen trade unionists will answer the roll call in the lower house of the Legislature at the next session. In addition to these representatives of organized effort, there will also be two union men in the Senate, a remarkable showing considering the short time that the trade and farmers' unions have been doing business in the Lone Star State.



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#### WHEN THE TIDE TURNED.

By W. R. JENKINS.

(The Experience of an "Innocent" in the Railway Depression of '95.)

I'M growing too old for this business," remarked the W. U. manager, in a small city. "Salaries are low, and I must begin to look out for old age."

"Why not try the railroad business?" I asked.

"Ha!" he laughed, "I tried that once, and Lord deliver me from another experience like that. Of course I know the case was an exception, but such situations as that one do exist, and it's always the new applicant—the greeny—who is tolled out for the slaughter, and the slaughter is swift and sure. I learned telegraphy in one of those branch telegraph stations where there are but two trains per day, and the agent ekes out a living by acting as grain buyer, or sells coal, lumber or farms on his own The agent who learned me was farming, and took pains to instruct me in all the station work so that he might have more leisure. In this way I acquired a practical insight into the railroad station business. I quickly went over to the W. U. however. I was young and wanted to see the world, and as W. U. jobs were easy to get and easy to drop, it just suited me at that time.

"Why, I've gone to work at Chicago in the morning, with never a thought of quitting, and have had the man on the opposite side of the desk call me up and say: 'I'm tired of this, let's go to Omaha.' At noon we'd draw our time, go down to the R. R. freight yards, board a little red caboose, and by dint of talk-a-talk work our way through to Omaha, where we'd

apply to the W. U. and be put to work—no questions asked, beyong our ability to send and receive.

"This was all very much to a young man's taste, but it doesn't help when jobs get scarce, and in '95 I found myself in Springfield without a job—let out because of retrenchment.

"As retrenchment was the rule every where that year, I knew it was no use to move, so I stayed there, contenting myself with putting in applications broadcast, hoping to catch the illusive job within the dragnet. I received a letter from a friend, manager of the Postal, at Cripple Creek, Colo., asking if I'd come there, and answered that I would if money for expenses were furnished, and I had little expectation of that. About this time I received a note from the manager of the K. D. Ry., asking me to call, and, fortifying myself with a letter from my former manager, I promptly presented myself at his office. He glanced over my letter and asked.

"'Ever had any railway experience, Mr. Brooks?'

"'I ran a station once,' I answered.

"'Very good,' he replied. 'One of our best agents has been taken ill, and I want some young, energetic man who understands telegraphy, to take his place. It is a transfer station only—no local business—and to run it no great amount of special knowledge is required. The main requirement is ability and willingness to work. The agent must get on top of the work and keep on top, and not let it accumulate. Do you think you can do this?'

"Well, as I thought I knew what work was, having often worked a key for thirtysix hours at a stretch, I readily answered that I could, and was given a pass to Lehi Junction. I arrived there at 10:30 p. m. It was dark, and the only idea I could form of the situation was that it was very inconvenient to mount the thirty feet of steps that led from the K. D. tracks to the station above, on a level with the B. Line which crossed the K. D. on a viaduct. I found both auditors there, and was checked in as soon as I could sign the necessary papers. Both auditors left on a B. Line train (which was then only single tracked, and trains passed the station in twenty-minute intervals).

"The retiring agent I had met about a year previously. He was then a robust, strong, young man, and I found him now so worn out and wasted that I scarcely knew him. I wondered at the change, but I found out the why and wherefore later.

"'It's after II,' he said wearily; 'as the nearest boarding house is a mile away we'd better get to bed, you'll need all the sleep you can get for the work tomorrow.'

"I followed him through a cornfield over a bog meadow, and we wound up at a farm house.

"'I'd better leave a call for an early breakfast,' I suggested, full of a project I had formed to get ahead of the work and keep on top of it.

"'Never mind,' he replied. 'They'll get you up early enough.'

"This I found to be true, as the farmer called me promplty at 4 a. m. Breakfast was ready at 4:30, and by daylight I was on my road to the scene of my day's labor.

"I found Lehi Junction to be nothing but a long, low, unpainted pine building, propped up on stilts, thirty feet above the surrounding country, which was taken up with cornfields, meadows, etc.

"The transfer tracks were two in number, each a mile in length, and were situated about 300 yards east of the station on a level with the K. D. tracks. At this time they were entirely filled with loaded cars of all kinds and descriptions.

"Mounting to the office, I found the night operator busy booking a huge pile of through way bills.

"The fire was low, and I seized the coal scuttle and descended the thirty-foot stairway, where I found a quantity of the kind of coal they call steam coal, and this was what the K. D. condescended to furnish for fuel.

"I threw in a quantity and the fire was promptly extinguished. As both the sides and the floor of the station were full of cracks I found the early morning chilly, and I wasted many precious minutes rekindling the fire. Next I seized the broom and started sweeping. The general office of the B. Line began calling, and as the night man was busy I answered, and took a string of messages for the officials of the K. D. G. O. I called the K. D. general office, and the answer was 'busy,' so I resumed my sweeping, but not for long. A piercing yell, loud and long drawn out, attracted my attention to the yard. Looking out I beheld a tall red-headed individual hallooing and gesticulating wildly, while an engine crew and engine stood idly by. Thinking there must be something radically wrong, I hurried thither.

"'What's the trouble?' I queried.

"'Trouble!' yelled the giant, 'trouble! shades of Erebus! Here we've been waiting two hours, howling our lungs out for way-bills, and here comes this importation of all ignorance in Europe and America, and asks the trouble. What I'm howling for is bills. Eastbound K. D. way-bills. Understand that, dumbhead, and if I don't get 'em quick then there'll be trouble. There'll be either way-bills or a funeral, and I don't care which.'

"I flew up the stairs and procured the necessary bills, and handed them to this raving maniac, with apologies which were utterly lost upon the empty air—not empty, that is a mistake—the air was full of flying epithets as he frantically gesticulated and bellowed directions to the crew, who flew to execute his commands.

"I returned to the office, and found there a red-faced man who demanded:

"'Why in creation didn't you have those way-bills ready? D'y' suppose crews on this road can wait all day for way-bills?"

"'They might come after 'em,' I mildly suggested.

"'Yes,' he aid, reflectively, as to himself. 'If we could put 'em under bonds, but-well, young man, see to it that you have

those bills ready, or you'll be charged up with the lost time. Why haven't you swept out?'

"I explained that I had been busy.

"'Why don't you get around early, then?'
'I was here at 5:15,' I replied.

"'5:15! Great Scott, do you expect to run a station and only get around at 5:15?—after this get here early,' and he slammed the door and joined the train. I had barely swept the floor, when a B. Line train stopped in front of the station and a very mild-mannered conductor presented himself. This was a welcome relief; I was glad to find one gentlemanly person without a 'kick' coming.

"'What's the orders?' he inquired.

"I looked them over.

"'What are you?' I asked.

"'No. 101, engine 1018,' he replied. 'Don't you know the trains on this road?'

"'Nothing for No. 101,' I replied. He jumped from the chair in which he had seated himself, and landed with a force that made the station shake as though from an earthquake. 'Great Caesar's ghost!' he cried. 'Why you grasping monopoly of ignorance, don't you know enough to turn your board and let a train by when you've no orders for 'em?' Well, we'll back down and take a run for the viaduct, an' it will lose us forty minutes. I'll report this on you, and you'll have to pay for it, sonny.'

"This train was barely out of sight when the B. Line local passenger north pulled in, bringing passengers, trunks, express and three huge mail bags, stuffed full, for transfer to the K. D. passenger for the East. I lowered them in three batches by means of a rickety elevator, which was worked by hand, and regained the office to find another official confronting me.

"'Don't you know better than to leave those mail sacks down there unguarded?' he demanded. 'Don't you know it's against the rules of the Government? Go down, instantly, and bring them back up here, or I'll report you and you'll find yourself in trouble with the United States postal authorities.'

"I laboriously hoisted the heavy mail bags by the elevator, and reached the office to find the K. D. dispatcher calling lustily. Answering, I took a slow order No. 34, requiring the train to run slow over a piece of track fifty miles east. When I received complete, I found the Post Office Inspector at my elbow.

"'Hurry down with that mail,' he ordered. 'If you miss it it's five dollars fine.'

"I found the K. D. passenger waiting, the crew standing idly on the platform.

"'Just waked up? Does this baggage go? Here's Methusleh!. Does that express go?' were cries that greeted me as I emerged, dragging the heavy mail sacks, no one offering to assist me.

"I hurriedly jammed the mail in, wrestled with the trunks, loaded the express unassisted, and finally had the satisfaction of seeing the train under way. I reached the office, more dead than alive, to find the K. D. dispatcher calling. I started to report the train.

"'Order 34,' he snapped.

"I started from my chair, the blood frozen in my veins. I had committed the worst of all railway crimes-I had forgotten a train order. True, it was a slow order of little consequence, as the crew had already received it daily for weeks past, and already possessed a copy which the dispatcher had given them that morning at headquarters; but I had missed a train order, and that would spoil my record forever. I explained. 'B-z-z-z-' the sounder spluttered. What that dispatcher said I never knew, for the B. Line local south arrived, and claimed my attention. gentlemen hurried in-one the auditor of the B. Line.

"'Get your financial report in on the morning train?' he inquired.

"I declared my ignorance of this requirement, but added that as no financial transactions had taken place it could make little difference.

"'Yes it does,' he replied with an air of offended dignity, 'send in a blank by wire immediately. This report is required every a. m. without fail, or you'll be reported to the 'Bond Co.' and find yourself in trouble. Well, try to run this until I have time to change my shirt, anyhow. Haven't been away from this station two days in the last two weeks,' and he went outside.



"'Get your refrigerator report in this a. m.?' demanded the remaining official, who explained that he was Superintendent of the Refrigerator Service of the B. Line.

"I confessed my ignorance of this, and explained that I was new.

"'Well,' he condescended to explain, 'You must examine every refrigerator load that goes either way. Note the amount of ice in the car, see that the ventilators are open and drain pipes clear. If anything wrong, report by wire; if not, on proper blank every morning. If any damage and your record is not clear the 'Bond Company' will be notified, and you have to settle with them.'

"The night man had kindly attended to the baggage and mail, and now came in and picked up his pen with a weary air.

"'Why don't you go to bed?' I asked.

"'I have the car reports to finish, yet,' he answered.

"I looked at my watch. It was 10:15. He had been on duty since 7 p. m.—fifteen hours, constantly at work, and had at least an hour's work ahead of him.

"I had no time to contemplate the sad lot of this fellow-sufferer of mine, for a B. Line way freight was pulling in. I had the bills ready this time, and hoped to avoid another 'kick.' As far as the conductor was concerned I was right in this conjecture, but alas, there were others. The B. Line trainmaster alighted.

"'Why in creation didn't you send in your 6 a. m. yard report?' he demanded. 'How do you imagine I'm to keep your yard cleaned out unless I have a report?'

"I explained that I had tried, but had found the operator 'busy.'

"'Busy!' he ejaculated, 'Busy! That chump!—busy looking at his curls in a hand-glass probably. And you were chump enough to let him ball you out, eh? Make him take it. Get after him with a sharp stick. It's what you're both paid for, and I've got to have it. If freight's delayed here because you don't get that report in it'll be charged up to you. Remember that,' and he walked out.

"I started up stairs, but was recalled by a yell—I saw the trainmaster making signs for me to return.

"'How long have those cattle been here?'
he demanded, when I came within speaking distance.

"I looked toward the pens, and sure enough, there stood a car of cattle. I ran to the Car Inspector's office, and found there a bundle of way-bills, left by the fast freight of the B. Line. Among them was a bill for the cattle, with a notatioon, 'Feed and water at Lehi Junction,' I showed this to the trainmaster.

"'The infernal, lazy, careless no-account rascals,' he commented, 'I'd like to make an example of them, but they are badly needed now, and I can't do it. Well, unload those cattle quick as lightning or you'll get into trouble with the humane officers. Lucky none of 'em called around.'

"I unloaded the cattle, waded shoe deep in mud getting the water, distributed in the troughs, all the while glancing furtively around, expecting to see an officer of the Humane Society at my elbow. There was no feed, and I so reported to the B. Line trainmaster.

"He seemed now to have lost all concern for the condition of the cattle.

"'It's up to you and the K. D. people,' was his comment. 'As agent of the K. D. you have received them, and it's not the lookout of the B. Line now.'

"I trudged my weary way up those stairs, which seemed to grow straighter and longer every time I mounted them, wondering what would happen next.

"I made up the yard report. Luckily, the trainmaster's office called me and sent several messages to that official. In turn I started sending him the delayed yard report. The answer was 'busy.' I tried to force it upon him, but got no O. K. I called 'e general offices of the K. D., only to be called down by the dispatcher, who informed me he was using the operator, and 'to find what I was doing before butting in.' I left the key disgusted, and hurried down with the telegrams.

"A B. Line fast freight stopped at the station, and I hurried back.

"'What am I to do with these six cars of grapes?' demanded the conductor. 'The transfer's full.'

"'Take 'em along with you then,' I responded, desperately, 'Take 'em to Halifax, Timbuctoo, anywhere, I don't care.'

"'The deuce you don't,' he returned, 'Well, I'll tell you what, sonny, you will care if I set 'em out at Carroll and report that it was your orders. You'll have to pay for switching them back,' and he gave the signal to pull out.

"The train had gotten but a short distance when the dispatcher called, asking for that particular train.

"'They're gone,' I replied.

"'Go get 'em,' he flashed back.

"'Can't, they're gone, I tell you.'

"'Shut that key and get that train, you Ham,' he snapped.

"I closed the key, but resolved not to get that train, even if I could, and I noted that they had stopped and were setting out the six cars of grapes, which the conductor had said they couldn't get on the transfer. looked at my watch. Eleven o'clock. had been six hours on duty, and had not heard one pleasant word. Nothing but reproofs and threats by officials, and sneers and insults from minor employes-could I bear this day after day? Verily, it seemed I must. For jobs were not plentiful, and I was utterly ignorant of any work except telegraphing. I must hold on like grim death, there seemed to be no relief. the darkest part of day is just before dawn. Relief was coming, though I knew it not. It was almost due. I heard the call on the W. U. wire and listlessly answered. This is what I received:

'II D. H. (4 Ex. wds.)
'Cripple Creek, Col., 10.
'For'd from Springfield, 11th.

'J. D. Brooks—Money sent Postal, Springfield, come immediately.

'GEO. D. CROCKETT, Manager.'

"Ah! How different I felt. I was footloose, I was free. No longer could they bully me with threats of the "Bond Company." No longer could they urge me to greater effort by threats of the record. In a moment I had decided upon my course. I would pen a courteous letter to both managers, jointly. I would go into the details of the handicaps that made Lehi

Junction more difficult than other stations more favorably situated. I would speak of the manifold duties of the night-man, so that these managers should be fully informed, and perhaps my successors would fare more kindly than those who preceded me, and I had done. I opened the letter book to copy my letter. A glance at its contents invited my inspection. The result astonished me. The record showed that eight different agents, and nearly twentyfive night operators had been employed during the past year at Lehi Junction. All of these had taken the pains to write their superiors, pointing out the handicaps, reciting the numerous duties (each small in itself, but mighty in the aggregate), and begging relief in some manner. I tore up my letter in disgust. I owed these managers no obligations.

"I put on my coat, locked the office door, and leaving the key for use of the night man, I turned my back upon Lehi Junction forever."

# AN OPERATOR'S ZEAL.

HE first office that I found myself in possession of," said the retired telegraph operator, "was a little way-station where there was not much else to do but to report the trains. I had the night trick, and the trains being few and far between, I spent most of my time dreaming of advancement. One night, soon after I had taken this office, I was called to the key to receive a message that came over the wire addressed to a railroad official who chanced to be visiting some relatives who lived about three miles from the office where I was.

"'Violet is dying,' the message read, and those three words sent the shivers up and down my back, as I saw, with my imagination, a fair-haired, blue-eyed little girl dying, with her father far away from home. Then it suddenly flashed upon me that here was a chance to win promotion by hurrying the message out where the father was. I was alone in the office, and there was no one living near by whom I could send it.

"At last I determined to take it myself.

I knew I had no business to leave the

office, but I considered it a chance to win recognition that I might never have again. It was before the time of the bicycle, and, as there was no horse to be had, I started out afoot. There was a train leaving about I o'clock in the morning, and I had figured it out that the anxious father would take that train for the city. and that I would be able to get a ride back to the station with him, and have, at the same time, a chance to create a good impression.

"It was in the fall of the year and raining as hard as it could pour, with prospects that it would turn to snow before I got back. I was a little bit hazy just where the party was staying, but after braving any number of dogs, and arousing any number of farmers, I found the right place and delivered the message. The man, with a white face, hastily tore the envelope and read the contents, while I waited for him to say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant!'

"But he didn't. He said things that I would not care to repeat, and called me any number of names that were not the least bit complimentary. It made me mad to see such an exhibition of unconcern over such a serious matter, and I was about to say so when he broke in with another torrent of strong words, of which I caught, 'fool woman,' 'pug dog,' 'glad of it.'

"Then I comprehended, and as I tramped wearily back to the office I had deserted, I had plenty of time to take a solmen vow never to again bother my head about what might come over the wire."

# AN ARKANSAW TURKEY HUNT.

S I was a-sayin', nothin' is smarter or cuter than a wild turkey. Down where I was brung up, in Arkansaw, they are thick. They're th' steady diet down there, but they're mighty hard to get, owin' to their natural brains an' gility. Fellers'd lay down behind a log an' call 'em through a holler canestalk. Sometimes call half a day before any turkeys showed up.

"Sam Tate and Jed Button was th' champeen turkey-callers in our section, an' I've known them fellers to call turkeys right up to th' log an' grab 'em by th' legs when they hopped up to see what was goin' on. No ordinary man could ever do that. One day Sam an' Jed was out huntin' unbeknowest to each other, an' they got behind logs about half a mile apart. Both of 'em could hear th' other callin' an' each one thought it was real turkey. Th' way them fellers worked tryin' to lure each other up to his log was a caution. Sam Tate stood it 'bout four hour an' then got mad an' begun sneakin' up on Jed's log. Course he kep' on callin' an so did Jed, who was feelin' tickeled all over an' fixin' his fingers to do th' grab act.

"After a long time Sam got right up next to Jed's log an' rested with his ear agin it. He knowed th' game was on th' other side o' that log an' he thought maybe he could reach over an' get it by th' neck. After waitin' a decent spell Sam slid his head up slow, keepin' his eyes peeled away back to th' limit. 'Bout th' same time Jed begun to think it was time to give another call an' he raised up, careful an' cautious. The next second them two fellers was a-gazin' each other plumb in th' eye an' never drawin' a breath.

"Finally Sam Tate give a little cough an' says:

"'Hello, you wall-eyed slab o' ignorance an' disease!'

"'Hello, you brindle-maned poor-house dodger,' said Jed.

"Then Sam went over th' log an' grabbed Jed's whiskers. They fit about half an hour before they seen th' folly of it' an' then they laid back an' laughed 'emselves black in th' face—jest cackeled till they was sore for a week. After that when them fellers went huntin' th' same day they'd give each other a diagram of their routes so's to avoid any misunderstandin'. They was experts."—Outing.

#### Not Particular.

"These are hard lines," said the tourist, wearily, as he paused to look at the land-scape. "Here I've climbed to the top of this mountain and forgot to bring my glasses with me."

"That's all right," said his friend. "I'd just as soon drink from the bottle."



# THE FIRST TELEGRAPHIC TRAIN ORDER.

RITING a brief history of the telegraph for the Northwestern Bulletin, published by the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, G. W. Dailey, superintendent of telegraph, a close student of telegraphy, gives credit to the Erie as being the first road to use the telegraph wire, in train service. In his carefully prepared article, which asserts that the Chicago & Northwestern was the first railroad in the West to handle trains by telegraph, he says:

"The telegraph was first used for handling trains by the Erie Railroad, and the first train order was issued in 1846 at Turner, N. Y., a station on that railway. The circumstances surrounding its first use for that purpose are as follows:

"The New York & Erie Railroad, whose eastern terminal at that time was at Piermont, N. Y., on the Hudson River, had a telegraph wire running into several of its most important stations which was known as the 'Ezra Cornell Line.' This telegraph line was built on a highway paralleling the Erie Railroad, and as a matter of convenience the railroad company's agents attended to the commercial telegraph business.

"One day Charles Minot, then general superintendent of the New York & Erie Railroad, was going west on train No. 1, which was scheduled to meet train No. 2, east-bound, at Turner, N. Y. After waiting nearly an hour at Turner for train No. 2, Mr. Minot stepped into the telegraph office and requested the operator to call up Goshen, N. Y., and ask the operator if train No. 2 had passed there. On receiving a negative reply, Mr. Minot sent the following telegram to the Erie Railroad agent at Goshen: 'Hold all trains bound east until I arrive there on train No. 1. Do you understand? Answer.' In a few minutes a reply was received from the agent at Goshen, saying: 'I understand I am to hold all east-bound trains at Goshen until you arrive here on train 1, and will do so.'

"Mr. Minot then wrote out an order to the conductor and engineer of train No. 1 at Turner as follows: 'Run to Goshen regardless of train No. 2,' signed Charles Minot, general superintendent. The engineer of train I refused to do it until Mr. Minot said he would ride on the engine with him. The run was made with safety and within a few days thereafter the 3I and 32 orders were regularly established on the Erie and quickly followed by other roads.

"This is a good illustration of the difficulties and opposition usually encountered in introducing new methods of doing things. Since that time the use of the telegraph by railroads has grown by leaps and bounds until at present a railway telegraph department ranks high in usefulness and importance, and is a very necessary part of the business machine."

# DREAM GAVE HIM THREE TIPS.

NDREW LANG tells in an English magazine of a dream one of his acquaintances had a few days before the running of the Derby. The dreamer saw the race run and heard the crowd cry the name of the winner. It was Western Wind. In the morning he looked over the entries for the race, but there was no horse of that name in the list. He told his dream to Mr. Lang, who laughed at him, says the New York Press. Then Mr. Lang glanced over the entry list. At the foot of the list was an announcement of the naming of a Derby colt hitherto unnamed. The name selected was the Latin equivalent for Western Wind. Mr. Lang was surprised. He was still further surprised when a few days later the colt won, just as his caller had the race pictured to him in the dream.

There is a telegraph operator in this city who had a more remarkable dream by far than that of Andrew Lang's acquaintance. This telegrapher came here from the West in the '80s, and went to work on the night force of the Western Union Company at 195 Broadway. He got off at 1:30 a. m. One fearfully hot summer's night he left the office and went to the hotel—the Everett House, in Park Row—where he had a room. He went to bed and tried to sleep, but the heat was so intense that it was nearly

daylight before he sank into a doze. Then he began to dream. He dreamed that he was back in the West riding on a train. The train stopped many times, and the train hands got off each time. The stops became so frequent that he decided to see what was the trouble. He got off and discovered that a hot-box was the cause of the delay.

He dreamed that he was clambering back on to the train when a venerable churchman clad in his priestly robes and wearing a queerly shaped red hat, stepped out from a Pullman car and asked him what was the matter.

Then the scene suddenly changed: he was in a city. There was a great crowd gathered on the sidewalks. From off in the distance came the sound of bands. Gradually the sounds grew louder. In a few moments the head of a procession came into view. It was a circus parade. The procession passed along. At its end, seated in a carriage drawn by four Arabian horses and bowing to the right and to the left, was P. T. Barnum.

At this stage of his dream the telegrapher awoke. The sun was blazing into his room. Sleep was out of the question, although he had not slumbered for more than an hour. He got up tired and fretful and went downstairs to the office to get a morning newspaper. He read the news of the day, and then having nothing else to engage his attention, he turned to the sporting page. This telegrapher knew little or nothing about racing, and horses did not interest him, but having nothing better to do he read the report of the previous day's contest, and then he glanced at the "card" for the day. When he saw, among the entries for the second race a horse named Hot Box his dream occurred to him in all its vividness. He wondered if there could be any connection between the two things. While he was puzzling over this subject his eyes had been wandering a little further down the list of horses. When he saw among the entries for another race the name Cardinal McCloskey he jumped up and let out a yell that brought the night clerk over to him to see what had happened. He told the hotel man of his dream,

and he pointed out the names of the two horses. He had just finished his story when he saw the name Barnum among the horses in the sixth race.

"See," he yelled, "and there is another. There is the third one of my dream."

The night clerk was deeply impressed. He had a strain of sporting blood in his veins, and he had absolute confidence in the dream. He proposed to the telegrapher that they play the dream tips for all they were worth.

The telegrapher had about \$18. The hotel clerk had \$10, but could draw some of his salary in advance. When the night clerk was relieved at 8:00 a. m. he and the telegrapher had breakfast, and then they waited for the pool rooms to open. There were not so many pool rooms in those days as there are now, but they were wide open. When DeLacey's place, at 33 Park Row, opened for business the hotel clerk and the telegrapher were the first to make a bet. Combination play, one of the favorite forms of speculation for long-shot players, and the men with the dream tips put in slips reading, "Hot Box, Cardinal McCloskey, Barnum." The combination man offered odds of 24 to 1. The telegrapher, who was new to the game and rather timid, decided to bet \$4 on it. The hotel clerk urged him to bet more. The telegrapher hesitated.

"Well, bet what you like," said the hotel clerk. "I'll declare you in on my bets, too, and if the dream comes through a winner we'll have enough money to satisfy us."

The telegrapher wagered the \$4, getting \$96 to \$4, and the hotel clerk bet \$10, getting \$240 to \$10.

This was at 10:30 a. m. A little after 2:00 p. m., when the first odds from the track were posted, the two young men bet on Hot Box. The horse was at 6 to 1. The telegrapher bet \$5 and the hotel clerk bet \$20. Hot Box won. The telegrapher had some of the Wild West about him, and let out a whoop that brought forth an angry protest and a threat of expulsion from DeLacy's grand vizier.

The success of Hot Box satisfied the telegrapher that the dream was all right, and he became more reckless than the hotel clerk. So soon as he collected his win-

nings he hurried to bet on the second race in the series. Cardinal McCloskey was at 2 to 1. The telegrapher wagered \$40. The hotel clerk bet \$100. Cardinal McCloskey won. The telegrapher now had \$110 and the hotel clerk had won \$320, half of which was to go to the telegraph operator.

The De Lacy people were slow about posting the odds for the Barnum race, and the two friends became suspicious. They had told the story of the dream to half a dozen men in the poolroom, and everyone wanted to bet on Barnum.

Some one brought the news that in Walter's pool room in Fulton Street, just off Broadway, the odds were posted on the Barnum race. The telegrapher and the hotel clerk ran there, dashed in the door and each threw \$100 on the counter and asked to have it wagered on Barnum. They were in such a hurry that Walters was reluctant to accept the money, but after waiting five minutes and calling up the Western Union and learning that the race had not been run, he finally took the bets at even money. The next minute came the announcement, "They're off." Barnum was not heard from until the stretch. Then he was third. Then came the final "Barnum wins,"

The telegrapher and the hotel clerk danced a war dance. They had more money than they ever had before. On his own betting the operator had won \$306. The hotel clerk had won \$660, but according to agreement half of this went to the man of the dream. The telegrapher had \$635 and the hotel clerk \$330.

The telegrapher wishes he never dreamt of Hot Box, Cardinal McCloskey or Barnum. That remarkable dream cost him thousands of dollars. He became a fiend for betting, and for many years all his earnings above his bare living expenses went to the bookmakers. Now, he is gray-haired and beginning to feel his years. And he has nothing to show for all his years of labor.

An increase in the pay of telegraph operators in India has been approved by the Indian telegraph department.

#### ON THE WINGS OF STEAM.

T is sixty miles from Clinton to De Forrest. That geographical fact, hitherto of interest chiefly to the farmers and other shippers from De Forrest who had to pay freight bills, entered into the life of three or four people in a most unexpected way, and had its unconscious part in shaping their destinies.

"Thursday, the 15th of the month, I will be here at home again, dearest," said Harry Weaver, clasping closer to him the slender figure of Myrtle Dunne, "and then for our wedding, our long-delayed, oft-postponed wedding."

"I should say it has been long-delayed," pouted the girl, looking up at him, "do you know this is the fourth time we have been as close as this to the date, and each time something has occurred to cause a postponement? Once your train was wrecked on the road; then your mother died the week set for the wedding; then, only last year, your firm failed and you feared to undertake married life. Oh, Harry, I have a presentiment that something will happen again. I've an idea we will never be married."

"Nonsense, little one," laughed Weaver; "all the things that have happened in the past have been unfortunate coincidences, but now everything is clear sailing, and when I finish my present trip on the road I'll run in here on the 15th, and we'll be quietly married by old Dr. Rogers, and then your fears will be at rest. By the way, Myrtle, there was something I wanted to speak to you about. A certain party here has been busy enough to tell me that you have been to dances once or twice with Tom Kelly, while I was on this last trip. Now, of course, I ain't jealous, you know, but I wouldn't do that if I were you. I don't think it looks right in a girl that's to be married so soon."

Myrtle had slipped hurriedly out of his arms at the mention of Tom Kelly's name.

"Mr. Kelly and I have been very dear friends since childhood," she said rather sharply, "and he has been good enough to take pity on my loneliness and offer to escort me to one or two places. Am I to be shut up in a nunnery while you are on the road, I should like to know?"

"Oh, no," said Weaver hastily, "don't be angry, dear. I meant it kindly. Now I must tear myself away to catch the 7:45 for Clinton. Remember, bright and early on the 15th I'll come to claim you and then no more worrying."

He kissed her and hurried away into the darkness, and she returned home very grave and quiet. De Forrest is not a large or a lively place at best, and Myrtle found it very dull when the handsome traveling man was away on the road, which was pretty much all of the time. Indeed, lately she had begun to find it dull when he was there and to wonder what sort of a life she should lead as his wife and whether she were doing right in wedding a man who could be with her but once or twice a month. Of course, Tom helped to relieve the monotony. Dear old Tom! They had studied from the same book in school and he seemed to know there was a shadow forming in the mind of his old playmate.

Tom was the telegraph operator at the railroad depot in De Forrest, and such time as he was free from the ticking of the key he spent with Myrtle. And the traveling salesman had scant courtesy for the good-looking operator that night as he waited for his train outside the little window of the station.

A week later Harry Weaver awoke one morning in his berth in a Pullman car and realized with a jump of the heart that it was the 15th of the month—his wedding day. The train was speeding along toward Clinton, and he hastily dressed and prepared for the long, slow, sixty-mile ride across country in the accommodation train to De Forrest. There were not many trains on that branch, and such as there were did not make alarmingly fast time; but Weaver's thoughts were running so fast that he imagined the flying express train was only crawling toward Clinton.

"On time?" he asked the conductor.

"Ten minutes late," was the short rejoinder.

"I thought so," grunted Weaver. "Will we make it up before we get to Clinton?" "I hope so," said the conductor.

Weaver looked out of the window at the flying landscape and nervously drummed on the window sill. He would have almost an hour to wait at Clinton before the accommodation for De Forrest went through. He had made the trip many times, and he knew the time table by heart. But an hour to an eager bridegroom on his wedding day is almost a week, and he groaned as he thought of loafing around the dingy little town of Clinton for an hour. When at last its spires and red roofs, so familiar to his eyes, sprang into sight away ahead of the train, he was the first passenger to alight, and almost before the panting express had hurried on its way across the continent he was at the ticket office.

"Ticket to De Forrest, one way," said Weaver.

"When are you going?" asked the agent, reaching for the pasteboard.

"When?" asked Weaver in surprise, "why, today, on the 10:30, of course.

"That train is gone, sir," said the agent. "Gone?" echoed Weaver blankly, looking at his watch. "What do you mean? It's only 9:45 now."

"Time table was changed, sir. Went into effect yesterday," said the agent. "No. 4 leaves now at 9:30 daily, except Saturday."
"When is the next train?" asked Weaver.

"When is the next train?" asked Weaver, anxiously.

"No more today, sir," said the agent shortly.

"What?" shrieked the bridegroom, "no more? What are you talking about? Where's the 3:30, I must get there today."

"The 3:30 was abandoned in the new time table. No more trains to De Forest today."

Weaver stepped back almost stunned. What should he do? It was imperative that he reach De Forrest without delay. And it was sixty miles away. Driving was out of the question. Suddenly an idea struck him. Why not charter a car and an engine? True, it would be expensive, but he was desperate. Five minutes later a message clicked into the office of the general superintendent asking for permission to charter a car and special engine for a run to De Forrest. Two minutes afterwards a message came back saying no car could be furnished, but the passenger might ride in

an engine for \$75. And ten minutes after that a big Mogul was slowly backed out of the round house at Clinton, and Henry Weaver, having turned over \$75 to the ticket agent, climbed aboard. But the wheels of the big engine had not made a dozen revolutions before the sounder in Tom Kelly's telegraph office away off at De Forrest said to him:

"Hold down freight on De Forrest siding. Special engine just leaving here with one passenger for De Forrest. Has rightof-way over everything."

The ticker ceased a moment and then came a private message from the operator at Clinton: "Passenger is your old friend, Harry Weaver," and then Tom Kelly knew.

"I'll do the sixty miles inside an hour, sir," said Engineer Larkins, as he slowly sent the great machine over the switches of the Clinton junction, and gave her more steam as she hit the main track. "I won't say it in minutes," he continued, "but inside an hour."

Weaver climbed up on the little seat of the fireman, for that functionary had a good job ahead of him keeping the maw of the furnace filled with coal, and Larkins began to "let her out." Faster and faster the telegraph poles and trees flew by as Larkins opened the throttle wider and wider. The engine began to fairly hum with the pressure of the steam and the indicator on the steam gauge trembled at 180 pounds. The roar of the wheels filled Weaver's ears and he clung desperately to the seat as the engine rocked back and forth, and the whistle shrieked almost constantly as the flying monster approached roads and towns.

"We're making forty-seven miles," shouted the fireman into Weaver's ear.

"Oh, are we?" said Weaver. He had an idea that the speed was nearer a hundred and forty-seven. But his heart was light and happy, and his thoughts flew faster than the locomotive and were already in De Forrest. The screaming of the whistle, the roaring of the wheels and the pounding of the heavy tender were almost unheard as he thought of Myrtle and how she would greet him after his long and exciting ride. A half hour passed and he was only thirty miles away when he was startled by the

sudden reverse of the lever and the grinding of the brakes.

"Whats the matter?" he asked.

"Semaphore's against us," said Larkins shortly.

Almost a mile ahead on a high pole beside the track a long yellow arm jutted out warningly. The engine slowed down and stopped near the switch tower.

"Stock train wrecked four miles further on," reported the fireman, after a call on the operator, and Weaver almost tore his hair.

Four hours later the track was cleared, and the big engine pulled into De Forrest. Down from the cab dropped a famished and wild-eyed man, blackened and desperate looking.

"Here's a message for you, Mr. Weaver," said the station agent. Weaver glanced in and saw a new operator. He tore open the envelope hurriedly and read his death warrant:

"Very sorry. Could not wait for engine. Tom and I were married at noon. Myrtle."—By Frank Finnegan, in Express Gazette.

#### THE FLAGGING OF THE DUTCHMAN.

NY old-timer will tell you how Strand, youngest in age and experience of the Ixonia dispatchers, after serving a night trick, sat all day at the key while the horrors of the Barton disaster crowded the wire, and the day men broke down when the death-list began to come in, and with dread at their hearts and unlighted cigars in their mouths, paced nervously about corridor and platform, and at four o'clock, when Colvin, our superannuated passenger-agent, tottered into the office, his cane tapping a dreary accompaniment on the floor, he found Strand alone.

"Twelve identified," the dispatcher stated, in response to the old official's inquiry.

His haggard face and bloodshot eyes told a tale of suspense, but his finger, at that moment arranging a meeting point for train No. 3, with the corpse-laden special, eastbound, was free from tremor.

Yet Strand admitted to me that he prayed the night Pruden turned the Flying Dutchman loose against Horn's work-train. Pug Williams, the office call-boy, says he cried, but I don't believe he ever made that statement in Strand's hearing, although, if true, there is reasonable excuse, for Edith was a passenger on the Dutchman that night.

Strand won Edith against odds, for he is not a society man, in the conventional sense, and Edith Tracy was one of the most popular girls in Ixonia. Mrs. Tracy had frowned on the attachment from the beginning, but in old man Tracy, who possessed a soul just a trifle above fast horses, Strand's suit found a sturdy champion.

"Let 'em alone," he urged, in response to his wife's protest. "You can't stop a thing like that. The boy's all right. I'd sooner have him in the family than these lawn-markers that's hung round here. He knows a good horse, too. Edith shows her sense."

"I can't understand how it ever happened," said Mrs. Tracy, mournfully.

But in the end she succumbed to the inevitable, and in keeping with the inconsistency of her sex, having assented, gave her gracious and enthusiastic support to the approaching union. So it was that the engraver had his order for wedding invitations. On the same day that Papa Tracy closed negotiations for his wedding gift, a snug home, with a stable, which had received his keen inspection, Edith was returning from a city shopping-trip on the Flying Dutchman. The train was late, and had barely entered middle division territory, when Strand, at 6 p. m., resigned his seat to Pruden, the second trick man.

Strand posted his subordinate concerning the position of various trains on the big sheet, glanced about the office, drew on his street coat, and said good night. He paused at the door for a moment.

"Help the Dutchman along, Pruden," he added. "I want her here on time."

"I'll give her every show," said Pruden. The Dutchman, on the time-card simply Train Fifty-four, was due to arrive in Ixonia at ten o'clock. Strand, uneasy in anticipation, left his hotel before nine, and went toward the station. Opposite it, in Concordia Hall, the high school graduating exercises were progressing. Strand, remembering Edith, a white-gowned and

lovely participant in the function of the former year, halted for a moment on the carpet strip beneath the awning. The tones of a feminine voice came with elocutionary distinctness through the open door.

"I've won a good deal in one short year," he thought reminiscently.

Crossing to the station, he saw Mrs. Tracy's carriage standing in the area, and, approaching it, he saluted her.

"I know I'm early," she said, "but, somehow, I've been restless all the afternoon. Foolish, I admit, but I'm not apprehensive, as a rule."

Strand laughed as he released her hand. "I guess we're all a trifle nervous these days," he responded. "I know I am, and maybe Edith is, also. I can assure you, though, that everything's right. I let the train into the division myself. It was a trifle tardy at six, but ought to make the time up easily. About at Marathon now," he said, consulting his watch. "Swinging along at a good rate, too, I'll warrant," he added cheerfully.

Just then Pruden's voice, keyed to a high and unnatural pitch, called from the window above: "Hello!"

The strained tone of the aimless salutation caught Strand's ear discordantly.

"What is it, Pruden?" he asked.

"You, Strand! Are you there?" came the eager response. "Come up, quick!" Strand excused himself to Mrs. Tracy

Strand excused himself to Mrs. Tracy and ran up the stairs.

Pruden was alone in the office. He was pacing the floor and wringing his hands.

"Strand, the Dutchman!" he groaned. The under-dispatcher was shaking like a leaf, and his words came in incoherent syllables.

"The Dutchman!" he repeated, and again his tongue faltered.

Strand banged his subordinate's head against the wall and shook him roughly.

"Damn you, talk!" he gritted. "Talk, or I'll break your back! Where is the Dutchman?"

"On the south track from Double-track Junction," mumbled Pruden, between spasmodic chills. "East-bound local got a car off in thirty-two bridge. I held the Dutchman at the Junction until nineteen got out-

side, then blocked both ends of the double line, and let the Dutchman in on the westbound track."

"Well, well?"

"Strand, I—I forgot. Horn's work-train follows nineteen every night from Thorpe to Beulah Gravel Pit, and we haven't a night office between." And Pruden cowered like one expecting a blow.

Strand was at the key. "Did you try Grafton?" he asked.

"No use," responded Pruden brokenly. "He quits at six."

"In God's name, couldn't you take the chance?" cried Strand. "That push plays cards in the depot regularly. I've seen 'em often, myself." And he rapped the call.

"G-n," spoke the sounder in the second station each of Double-track Junction. The push was seated around a table, in the snug office, when the operator's alert ear caught the familiar click.

"Not much, Prudy," he remarked facetiously. "We don't work nights here. Deal 'em up, Roy."

That operator's opportunity to win more in a minute than he could have hoped to win in a lifetime at cards was fleeting, for receiving a full hand in the deal, his "I stand pat" was drowned in the roar of the Flying Dutchman's passage.

"Say, Si," said one of the company, "wasn't the Dutchman on the nigh track?"

"I didn't notice," replied the operator, carelessly. "Maybe. They block both ends sometimes an' end her that way. Orders is to keep her on time. Give the boys their cards, Roy. I don't need any."

The sounder still clicked, nervously and persistently.

"Won't ye ever let go?" questioned the operator. "Well, I s'pose I'll have to answer him. Hold up, boys, a minute."

He tipped back in his chair and touched the key, and that simple "G" repeated in the dispatching office at Ixonia offered hope to the two men sitting there with tense nerves and drawn features.

"Flag Fifty-four," Strand shot back.

"Fifty-four passed here two minutes ago," came the reply.

Strand drew a long breath. Pruden utterly collapsed.

"Forty-two miles," muttered Strand, rubbing his forehead. "Thorpe. That cuts out eight. Thirty-four. Dutchman will make twenty-five to Horn's twelve, if he pulled out right behind nineteen. Twentyfive—twenty-five—let me think! Oh, God, let me think! Twenty-eight minutes." His forefinger dragged on the sheet. "They'll meet about here. If we only had a night man at Vandyke! Johnston might be in." His head bowed low on the table. "God grant, please grant!" but no response came to the repeated "V-d, V-d."

Then calling through the tube, he summoned two messengers and had turned to the key again when Mrs. Tracy's voice came from the doorway: "Is everything all right, Mr. Strand?"

He tried to smile. "Pray, excuse me, Mrs. Tracy, I'm tied here for the moment. The train's a little late, that's all. I suggest that you return to your carriage. It's so—warm up here. I'll let you know in time."

Mrs. Tracy smiled back. "I'm foolishly nervous," she said.

Strand listened to her descending steps. "What grace can a liar expect?" he muttered. "But I couldn't tell her."

He was clicking a message to the shops: "Attach superintendent's car to wrecking outfit, load all available hospital material in same, and run to Ixonia Station for further orders."

Call-boys Pug Williams and Bunch Garvin came scrambling up the stairs, but their boisterous entrance was curbed by the crisp tone that greeted them.

"Williams, take the telephone and keep quiet. Garvin, you hustle into Crook's hack and bring Doctor Bartlett and Doctor Shrock to the depot as fast as Crook can move. If you can't find them, get some others. Crook will know where to go. One minute—Mrs. Tracy's carriage is near Crook's stand. Get him outside before you tell him. That's all."

"Williams; you call up Mr. Wayland's house. Tell him we've got a bad wreck, and the outfit will be at the station in ten minutes."

But even as Pug twirled the crank the sounder tapped a message in the super-



intendent's smooth vogue: "Send all personal and urgent mail to Melville on Fifty-three. Sshall remain here until tomorrow night.

W. A. W."

"Never mind, Pug," said Strand, and an instant later he was sending a message, simple in words, but dreadful in import, to his superior at the opposing division terminal:

"W. A. W., Melville: Train Fifty-four, running on west-bound track in double extension, will meet Horn's work-train at a point between Vandyke and Hayward. Have ordered out wrecking-train and summoned local surgeons.

J. L. S."

Pruden, rousing from his lethargy, listened and comprehended the grim rasp. "Oh, God, Strand!" he moaned.

The chief dispatcher turned fiercely in his chair. "Be quiet, or get out of here!" he exclaimed, between dry lips. "My girl's on that train."

During the previous concentration he had scarcely given a thought to Edith individually, but now her personal peril came to him in telling force. He picked at the blotter, as he considered the arrangement of the Dutchman's complement. Edith would ride in the chair-car, two, three cars from the engine, and the heavy sleepers behind, telescoping and grinding in the crunching impact. The mangled forms, the screams of agony—and—Edith! Strand covered his face with his hands.

From Concordia Hall, wafted on the night air, came the notes of a clear soprano voice, and the words of the song, in distinct intonation:

"When you and I that other lifa may know."

Strand's head burrowed in his arm, on the table. Pruden, shrunken and broken, was sobbing convulsively. Pug, the callboy, for once silent, crouched under the telephone box.

The ligh: breeze shifted, and the hoarse exhaust of the engine spitting cinders and flame on her path through the yard from the shops to Ixonia Station, with derrick. crane, and emergency cars swaying behind her. momentarily displaced the pure tones,

then changed again, and once more the cadence rang high:

"There for aye among the blest,

There secure upon the Savior's breast."
Strand spoke muffled and unsteadily:
"Pug, for God's sake, close the window."

Some men acquire a sobriquet by deeds of valor; others, because of peculiarity of feature or carriage; others, unfortunately, by reason of deformity or disfigurement. Mr. Aloysius Thomas Cleaver earned his nickname by the use of an original epithet. During his connection with the M. & S. M., as night operator, at Dover, whenever occasion demanded, he was wont to give vent to his feelings, jubilant or otherwise, by the ejaculation: "The Holy Fly," and as a variation: "Well, by the Holy Fly!" Just where the application came in I am unable to explain, and I never knew any one who affected to know, but among a class of men addicted to nicknames, and opportunity so alluring could scarcely be missed. Consequently young Cleaver's identity speedily merged from Holy Fly to mere Fly, and, at a later period, the latter title was resigned for a number of three figures, and the Holy Fly was immured behind prison walls.

Some of the boys fancied the action rather summary, but a big corporation will generally find a scapegoat, and, to be quite fair to all concerned, the Fly's reputation had been a trifle seedy.

Moreover, it will be admitted that when a large consignment of money, placed in the office safe at night, is missing the following morning, suspicion must rest on some one. Also it cannot be denied that when evidence shows that the person in whose charge the safe was left, although ignorant of the combination, had made a practice of lying on the office-table and watching the combination being worked times without number, the said person's prestige, circumstantially considered, must suffer depression. I recollect that the judge addressed the jury something after this manner:

The popular railroad mind does not lean toward predestination. So, when a member of that following gets jailed, discharged, maimed, or killed, he becomes, in terse parlance, "out of luck."

The Fly was out of luck. He got four years.

The same day that Edith Tracy rolled homeward to Ixonia on the Dutchman his term expired.

He left the prison, with transportation to the State line, a small sum of money, a shoddy suit of clothes, and a head of hair of uniform length all over. He passed through Ixonia, west-bound, on the Postal Mail, about four o'clock in the afternoon. Under favorable circumstances, he would have reached the metropolis at about the hour of Edith's departure from it. Indifferent fate, in the form of an ebony-complexioned gentleman, equipped with three dice and a variety of grunts and expletives, ordained otherwise, and- Well, the Fly knew the game. His last nickel vanished as the train reached Vandyke, the last station before crossing the State boundary. Confronted by this condition, the Fly quietly sought the blind end of the head mail car.

Cal Green, conductor of the Mail, has the eye of a hawk for hoboes, and spying the Fly's retreat, he promptly pulled the cord. Cal is fat, and after waddling past three cars in the sun he was warm.

"Get off!" said he.

"You've got a double track here now," suggested the Fly.

"Get off, you bum," growled Cal, climbing the steps.

The Fly alighted and Cal gave the signal to proceed! The conductor caught the first coach platform, and so did the Fly.

"Say, con," panted the latter pleadingly, "carry me to Portal; I'm all right."

"I'll carry ye, damn ye!" puffed the conductor, and he kicked the intruder clear of the train, and half-way across the right-ofway.

The Fly sought the seclusion of a lumber pile, and slept until eight oclock, when, waking, he proceeded down the track to the little station, which he found dark and deserted. He raised a window and crept inside. Some crusts in a lunch-pail, found beneath the shelf, soothed the demands of his stomach, which the diet of the past few years had rendered easy to satisfy. A pipe and a cigar-box half-full of tobaco found in a closet beside the ticket-case afforded a

sense of luxury, appreciated only by experience. The Fly leaned back in a chair and smoked a second pipe, in absolute quiet. Then he drew the shades carefully, and lighted the office lamp and turned it low. Association had rendered station appointments familiar to him, and, after runmaging a few minutes, he produced an old knife, adapted to screw-driver purposes, and, stooping, proceeded to remove a drawer, which was fastened underneath the broad window-shelf.

"We always used to leave the small change," he muttered. "It's a careless trick, too."

While thus employed, he stopped twice to listen to the click of the instrument.

"V-d," he repeated. "That's Vandyke. Wonder if they keep a night man here. If they do he's probably sneaked away to a corn-husking bee. I used to."

Click-click-te-click.

"Well, that's funny," he soliloquized. "Dispatcher ought to know the office-list of his trick; an' say," he continued, laying aside the impromptu tool, "I wonder what these people put in that double track for? They ain't near so crowded as they used to be. Haven't had a train in either direction for over half an hour."

Click-click-te-click.

"Break away, old horse, I can't do business with you; I ain't a union man," responded the Fly, resuming his task. The drawer came loose in his hands, and he was enriched to the extent of seventy cents from its contents. "Who is this guy?" he queried, reaching for a ledger. "Johnston. Same old boy. H'm! I remember you, Johnston, you're a liberal man. Thanks! Ham telegrapher, though. Got no ear for music."

He refilled the pipe and was lighting it when Strand's message to Superintendent Wayland flashed along the line.

"Train Fifty-four, running on west-bound track in double extension, will meet Horn's work-train at a point between Vandyke and Hayward. Have——" The pipe fell to the floor.

"Vandyke! Hayward! This is Vandyke! Holy Fly! Does this man show an order light? Course not! Where the devil does

he keep his lamp?" And the Fly tore through the diminutive waiting-room and out into the freight-room. He scratched a match with trembling fingers. "Here, red globe! Good!"

It was lighted in an instant, and the Fly went through a window, glass, sash and shade.

He hung the lantern on the extending bracket-arm, and sped up the track to the switch. He beat the lock off with a heavy spike he found near, and threw the switch to a reverse position. The light surmounting the stand showed red to the main. He paused a moment to plug the lever, then flew back to the station. His finger tapped the key, and, though the touch had become blunted by months of labor in the prison stone-yard, and the action was strained and uneven, sweeter music never greeted dispatcher's ears than that sequence of halting dots and dashes.

"Ixonia—Vandyke—Danger signal out for all trains. East house-track switch open." Strand's response came instantly: "Flag

east-bound train Fifty-four to clear switch."

Three minutes later the Dutchman was standing at the station, and the Fly was retorting to the conductor's questions with:

"Oh! Let up, will you? You rattle me." Again he painfully worked the key. "Fifty-four waiting for orders. West-bound train in sight," and then addressing the conductor: "Say, con, cast your eye eastward. There is a fine full moon for you!"

The functionary turned and viewed a bright headlight, emerging from the cut, two miles east of Vandyke.

"What the hell is that?" he cried.

"The train you're getting orders against," responded the Fly.

"But I've got a lease on the south track," protested the conductor, diving into his pocket for the tissue.

"You had, but you haven't," returned the Fly. "That's old Horn's work-train. D'ye s'pose he's going to lose a night's sleep waiting for you people? I opened the gate for him, so you won't be delayed much."

"Huh! Funny deal," muttered the conductor.

Meantime, Strand was repeating a question: "Is this Johnston?"

"No; it's 'Holy Fly.'"

The sounder was silent a moment. Then: "When did you get out?"

"This morning," said the Fly. "Green threw me off here. Crawled in to hear the parrot talk again. No instrument in my cell at Bellview, you know: Man gets homesick after four years. Heard your message to W. A. W."

"God bless you," clicked the sounder. "Write yourself a telegraph pass over Strand's signature, and come up here on Fifty-four. This company will do things for you."

"Thanks," returned the Fly. "Will come in morning. Had to break window and my arm's cut. Work-train is in to clear. Send orders for Fifty-four."

After both trains had departed, one in either direction, the Fly tore some leaves from a big tissue book and bound them about his bleeding arm. Then, replacing the abstracted coins in the drawer, he fastened it in its former position. He turned the lamp high, and in the accession of light surveyed his hands minutely. They were cracked and seamed, and the fingers stiff and stubby.

Reaching for the pipe, his eye fell upon the telegraph pass, in his own handwriting. He read it aloud.

"Carry bearer Vandyke to Ixonia.
"STRAND."

He drew a soiled, knotty hand across his eyes. and muttered: "Well, by the Holy Fly!"—By FRANK R. ROBINSON, in the The People's Magazine.

# MISSING VACANCIES.

SHORT time since quite a discussion arose among the officials of one of our prominent railroads as to reason of the many vexatious delays and trouble in the transmission of local freight. It was claimed by some of the parties that it was caused almost entirely by the stupidity or inefficiency of the local agents, and as there was some difference of opinion on this point it was decided that the matter should be tested.

To this end a tracer was prepared in due and formal shape, calling for the where-

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abouts of "One Box Post-holes," which it alleged was missing from a prior shipment. This was sent out in the regular order of business, with nothing except its "internal nothingness" to draw attention to its unusual character, and passed agent after agent without eliciting comment or information save the stereotyped endorsement, "Not here."

Some fifteen or eighteen local agents were actually passed in this way, until the tracer fell into the hands of a bright young fellow who was accustomed to looking into the business passing through his hands, and who speedily came to the conclusion that the tracer had gone far enough. At any rate the document went speedily back to the general office with the following endorsement: "Box of post-holes, as per enclosed. held at this station for local charges to amount of \$2.50. Will be forwarded upon receipt of same." Under this endorsement was written: "N. B .- The price of beer at this station is \$2.50 per keg." It is said that the charges went forward.—Harper's Magazine.

#### IN GROUPS OF FIVE.

WAS never accused of telling a lie by the superintendent but once," said the old railroad telgrapher, who would rather tell the truth than eat wooden nutmegs, "and I must confess that the circumstances were peculiar.

"You remember that switching tower along the shores of Upper Nutcong lake, don't you? And undoubtedly you have heard about the size and abundance of fish in that lake? Well, I must say that they are no idle press agents' yarns.

"An operator on duty at this tower has numerous opportunities to fish right from the rear windows of the tower, which overlook the lake. Many's the fine mess of fish I have yanked from its depths.

"You could just drop a set line from one of the windows, pull it in every hour or so, and be sure of two or three fine pickerel or lake trout at a setting. Yes, siree. I got so much brain food at that tower that I could almost have been eligible to membership in an Indiana authors' colony.

"The fishing was particularly good of At those times I would make my most remarkable catches.

"One night, or rather, one early morning, I was startled by the operator in the next tower east calling me viciously on the telegraph wire.

"'I am holding an important special up here for a clear block. Has that train backed over yet that you signaled me had crossed to the westbound track?'

"'That's news to me,' I replied. never signaled you that a train had crossed over to the westbound track.'

"'I don't like to call you a liar,' he flashed back, 'but I surely got a crossover signal from you on the bells, and I demand a clear signal before I let this directors' special come west to you.'

"'You'd have less liking to call me a liar if I were in striking distance,' I wired him, 'as no man has ever called me that and got away with it.'

"He insisted, however, that I had given him a bell signal that the westbound track was occupied by a train which had crossed over from the eastbound track for some purpose at my tower.

"'There, you're ringing it again now,' he

"I was nowhere near the bell keys, and I rushed over to the bell button connecting us with the next tower east. What d'ye think?

"My set line had slipped from the usual nail in the window frame and become firmly knotted around the bell button. The other end in the lake had hooked a big fish, and of course each violent bid the fish made for his liberty would jerk on the bell key, which was fitted in the side of the tower nearest the lake.

"It just happened that the fish would make its jerks and squirms for liberty in groups of five. We blocked trains by bells, and this grouping of five bells was our code signal to the next tower east, that an eastbound train had crossed over and was occupying the westbound track.

"Naturally the operator in the next tower had no way of knowing that the signals were being wafted to him by a fish. thought the westbound track had been blocked by a train crossing over, which was frequently the case at our tower. So he held the special up. We patched the thing up and the special was only delayed about fifteen minutes.

"Of course I was called down to the main office, early the next morning, for an explanation of the delay to the special. I took the captured fish down as a working model to explain to the superintendent just what did happen. I had no ulterior purpose in taking the fish, a lake trout weighing about six pounds, with me.

"Would you believe it, he wouldn't stand for the story at all! No, sirree. Said he thought I had been asleep and didn't know just what I was doing when I rang the bells. However, as he had no proof that I was sleeping on duty he'd just lay me off for ten days for carelessness in letting the fish line hang so near the bell key.

"He also kept the working model. He even intimated that I was lying. Now, say, you don't think I'd tell a lie, do you, old sport?"

"Well," said the tall, cynical conductor. "I am in the throes of the Christmas spirit, and—no, I don't know as I would care to limit you to one."

# PRAYER IN BEHALF OF RAILROAD MEN.

T an annual meeting of conductors and engineers, some time ago, Rev. George B. Stuart, one of the favorites of the railroad men of the South, was asked to take part and open the meeting with prayer, says an exchange. He was loudly applauded as he entered the hall and stepped upon the platform to offer prayer. The railroad men with their wives and daughters present, reverently bowed their heads and George Stuart, with trembling lips and deep emotion, offered the following prayer, and as he left the platform a dozen men gripped his hand, and brushed a tear from their eyes:

"Oh Lord, we meet as a body of railroad men, with our wives and daughters, to consult for our interest. We are reminded that life itself is a train, and the road to heaven a railroad; God's truth the rail; God's love the fire, and his promises the signal lights. O, Lord, we recognize thee as the General Manager of our road; the Superintendent of our train, and our Chief Dispatcher. Thou didst survey the right-of-way, and thy Son purchased it with his blood. Thou didst lay the track and ballast the road; thou hast furnished the rolling stock, and art the owner and controller of it all. We look to thee for all our orders, and thou must sign the checks for our daily bread. Be merciful in handling our human mistakes and blunders, and do not discharge thy unworthy servants.

"We are grateful for the Bible, thy book of rules and instructions; be merciful in our examination and look with charity upon our failures. Thy promises and warnings are our headlights and hand lanterns, help us to use them as to save our train from wreck. Deliver us from broken rails, blind switches, false signals and mistaken orders. Be with us on every high bridge of responsibility, on every sharp curve of emergency, and every dark tunnel of trouble let the light of thy promises shine bright. Grant us passes for our wives and children, and let them go with us. When the storms of temptation and trial come, save us from the fatal slide and wash-out that have wrecked so many trains on the road of life. Let our way, kept secure by thy guardian care, alwavs show the steel rail and rock ballast and be solid and firm and free from obstruction. Deliver us from snares of our enemy. May the headlight of thy truth shine bright on a thrown switch, false signal or fatal obstruction placed for the wreckage of our train. May our emergency brake of a strong will save us.

"As we make our last run, headed homeward, if it be thy will, order our train one time. Let the light of thy promises burn bright to the last dark tunnel of death, and as we run through it into the grand central station of the skies, may we have the approving smile of the General Manager and Superintendent; sign with joy the pay roll, receive our wages, and have an eternal layoff with God and the angels and our loved ones at home, and we will praise thee for ever. Amen."—Ex.



#### Life.

Give me a taste of life!

Not the tang of a seasoned wine;

Not the drug of an unearned bread;

Not the grape of an untilled vine.

The life that is really life;

That comes from no fount afar,

But springs from the toil and strife

In the world of things as they are.

Give me the whole of life!

The joy, the hope and the pain,
The struggle whose end is strength,
The loss that is infinite gain.

Not the drought of a cloudless sky,
Not the rust of a fruitless rest;
Give me the sun and the storm;
The calm and the white sea-crest.

Give me the best of life!

To live in the world with God,
Where the seed that is sown and dies
Lifts a harvest over the sod.
Where beauty and truth are one,
Where the right must have its way,
Where the storm-clouds part for stars,
And the starlight heralds the cay.

Give me the toil of life!

The muscle and mind to dare,
No luxury's lap for my head,
No idly won wealth to share.

Whethes by pick or plane,
Whether by tongue or pen,
Let me not live in vain;
Let me do a man's work among men.

—Charles Poole Cleaves in Youth's Companion.

#### The Things We Can't Afford.

We can't afford to win the gain That means another's loss: We can't afford to miss the crown By stumbling at the cross. We can't afford the heedless jest That robs us of a friend; We can't afford the laugh that finds In bitter tears an end. We can't afford the feast today That brings tomorrow's fast; We can't afford the farce that comes To tragedy at last. We can't afford to play with fire Or tempt the serpent's bite; We can't afford to think that sin Brings any true delight.

We can't afford with serious heed To treat the cynic's sneer; We can't afford to wise men's words To turn a careless ear. We can't afford for hate to give Like hatred in return: We can't afford to feed a flame And make it fiercer burn. We can't afford to lose the soul For this world's fleeting breath; We can't afford to barter life In mad exchange for death. But blind to good are we apart From Thee, all-seeing Lord; Oh grant us light, that we may know The things we can't afford. -Exchange.

#### There is No Failure.

There is no failure. Life itself's a song, O! victory o'er death, and ages long Have told the story old of triumphs wrought Unending, from the things once held for naught. The battle's o'er; though defeated now, In coming time the waiting world shall bow Before the throne of Truth that's builded high Above the dust of those whose ashes lie All heedless of the glorious fight, they won When death obscured the light of vict'ry's sun.

There is no failure. If we could but see Beyond the battle line; if we could be Where the battle-smoke does ne'er becloud the eye, Then we should know that where these prostrate lie

Accoutered in habiliments of death,

Sweet Freedom's radiant form has drawn new
breath—

The breath of life which they so nobly gave Shall swell anew above the lowly grave And give new life and hope to hearts that beat Like battle-drums that never sound retreat.

There is no failure. God's immortal plan Accounts no loss a lesson learned for man. Defeat is oft the discipline we need To save us from the wrong, or teaching heed To errors which would else more dearly cost—A lesson learned is ne'er a battle lost. Whene'er the cause is right, be not afraid; Defeat is but then victory delayed—And e'en the greatest vict'ries of the world Are often won when battle flags are furled.

—Thomas Speed Mosey in Success Magasine.

#### Christmas.

Ring out, ye clear-toned Christmas belist Each swinging tongue a story tells
Of peace on earth, to men good will.
From out your deep and brazen throats
Peal forth the joyous Yuletide notes
Till ev'ry heart shall feel the thrill;
And everywhere mankind shall be
From envy and from strivings free.

Ping out we held a joyful sound

Ring out, ye bells, a joyful sound To carry peace the world around. O'er hill and vale, o'er lake and sea, Proclaim the Right's full victory.

Ring out the wrongs of Hate and Might!
Ring in the rule of Truth and Right!
Ring in the fatherhood of God.
Ring till the waking echoes bear
The glorious tidings everywhere

That human feet thus far have trod, That with the Christmas dawn began The long-sought brotherhood of Man. Ring out, ye bells, a joyful sound, To carry love the world around, And tell that Right now leads the van While Might is crushed beneath the ban.

Ring out, ye clear-toned Christmas bells!
Ring out until your music swells
And fills the earth with joy and peace.
Ring out the envy and the strife;
Ring in the brighter, better life.
Ring love until all wars shall cease.
Let Christmas carols ring and thrill
Around the whole wide world until
The air is filled with joyful sound
That carries love the world around.
Ring, ring ye bells, o'er vale and hill!
With peace and joy the whole world fill.
—WILL M. MAUPIN.

# Failure.

What is a failure? It's only a spur
To a man who receives it right,
And it makes the spirit within him stir
To go in once more and fight.
If you never have failed, it's an even guess
You never have won a high success.

What is a miss? It's a practice shot Which we often must make to enter The list of those who can hit the spot Of the bull's eye in the center. If you never have sent your bullet wide You never have put a mark inside.

What is a knockdown? A count of ten
Which a man may take for a rest;
It will give him a chance to come up again
And do his particular best.
If you've never been bumped in a rattling go,
You never have come to the scratch, I know.
—EDMUND VANCE COOK.

#### Christmas Once a Year.

Those Christmas bells as sweetly chime
As on the day when first they rung
So merrily in olden time,
And far and wide their music flung;
Shaking the tall, gray, ivied tower
With all their deep melodious power
They still proclaim to ev'ry ear,
"Old Christmas comes but once a year!"

Then he came singing through the woods,
And plucked the holly bright and green,
Pulled here and there the ivy buds;
Was sometimes hidden, sometimes seen—
Half burjed 'neath the mistletoe
His long beard hung with flakes of snow,
And still he ever caroled clear,
"Old Christmas comes but once a year!"

What though upon his hoary head
Has fallen many a winter's snow,
His wreath is still as green and red
As 'twas a thousand years ago;
Again we're happy all day long,
We smile and listen to the song
Its burden still remote or near,
"Old Christmas comes but once a year!"

-JOAQUIN MILLER.

# How Do You Fight?

Did you tackle that trouble that came your way
With a resolute heart and cheerful?
Or hide your face from the light of day
With a craven soul and fearful?
O a trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an ounce.
Or a trouble is what you make it.
And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts.
But only, how did you take it?

You are beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that? Come up with a smiling face.

It's nothing against you to fall down flat,
But to lie there—that's disgrace.

The harder you're thrown, why the higher you

bounce;
Be proud of your blackened eye!
It isn't the fact that you're hit that counts,
It's how did you fight—and why?

And though you be done to death, what then?

If you battled the best you could,

If you played your part in the world of men,

Why, the critics will call it good.

Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce.

And whether he's slow or spry,

It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,

But only, how did you die?

-- By ELIZABETH M. FORTIER.



## What?

"Pop!"
"Yes, my son."
"Did mamma ever punish you?"
"Well, she married me, my boy."

# Screaming in Time.

A lady took her four-year-old son to the family dentist. He found a small cavity, so the operation began. The burr had no sooner touched the tooth than the child began to scream. At the end of fifteen minutes the mother was deathly pale, while the dentist wiped great beads of perspiration from his brow. Tom, however, fairly swaggered across the room.

"That didn't hurt," he boasted, with a broad smile.

"Then why did you scream so?" cried the exasperated mother.

"Because I was afraid it was going to," explained Tom.—Lippincott's.

# Canine Intuition.

A railroad eating house in southern Georgia, which enjoys the reputation of being one of the worst places of its kind in the State, has an ancient darkey who announces dinner to the incoming passengers by ringing a huge bell.

One day the old negro was accompanied by a sad-eyed, long-eared hound, who at the first ringing of the bell lifted up his voice in a most dismal howl.

The old darkey stopped and gazed at him for a moment, and with a "Hush yer mouth!" started ringing again.

Again the old hound, with nose in the air, sent forth a long-drawn howl.

This was too much for the bell-ringer, and, turning on the hound, he remarked:

"Now what in de worl is you makin' sech a fuss erbout? You don't have ter eat here lessen yer wants ter."—Harper's.

# A Bill Nye Advertisement.

"Owing to ill-health I will sell at my residence in township 19, range 18, according to government survey, one plush raspberrycolored cow, aged eight years. She is a good milker, and is not afraid of the cars nor anything else. She is of undaunted courage, and gives milk frequently. To a man who does not fear death in any form she would be a great boon. She is very much attached to her house at present by means of a staychain, but she will be sold to any one who will use her right. She is onefourth short-horn and three-fourths hyena. I will also throw in a double-barreled shotgun which goes with her. In May she generally goes away for a week or two and returns with a tall, red calf with wabbly legs. Her name is Rose. I would rather sell her to a non-resident."

# Indian Philosophy.

A former judge in Oklahoma found himself in a snappy little town which had no hotel. Desiring to stay all night, he asked a lounger, in front of a grocery store, where he might find accommodations. The lounger went inside of the store, which was run by an Indian. When informed that there was a man utside who wanted a place to spend the night, the Indian asked:

"Who is the fellow?"

"Judge Thomas," was the reply.

"Well, if that's the fellow, he had better pay me what he owes me before asking me for any favors."

"How is that?" queried the lounger. "Is he in debt to you?"

"Yes," replied the Indian. "When he was judge in Muskogee I was brought before him for selling liquor. I was convicted, and in sentencing me he said: 'I will give you sixty days in jail and \$100.' I got the sixty days all right, but he never came across with the \$100."



# Untimely Interruption.

"Yes, my friends," the candidate was saying, pausing to take a drink of water, "if there is anything on earth I am proud of it is that I am one of the common people. My father left me nothing but his blessing, and his solemn injunction to live honestly and uprightly, and to make a man of myself——"

"Why haven't you done it, Jake?" interrupted a slightly inebriated person in the audience.

#### Sure.

A young mother had a habit of airing the baby's clothes at the window. Her husband didn't like it, and believed that if she saw the practice as others saw it she would desist. He directed their walk one day so as to bring the nursery window into full view. Stopping abruptly he pointed to the baby's dress flapping in the breeze and asked sarcastically: "My dear, what is that displayed in our window?" "That?" she replied "Why, that is the flag of our union."

# Simple Arithmetic.

A teacher calling her pupils up for examination, one day, asked a Jewish boy the following example: "Isidore, if your father owed a man one hundred dollars, and promised to pay ten dollars a month, how long would it take him to pay up?"

"Twenty years," answered the boy, quickly.

"Twenty years?" exclaimed the teacher in surprise; "why, you don't know the example.

"Oh, yes I do," answered the boy, "but, but teacher, you don't know my father."

—M. W.

#### Ireland Scores One.

An Irishman and Yankee were standing together in one of the busy streets of London watching some builders at work building a house, when the Yankee, with an air of pride, turning to the Irishman, said: "Why, Pat, in America they could build you a house in a week."

In a moment Pat turned around to the Yankee and replied: "Shure, that's nothing to what they can do in Ould Oireland. I've seen them laying the foundation of a house when I would be going to work in the morning, and when I would be coming home to my dinner, be jabers, they would be turning the people out for back rent."— Liverpool Mercury.

# A Roundhouse Tale.

"Can you run an engine?" asked Pat, a roundhouse attendant, of the yardmaster.

"No," he answered, "I can not run an engine. Can you?"

"Can Oi run an engine!" sniffed Pat in derision. "If there's onything Oi'd rather do all day long it is to run an engine. Huh, can Oi run an engine!"

"Suppose," suggested the yardmaster, "you get up and run that engine into the house."

"All right, Oi'll do that same," Pat bluffed, and he climbed into the cab, looked the ground over pretty well, spat on his hands, grabbed the biggest handle and pulled it wide open. Zip, she went into the roundhouse. Pat saw the bumpers ahead, and, guessing what would happen, reversed the lever clear back. Out she went—in again—out again.

Then the yardmaster yelled, "I thought you said you could run an engine!"

But Pat had his answer ready. "Oi had her in three times. Why didn't you shut the door?"—Ex. Gaz.



# Our Correspondents

# THROWING STONES AT EACH OTHER.

HEN we try to go through life wide-awake in this generation of ours, so intensely conservative in certain important directions, so wild and fantastic in others, with so much to be done, as we imagine, and to be done in a hurry, with so little that is done rightly because time is indispensable, when we want to perform our work in the correct way, it is then that we realize the magnitude of the job in our hands, because of the great obstructions that are spread across the path of our progress, obstructions brought about by the multitude of different opinions that each subject springs upon us. All our conflicts. clashes and re-clashes on anything to be done, that simply proves our ignorance of first principles. And that ignorance is produced by narrow views of life, views which only take cognizance of the good and the right on a small scale, views in which the class spirit predominates. That is fatal to the triumph of the truth.

"It does not matter that the Creator has sown with stars the fields of ether and decked the earth with countless beauties for men's enjoyment. It does not matter that air and ocean teem with the wonders of innumerable forms of life to challenge man's admiration and investigation. It does not matter that nature spreads forth all her scenes of beauty and gladness and pours forth the melodies of her myriadtongued voices for men's delectation. If liberty is ostracized and exiled, man is a slave and the world rolls in space and whirls around the sun a gilded prison, a doomed dungeon, and, though painted in all the enchanting hues that infinite art could command, it must stand forth a blotch amid the singing spheres of the sidereal heavens, and those who cull from the vocabularies of nations, living or dead, their flashing phrases with which to indirectly attack liberty, are engaged in perpetuating the most stupendous delusion the ages have known. Strike down liberty, no matter by what subtle and infernal art the deed is done, the spinal cord of humanity is sundered, and the world is paralyzed by the indescribable crime." (The crime of all ages, we can say.)

We shall not name the noble individual who recently uttered the above thoughts in one of his magnificent public speeches, because his radical social views are not yet popular. All the same, the thoughts in question remain a stupendous condemnation of all the present absurdities on the part of the most important nations of the earth, ours included.

The fact is, that even the word "Liberty" is yet hated by most of us, if we happen to stand a little higher than the multitudes in social position. Liberty, the real, honest article, what can that be? "It can only be the product of human laws granting to all men the natural, equal right, power and full opportunity of living in accord with the simple altruism of every natural and divine law, for the rapid actualization of joy and manhood with every human being on earth. This is what our miserable human laws still deny to all men, from top to bottom in every social and national group."

We all are constantly cheating each other out of all positive, permanent, solid comfort, peace, health, happiness and joy. None of our many petty, artificial, incidental improvements, what we call progress, gives to any of us, rich or poor, or between, the sensible life for which we all are created. An American writer, describing some years ago the high life in New York City, said: "I believe in a God who, when granting

life to each one of us, says: 'Live it fully.'"
That is exactly the eternal language of every law in the order of nature as well as in that of equity and morality. The gross totality of our precious human laws condemns every human being, with mighty few exceptions, to live a life of anxieties, uncertainties and vexations. We don't even manage to live a sanitary existence: not even wealth allows us to do that, because we don't wish to have wealth production rest on principles of honesty or common sense.

Oh, if we important patriots in every important nation could manage to understand the real meaning of that grand word —Patriotism! The best definition of that word that we have yet managed to have, is "The love and passion that enables us to serve our country." Another definition has been "The last refuge of all rascals." The two definitions fail to take cognizance of what we owe to God, to all men, and to our healthy development.

When men try to be men after the manner of divine ideals, then patriotism shall be, "Hunger and thirst after righteousness through healthy and decent laws respecting the simple morality of the Decalogue, so that to give to all men wealth and comfort enough to have a life worth living, without the need of getting on top of each other as we are forced to do under the sham patriotism of all ages thus far, each nation to be always afraid of all the others, as if we were placed on earth to destroy each other as often as it may be materially advantageous to some of us."

If we wish to be worthy of intelligent beings, the least we should do is to imitate the order of the universe. Nature works invariably for symmetry in form, for harmony in sound, for beauty in color and all finalities, for the equilibrium of all processes, for the law of proportion and relations in all needed or possible combinations, and is for complete ultimatums in all directions, so that the clash of forces never curtails the freedom of action in any form of life or matter, never interferes with its proper evolution or usefulness until the cycle of its existence comes to an end for the reproduction of fresher forms in living

or mechanical units. The few occasional exceptions we may notice to all that come in most cases, if not all, from men's perpetual interference against God's planet as a total against every fragment of it very often.

It is through legalized dishonesty and injustice in the industrial orbit of every nation that we have always fostered, invited, fomented, 'orced selfishness and greed in the life of every one of us. It is thus that we have always handled this planet of ours, God's beautiful gift to all men, as if it was a bundle of rags. It is thus that we have always handled our bodies and souls, as if they were instruments of destruction, when by God and nature we all are meant to be temples of the All High, respecting the simple yet sublime decrees of the omnipotent, of the gorgeous Father of all of us. And so we have that paradox of human life, evoluted by our collective insanity in the law-making power of all nations. Every intelligent man is, of course, more or less responsible for that. Why then to be always throwing stones at each other? And we hardly do anything else.

Tose Gros.

# LABOR MUST MAKE THE LAWS.

There was a time when it was thought to be dangerous and harmful to the best interests of labor to mix and mingle with politics. Then but few people anticipated conditions that now exist, conditions that now make it necessary for labor to protect itself by participating in the enactment of such laws will relieve us from the oppression of the despotic capitalistic class. Ther power must be curtailed if the laboring class would live and enjoy this life as God our Creator intended we should. The great corporations of today are unlike the ones of yesterday. Then a great many people controlled the wealth, now the wealth controls the majority of the people. We must have protection from the encroachment of wealth, we must have laws more strict and men more shrewd to keep pace with the money-getting organizations of today. The law-makers of a century ago could not foresee the things that obtain

at the present time. Capital is ever seeking some flaw, some hidden meaning in the law, whereby something may be gained against us. Labor has been at war with capital for many years, though always fighting at a disadvantage from several causes. Public sentiment has always been against us, even among the laboring class. They (not realizing they were wage-earners also, not understanding that they, too, were suffering at the hands of the money kings) are just now awakening to the fact that we must all unite in order to keep capital in its proper sphere.

The improvement on labor questions has been like making headway against a very strong current. The laws are much against us. The Sherman Anti-trust Law, as interpreted by the courts, is working great hardships on us, and will do labor irreparable injury if not amended; though as it stands, were it enforced with half the energy against corporations (the trusts for whom it was intended) as it is against the unions, our conditions would be bettered. The abuse of the writ of injunction has been another curse to labor, in that we are persecuted and restrained from exercising our rights of defense, and we must have some remedial legislation. Their power is almost absolute.

Are we to let this condition of affairs remain unchanged? Are we to tremble before King Capital as the subjects of old did before their monarchs? Will you, as liberty-loving men, allow this state of affairs to exist? Why not make our own laws? Why not let labor rule capital? From 75 to 80 per cent of the voters of this commonwealth are laborers; then why not let those people rule? All that is necessary to accomplish this is unity; "United we stand, divided we fall." Vote together; vote for honest men; men that have your interest at heart, not for men that will be a proxy for corporate interests. Fill the offices, both State and national, with men favorable to our cause and you will have accomplished all that is necessary in regard to just labor laws.

Lay aside your partisan feeling; do not allow it to over-balance your vote as against the labor issue, the one that vitally concerns

you. Do not vote any ticket because your grandfather and father voted that ticket, but cast aside every prejudice and vote for labor for the principles it upholds. Study the political questions, the labor issues in every phase; ascertain which party has the best labor platform; do not let politicians deceive you (they can all tell a very plausible story), but study for yourself; every one should take a deep interest in the things that mean so much to labor; find out in which party platform labor's interests, your interests, are best reprerepresented, then explain them to your friends. Ever strive for the betterment of your and your fellow workmen's conditions. Vote right, for if we would assist ourselves and our fellow men on to a bright and happy future, "labor must make the laws."

CERT. 3134, DIV. 2.

# ANOTHER TOGO ON THE JOB.

MR. EDITOR:—Friend Togo evidently enjoy such pleasant pull with Honorable Collier, I imagine better times for spies hereafter and may be you are so kind to print that which succeeds.

I am the first Jap boy having charge of station on railroad but before making statement of grievance which is expected of all such will recite respecting my promo-

Three years ago since I enter Telegraph College. Hon Principal then assert teach me in three months provided pay him seventy-five dollars quickly in gold and twenty-five dollars each month thereafter.

I work hard to endeavor many months, at last, no money, no eat and I go to washing dishes to live. Sometimes appear never learn telegraph business for three hundred years, but more obstacle more fight, more times people say no can telegraph more times say Banzai or bust.

At last I go see Hon. Principal to not pay more money. Result I with ripidity get diploma with invite to see wide world in growly manner.

I write all railroads for job as per instructions Hon. Principal aforesaid, none is offered. I pay personal visit with diploma and they laugh to enjoy. No job.

Bime by Honorable Principal supra assist me to job as helper at small station he taking half the wage. I help agent wheel freight, clean switch lights and walk them miles, carry mail sacks around in tons, scrub waiting rooms all for tiny wage of twenty per.

One year go by, two year go by, then Honorable Agent send me to august Superintendent for get job with sweet letter.

August Superintendent say "you no telegraph operator." I seek to substantiate producing diploma. "Sheepskin not an operator make, he aver." Presently I go in Dispatchers office for test. In utter astonishment of all I make good.

After some confer about rules august Superintendent hand me pass and growly say "go to Patmos nights" handing letter for Honorable Agent there. I imagine my fortune made. Returning to boarding house feet seldom touch ground although try hard to retain. At night sleep not good for dream what to do when I get august Superintendents job.

When I got off at Patmos and present letter Honorable Agent look me over carefully many time. After while come to me and say growly "transfer car peaches main line car to branch car." I comply with sweat. Quarter million crates in one car. Later on he say "make out evpense bills, keep seal record, make car reports, ticket reports, way bill abstracts, fetch fill switch lights, go after mail, clean windows, scrub floor," and so many other things memory not avail.

Pretty soon I imagine that I do all work and Honorable station agent draw all pay in wages, and commissions. I then reconoitre with many thoughts.

Bime by I write august Superintendent and say am willing to do Honorable agents work for smaller wages than he get saving company much money.

Not long was it until I became appointed. Now I have seven students and trouble with night operator. His spine is weak, he is lazy.

So much for that. Everybody their own troubles have.

The grievance about which I need your lovely assistance is that up to present time

I do well with student fees but now comes horble telephones to take place of telegraph and gant poverty again look me in each eye.

Mr. Editor I know Hon. Operator complain all time about his hard luck at same time being unwilling to allow anyone to take dear job away from him. His idea seems to be to make kick or remonstrance but stay with job forever and two days until one think their angel Gabriel will have to shoot thousands of them on Judgment day to get them to fulfill theological contract. It an exception is in my case and up to this time I always mind my superiors and do what am told with no kick or other remonstrance but this horble telephone evil to be tolerated is not. I implore Honorable Order to get injunctioon against using telephones otherwise income from student fees make widespread and devastating poverty.

I have not yet joined Honorable Order for reason that it now has plenty members to pay expenses and no need to spend money for fees when obtain same result without payment of any kind.

Mr. Editor should you publish such letter I promise not write again whether prayer for injunction granted or not.

With assurances of my forever regard, I am

A. KASKARET.

## LA O. R. T. EN MEXICO.

Hace mucho tiempo que algunos malos miembros de la O. R. T. tomaron la comision de organizar los telegrafistas ferrocarrileros mexicanos, como entonces no habia en este pais ni una idea, puede decirse, de lo que significa la agrupacion de los telegrafistas, (pero una idea exacta, digo) muchos de mis companeros atraidos por las mil promesas que esos malos apostoles de la union les hacian se aprestaron de muy buena voluntad para inscribirse en el numero enorme que ya entonces formaba mi querida Orden.

Esto demostraba, sin embargo que ya existia en nuestros corazones la idea de la emancipacion, si puede decirse, de la ferula de los mandatarios de los ferrocarriles existentes en nuestro pais por aquel tiempo.

Muy plausible actitud era esta, por cierto, porque asi demostraban mis buenos companeros su buen espiritu, la ambicion del progresco y los deseos de mejor vida a la ves que por medio de la union legitima y solidamente constituida podian obtenerse muy grandes beneficios, tales como la reduccion en las horas de trabajo, el aumento en los sueldos, el aumento de consideraciones por parte de las Companias y muchas otras ventajas que seria largo enumerar.

Pero causa verdadera tristeza pensar que esos personajes, cuyos nombres me callo por no pecar de indiscreto, abusaron, esta es la palabra, de la buena fe con que en ellos creian aquellos por ellos sugestionados. Estos se aprestaron, repito, y dieron a esas personas sus cuotas de ingreso, llenaron esqueletos, etc., con el fin de ser unos miembros dignos de nuestra respetable orden y aquellos, cometieron la mayor de las infamias estafandoles cuanto dinero les bahia sido entregado, sin enviar nunca a la Matriz ni dinero, ni formas de ingreso, utilizando los fondos hechos de este modo ilegitimos, en darse la mejor vida posible, sin considerar en su afan que en primer lugar la reputacion de la Orden quedaba nulificada por el mal uso que hacian de los fondos y en segundo lugar per que todo telegrafista que creia haberse inscrito veia que no se trataba mas que de arrancarle un dinero ministrado con un fin bueno a costa de muchos y muy grandes sacrificios.

Todo esto me consta porque muchos de los que pretendieron ingresar me lo han referido en persono y no creo que mintieran sin necesidad o come un pretexto para ingresar cuando de ello les he tratado, porque debe comprenderse que para evasivas, puede manchar la reputacion de uno o mas emplearse cualquiera otra qu sea la de miembros.

Mas tarde nacio en este pais la Gran Liga y a ella se inscribieron la mayor parte de mis companeros, siempre obrando con la mejor buena fe; pero ya se han convencido, sin duda, que han vuelto a ser victimas de la mala fe de mas de dos o tres personas que han lucrado a costa de muchos que en ellos habian visto los redentores del honorable gremio a que pertenece el que esto escribe: El gremio de Telegrafistas y Agentes.

Descorazonados como deben de estar por tanto contratiempo no he vacilado en hacerles una llamada mas a nuestras filas donde siempre se ha tratado con suma igualdad a individues de todas nacionalidades, lo cual prueba que esta es la verdadera FRATERNIDAD; pues siendo un telegrafista trabajador, honrado y cumplido con sus obligaciones, nunca la O. R. T. pone trabas a nadie a fin de que disfrute de los beneficios a que honradamente se ha hecho acreedora la referida orden, despues de muchos, muchos anos de toda clase de pruebas, como es bien sabido que las ha pasado.

De que la IGUALDAD es un hecho en esta asociacion yo soy un testimonio de ello por haber sido, como actualmente lo soy desde hace mas de tres anos, socio de ella.

Se ha tratado que para comodidad de los telegrafistas mexicanos que ingresen a la orden o que deseen ingresar, todos los papeles necesarios para el proposite sean escaritos en espanol y va se estan dando los pasos necesarios a fin de que este sueno mio dorado e realice, entretanto, no olvideis, queridos companeros, que si quereis encontrar la verdadera e invariable union no hareis cosa mejor que acudir a la Q. R. T., pues si en este momento no hay los papeles en espanol, sera muy meritorio para vosotros que ya para cuando los haya, ya seais unos miembros antiguos, con lo que habreis hecho meritos que os haran acreedores a consideraciones que tal vez nunca habeis recibido ni de las Companias ferrocarrileras ni de ninguna otra asociacion de Telegrafistas.

Al hecho pues, no vacileis, y vuestra sera la victoria en no lejanos tiempos, no desconfieis de esta Orden que ha dado pruebas sin numero de imparcialidad, honrades y buena fe y es sin duda la unica que puede salvarnos si ponemos los medios para ello.

Ya tendre opertunidad de dirijires algunas frases mas en numeros subsecuentes si sois lo bastante indulgentes para perdonar el pobre lenguaje en que os habla un compatriota y companero vuestro de corazon.

GRAND DIV., CERT. 2156.

#### A NEW DEPARTMENT.

I write this to offer a suggestion or two which I think the brothers might consider with favor. I would suggest, now that we are on the closing period of this year, that commencing with the January issue of THE Telegrapher there be a new department instituted in The Telegrapher known as the technical or electrical department, and have some one who knows what he is talking about to give us an article each month on the thousand and one things relating to the telegraph and telephone. I would like to hear from some of the brothers on this subject, I would also urge upon each and every brother to get all the telephone operators in the Order. Line 'em up, boys; go after them strong, no matter where they work, in connection with trains or not, and don't forget the telephone girls. Get 'em "New York Leo."

# THE COMMERCIAL TELEGRAPHERS' UNION.

# Fellow Telegraphers:

You have probably read the letter in the November Telegrapher, asking for your cooperation in the work of organizing the telegraphers of this country, by using your individual influence with our Commercial brethren. It is too early to estimate the result of this letter, although assurances have been received from a goodly number that we rely upon their assistance.

In most of the smaller towns where one or two commercial telegraphers are employed, there are located from three to a dozen O. R. T. men. The influence of the O. R. T. should be valuable under such conditions.

The O. R. T. man is interested because: The country commercial office is a prolific source of student teaching.

Many telegraphers of today find the railroad and commercial service a common field.

The salaries paid in one branch of the telegraph service affects all other branches.

Any material change in the supply of and demand for telegraphers is felt in the railroad and commercial service alike. Therefore, our interests are mutual.

Will you help yourself by working to place the C. T. U. A. where, after March 31st, we will be in a position to make our demands anew for an eight-hour day, free typewriters and a proper rating of the wires in every commercial office.

By special dispensation of the General Executive Board, we have waived the initiation fee temporarily, and members may be admitted upon payment of \$1.75 dues to March 13st. The M. B. D. is optional.

This applies to delinquents as well as to non members.

"From the close of the strike of 1907 to September 30th of this year, the C. T. U. A. furnished certificates of honor to all telegraphers who participated in the strike. Since that time a large number of commercial telegraphers have used this certificate in lieu of an up-to-date card. Business conditions have been such during the past three or four months that every telegrapher desiring to do so has had the opportunity to renew his affiliation with the C. T. U. A., and henceforth we would be pleased to have you insist upon an up-to-date C. T. U. A. card in addition to the certificate of honor as a proof of good standing."

Yours fraternally.

S. J. KONENKAMP, President.

# PRESENT SITUATION.

Although, after years of struggle, labor organizations have made considerable progress in the uplifting of the laboring classes, there is still much to be done. Unions, as a rule, have succeeded in improving their condition to some extent, but there are many working classes whom can never hope to organize and gain thereby, and can therefore never hope to be released from slavery and poverty, until we all unite, not as a labor union as we have them today, but as a manufacturing organization, by which we will be able to compel the trusts to deal fairly with the public, or discontinue business.

Shall we try to believe that reason impels our highest officials in the land to pronounce a labor union a trust? Could any

intelligent person classify a labor union as a trust, such as the Sherman Act was intended to apply to? A trust, such as the Sherman Act refers to, is a combination of a few capitalists who seek to ruin all business except their own, and thereby seek to control and own all the property in the land which would enable them to fix exorbitant prices on all commodities consumed by the public, and fix the wages of the working classes so that they could barely exist, and convert our great country into a miserable den.

A labor union is an organization which seeks to uplift the downtrodden working classes, and help them out of the miserable existence into which they have been forced by the trusts, so that every person can appear as a human being instead of a miserable creature. Is there any likeness? Still our men at the front say a labor union is a trust. What induces these men to say so? Is it reason? Why do they not see that liberty and prosperity as outlined in our National Constitution means liberty and prosperity for all? Why do they say labor unions are in restraint of trade, when they ask for wages that would enable them to, at least, half clothe and feed their families, and seek relief from the yoke for a few hours each day for recreation, and are forced to strike and boycott to accomplish this? Is not this the same kind of justice labor has been receiving for ages? Our laboring men are compelled to starve in the midst of plenty. Freeze while the trusts' lives are overfilled with fuel. Go without clothing while the capitalists allow them to become shop-worn in quantities that would clothe the whole world. Whenever laboring men have, being almost disparable by cold and hunger, made demand to be paid enough for their labors to be able to purchase some of these commodities necessary for their existence, have they not been called rioters, and were driven back to their cold, miserable homes, by the police and militia, and so forced to endure cold and hunger with their families, without prospect of relief?

Does not this occur every year?

While this dark cloud of tyranny hangs over our land, and to remove it would be un-

constitutional in the eye of our present government executives, let us take a broad view of the situation and discuss capital, and how it should and can be distributed, so that every one can reap the fruit of his labor. Many arguments are offered in favor of capital concentration. Many people led to believe that it is necessary for two or three men to own and control all the property in order to successfully carry on our present great enterprises, and their aid in legislating thus secured. While it is an indisputable fact, that concentration of capital is necessary to establish enterprises, it is absolutely wrong and detrimental to the progress and welfare of a nation to allow all the capital owned and controlled by three or four in-To prevent this being accomplished, the labor organizations should now take steps to purchase, establish factories, or erect some new ones of their own, which they can readily do by their combined efforts and capital, and they have a market for their products which can not be excelled nor controlled by trusts. For example: A shoe factory owned and operated by the O. R. T. Do you think we would have trouble in selling our shoes? a clothing manufacturing establishment, owned and operated by the O. R. C. Would they have trouble selling their clothing? Or a good newspaper, owned and printed by the Typographical Union. Would not all laboring men read it? Or a large packing house, owned by the Butchers' Union, Would we not patronize them, etc., etc.? This would enable us all to make the profits the few are making now, and would enable us to put in effect the eight-hour day, which is now unconstitutional. We could also deliver the goods at a more reasonable price to the consumers, than they and we are getting them at now, and with the proceeds or profits establish larger institutions and eventually buy out the railroads, the oil trust and the steel trust. Then all the people will own the business of our country and reap the fruit of their labor, which they are entitled to and should reap. institutions would necessarily be so regulated that no man could ever purchase one of them and use it individually as under our present system of business, which is a

bitter experience to the general public; but each man could invest a limited amount in the different establishments, and thus have his money safely invested and bring resonable returns. From this we can see that it is not necessary for one or two men to own all the property, and dictate prices to the multitude which they must pay or do without. Many people favor government ownership, but what could we expect to receive from the government? Would it not treat us the same as they are doing it not? How much improvement could we expect?

I am glad to notice we have some men in our legislative bodies who are trying to do things right, and would do the right thing, were not they prevented by the majority, who care not for right or wrong. Does it not appear as if our present government and the trusts are one and the same institution? If this is so, then what could we expect from government ownership?

In the foregoing I have expressed my views of the situation, and would be glad to hear others express theirs; with our combined efforts and opinions we should be able to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion.

CERT. 670, DIV. 23.

# KEEP THE SABBATH.

If when you go to work in the morning, you were to ask the man next to you, whether he would like to see the Sabbath kept Holy; it's a safe bet he would say yes, emphatically.

If when you get to your office, you were to take a poll of the men there, it is doubtful if you would find one vote against it.

This is no more true in your city, town or village than in every other community of the United States.

The people of America are a God-fearing people. But they are thoughtless and without Him are weak.

Yet, unless signs fail, the people will continue to be so, unless something be done to make them think and make them strong.

The Sabbath day can do this. Working as you do, every day in the week, three

hundred and sixty-five and a fraction days in the year, you become a slave to that which keeps you from such a service. You violate God's commandment to keep the Sabbath holy.

Without Him you could not live. But God is merciful. He loves you. Think! Do you not love those who love you?

Then, loving God, and being desirious of proving that you do, and believing in His divine power, is it not your duty to show your appreciation for His tender mercies by being instrumental in having a law to give you the privilege of that choice instead of being compelled to violate the commandment?

Listen! There are over forty thousand members in our organization.

You know the power you have and the influence exterted with Congressmen to bring about the passage of the nine-hour law. Do you not?

The Congressman fears the Speaker, and his power to kill their pet bills.

There is just one power a Congressman fears more. That is your power.

Should President-elect Taft call a special session of Congress (and he will), the newly-elected members will take their seats. Otherwise December, 1909—to be exact, that's twelve months.

Now, if you and the man next to you on your way to work tomorrow, and the men you might poll in your office or along the line were to write to your Congressman, and the men elsewhere should write to their Congressmen. If enough of you were to do this, it might convince these Congressmen that it is their duty to draft a bill amending the present or existing law which was passed soon after the constitution was written. Reading "four dollars fine, or six days in jail" for such violation.

It might convince them that it is their duty to draft a bill imposing a fine of "ten thousand dollars and ten years in the State prison."

That would prevent corporations from working you on the Sabbath day.

If this movement should spread over the country, there's a pretty good chance of

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enough Congressmen having their backbones stiffened to bring about such legislation. If for no other reason, think of the victory that will be won, think of the jewels that will be added in your crown of glory, think of the churches being put to shame for allowing the telegraphers to do that which they should have done themselves, long ago. And they will join you too. Somebody has to start this sort of thing, if we're ever going to have this government run as we want it run.

Now, isn't it up to you?

DIV. 51, CERT. 169.

#### TELEGRAPHERS' HOME.

I noticed in THE TELEGRAPHER, some time ago, an article on the subject of a home for old and disabled telegraphers, and also the plan for building and keeping up this home, and I wondered when I read it, that some one had not suggested this idea before this time. I am heartily in favor of a movement of this kind, and hope our grand and glorious Order will take up this movement and push it through to a successful termination.

I, for one, am willing to stand a monthly assessment to build and equip such a home, and to maintain if after completion. I do not believe we could show our spirit of fraternalism in any better way than by giving our support to this movement.

Stop and think a moment, and see the fraternal societies that have just such homes as this would be. The Odd Fellows have homes for their old folks and orphans; the Knights of Pythias have their old folks' homes; the Modern Woodmen have a sanitarium, under construction, for their tuberculosis sufferers; the Printers have a home for their disabled members, and many church organizations have such homes. And let me say there is no part of the work of these societies of which they are prouder than giving their support to these homes.

Then there is another side to the question that I think would be of benefit to our Order, and that is in holding our members. Many of our members only look at the financial benefits to be derived from the success of the Order, and every operator who works on a scheduled road gets his share of these, whether he carries a card or not, but if a man must be in good standing to receive any of the benefits of this home, in case he is disabled or becomes too old for service, it will be another incentive to draw the nons into the fold, and keep them up-to-date after we get them there.

I think the plan proposed by Bro. Nelms, in the September Telegrapher, is a good one, and an assessment of 25 cents per month would never be missed by any of us, and although we may never be compelled to avail ourselves of the use of this home, some other more unfortunate brother may. And think of the good it will do us, to think we are helping some weaker brother, for "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

NED WARRICK, CERT. 2418.





# St. Louis Div., No. 2.

The article on page 1,883 of the November journal seems to hit the nail pretty squarely on the head. In this connection it seems to me the unfortunate part of it is, such articles as this do not reach the nons for whom they are intended, or at least not unless we see to it that a copy is sent them; and, by the way, when you do that, don't fail to tell them that it only costs \$5.17 this month to become members of a good division like No. 2.

Bro. J. W. Rheem, who has until recently been dispatching for the M. K. & T. at Denison, called at headquarters the other day. Bro. Rheem says business is booming in the Southwest and good

operators are in demand.

Bro. Wm. Clancy, Secretary to the President. and Organizer Brandon, took a trip across the hot sands of the desert not long ago. The journey was long and wearisome, and while they at first complained of a terrible "hotness" and later of a more terrible "dryness," they managed to reach an oasis, and when last seen were doing fairly well.

Now that the election is over conditions seem to be assuming a normal aspect, and while we hardly expect a complete resumption of business before spring, we notice the wheels are beginning to turn and we have the audacity to predict that by the 15th of May, 1909, this country will be doing the greatest business in its history.

Up to the present writing Division No. 2 has 382 new members for the year, with almost a month in which to get those other 18. Now, will you get

busy?

Our hustling Secretary says quite a number of the boys are paying their dues for the next term. The new cards will be out soon. Come early and avoid the rush. DIV. COR.

#### Lancaster Div., No. 9.

The Division again met in regular session November 17, with a good crowd of faithful ones. Quite an amount of correspondence was on hand, which was disposed of, including a general invitation to Division No. 9 to attend the large Trainmen's convention, held in Philadelphia on November 25th. A number of the boys expressed their desire to attend.

A sick claim of \$16.00 was presented and ordered paid. The Relief Committee also reported Bros. Ryan and Mohn on the sick list, and the committee was instructed to visit them during the

Last month a few vacancies were reported as being filled, among which was the 3 to 11 trick at "BN" Elizabethtown. The correspondent was in

some way misinformed that Bro. H. G. Hess had accepted this vacancy. Bro. A. W. Conner, from the last trick at "NA" Conewago, was assigned to it, and Bro. H. G. Hess from the middle trick at "DF" Docklow Tower, was assigned to the vacancy at Conewago.

Bro. H. A. Root, first trick at "HS" Highspire Tower, accepted the vacancy on middle trick at "DF" and the place vacated by Bro. Root is now

open for bid.

Bro. B. G. Kern, last trick operator at "NV" Landisville, has sustained quite a loss through the death of his mother on November 25th. The members and friends of Division No. 9, of which Bro. Kern is a faithful member, greatly sympathize with him in his loss and bereavement. "KERNEL."

# Sunbury Div., No. 12.

The special meeting, held at Nescopeck Nov. 12th, was a success in every way. The brothers from the Branch certainly took advantage of the opportunity given and turned out in full force, making the meeting a large one. Local Chairman, Bro. C. W. Kase, of Lewiston, was with us and gave us a lot of information and good advice, which was appreciated very much. One application was acted on and now it is Bro. C. L. Kauffman.

Bro. G. O. Stahl was off duty a few days on account of sickness.

There have been a number of changes on the Pottsville side. Telegrapher M. M. Mowery, first trick at Pottsville, has resigned, and Telegrapher G. F. Smith has been assigned to this position.

Bro. F. L. Montgomery has been assigned to third trick at Pottsville in place of Telegrapher H. K. Bright, who is serving a sixty-day vacation by request.

Bro. E. R. Reinbold has been assigned to second trick at Lower St. Clair.

Telegrapher W. C. Smith assigned to third trick at Lower St. Clair.

Bro. W. J. Bracey, third trick at Morris Junction, has resigned and Bro. S. E. Knapp has been assigned to this position.

Bro. J. C. Brightbill has been assigned to first trick at Rock.

#### Branch Notes-

Our last daylight meeting, held in Sunbury, was quite a success, as the record shows forty-five present. At first thought we were afraid it would not prove a success to change the meetings and have every other one in the day time, but time has shown it to be a good thing.

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After considerable changing and boosting, the denoted men all seem to be settled for a time. Bro. J. J. Murray back to second trick Nanticoke as regular man. Bro. J. F. Betz has been working "HO" third trick as regular man, but is going home to see his parents for a few days and will then go to "KO" second trick regular.

Bro. Betz was relieved by Telegrapher F. J. Hines, who is a new man, lately from Cuba. He was in the U. S. Signal Corps there. Give him a show, boys

Bro. Ed Hess, of Nanticoke, was off a few days on account of diphtheria in his family.

We will soon miss the well-known O. R. T. pin and smiling face of Bro. E. J. Bordy at Nanticoke passenger station, as the operators are going to be taken away from the station and put in the old Port office, which is being put up at the east end of Nanticoke passing siding.

The operators at East Bloomsburg are to be removed from the passenger station to a tower that is being put up at the east end of the passing siding. This will make about a mile farther for them to walk through the snow this winter.

A new office is being put up at Boyd passing siding. Bro. J. W. Engle is working extra at Wolverton again.

#### Lewistown Division-

Our worthy chairman, Bro. C. W. Kase, of Lewistown, spent a few days in Philadelphia last month on general committee work.

Bro. C. L. Kauffman, first trick at Lewistown Junction, is spending his vacation at Port Clinton, Pa., his old home.

Bro. C. A. Herbster and wife, of Lewistown, after spending one week and some hard-earned "dough" in New York City, returned to work. Relieved by Mr. S. S. Sigler.

Bro. C. B. Cameron, of Burnham, spent a week in Freeland, Pa., his former home. Relieved by Bro. W. W. Boyer.

Bro. H. C. Dreese and wife, of Lewistown, spent a day in Harrisburg Pa. Relieved by T. E. Schell.

Bro. J. C. Thoman, of "MY" tower, is spending three days in the woods hunting "bunnies,"

Bro. C. F. Wagner, of McClure, spent a week in the tall timber looking for "bunnies" and turkeys. Relieved by Mr. S. S. Sigler.

The towers at "CF" Clifford and "B" Raubs Mills have been loaded on flat cars and removed to the Sunbury division to be used on the Branch to shorten block. Business is good on the Sunbury division. The freight on the Lewistown division is also increasing. Nearly everybody on the Sunbury, Shamokin and Lewistown division has had their personal sign changed. Hard thing to get used to when you have had a sign from ten to twenty years.

Our ex-Bro. J. W. Otto has left the service by request.

There are a few brothers of Division No. 12 who might act with a little more kindness toward each other. Stop this backbiting and act in a more friendly way with your neighbors. Don't

you know when we quarrel others are happy. Stop

Brothers, remember new cards are in order. Be sure to ask each operator you meet if he has a new card yet; but be sure you have one yourself, for he might ask to see yours.

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# New Haven Div., No. 29.

Not seeing any report of the October meeting and the special meeting, held to receive Bro. L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, I present herewith a record of these important events.

The regular October meeting was well attended, considering all of the attractions prevalent just at that time. As I remember, looking back from this period, there were present numbers sufficient to do business, at least, and later this number was augmented to social proportions. There were many applications received and acted upon, and many communications received and disposed of. We noticed that some of the applicants stated they were "old-timers" in the business, and their request for admission to the fold is certainly stimulating. It is an argument that they are at last convinced that "individual industrialism" is a fake and a fable when confronted by organized-incorporated-profit-securing methods.

There was held a special meeting on Tuesday, October 6th to meet Bro. L. W. Quick, our Grand Secretary and Treasurer, who was on a visiting trip, accompanied by Bro. T. M. Pierson. As the regular meeting hall could not be secured, Union Hall, on Orange Street was used, and the brothers gathered there at 8 p. m. and enjoyed a few pleasant minutes prior to the opening of the meeting, in introductions and greetings of our worthy guests. Bro. E. J. Manion, General Chairman, acted in the absence of our Worthy Chief, Bro. L. H. Dowd. Bro. Manion stated the purpose of the meeting was purely social and introduced the visitors, Bro. L. W. Quick being the first, and he interested the members with facts and figures pertaining to the history, growth and progress and future of the O. R. T. Bro. Pierson was next presented and his speech was rosy with cheer and bright with logic. All of the remarks were well applauded and struck the right spots every time. Bro. Maher, of Division No. 37, was in attendance and was called to speak for that division, which was represented by a few other brothers. Bro. A. O. Betters, Worthy Chief of Division No. 38, of Springfield, and Bro. Cardinal, Secretary and Treasurer, were present and made interesting remarks. Several of the local brothers, namely Bro. Culver, Bro. Terry, Bro. Manion and Bro. Brown, succeeded each other in expressions appropriate to the occasion.

The November meeting night came and went and with it nine applicants were received and put through the works. That's going some, eh? Many communications pertaining to political questions were read by Bro. G. F. McCormack, Secretary and Treasurer, and carefully noted. After a short debate, a Ball Committee was appointed, Bro. Manion, chairman, Bro. Lynde, Bro. McCormack.



The telegraphers of the eastern part of the N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. R. and those of the B. & A. and B. & M. enjoyed a visit from a Southern sister, Miss Florence Blake, of B. & O. System Division No. 40. Sister Blake is employed at Guyandotte, W. Va. The correspondent, through the kindness of the conductor, had the pleasure of her company between Hartford and New Haven, and from the sister learned that she regarded the fraternal features of the O. R. T., in the section of her three months' travels, as A1, and she is ready to reiterate it often enough so that the nons will take notice. She said she was used royally and that there is nothing to compare with the O. R. T. spirit.

Pay your dues. Attention is called to the significance of this year's ending as to all dues being paid promptly, for upon this depends the computation of the number of representatives to the Atlanta convention.

#### Shore Line Notes-

Now that additional switching facilities have been added to the schedule, life is a little more endurable for Bro. Wallace, whose station tonnage is much greater than you would assume from the size of the town.

Missed our Local Chairman Bro. Flood at the last two meetings, and though I have no doubt that he can give a good excuse for his absence, his presence is much more satisfactory than any apology.

Meriden passenger station is again solid, and this time we hope to keep it so. This station certainly has business enough to warrant an additional man there, and we hope to see it a three trick job in the next schedule.

Business is increasing every day at "BN" and Bro. Sugenheim has his hands full all the time. Tickets, train wires and Western Union do not leave him much spare time.

Bro. Soneson spent his two weeks' vacation in Boston and vicinity seeing the sights and doing a little deep sea fishing on the side.

It would be easier and would have a much more pleasant sound to say "Sister" than Miss Cahill, and then Windsor would be solid.

No good reason exists why both Mr. Jackson and Mr. Boyle should not fill out the necessary papers. They are enjoying the benefits of an eighthour position and a first-class schedule. Can any one ask for more?

Bro. Conway is devoting his evenings this winter to a thorough training in a business college, and perhaps he won't always have to hustle twelve hours seven days a week. We wish him success.

"B" office has been moved down stairs and the city telephone has been added to Bro. Derosier's troubles.

Mr. Tinkham has bid in second trick in place of Bro. Quinton, who got Saybrook Junction on bid. We will leave it to the boys of Division 38 to put Bro. before Tinkham's name.

Bro. Barber has bid in the first trick at Middletown in place of Mr. Gillette, who resigned. Bros. Larson and Barber ought to make a combination that would convince Mr. McCarthy of the error of his present position.

The agent at Haddam should be listed as one of our strongest members. Who can convince him?

Sister Tyler certainly had her hands full on the afternoon of Nov. 10th, and she handled the business like a veteran.

A serious wreck occurred at Deep River on the afternoon of Nov. 10th, in which four lives were sacrificed. Wonder if these conditions would have prevailed if there had been a block office at Chester, or if Bro. Kane had a helper, requiring less attention of the train crew?

It is the same old story at Essex—always tomorrow, tomorrow. At some time in the near future I do hope this young lady will see her mistaken view of the matter and come and try to help others as we have helped her.

Saybrook Junction is solid. What do you know about that?

Winter with the boat running is a sort of season of "grace" for Bro. Dennison, down at the "Point."

In making our new and good resolutions for the coming year, let this be the first, and may we keep it throughout the year: That we will attend each meeting, and will also devote some time each month to getting the non-member, who may be working among us, to join, and that we must always consider the O. R. T. first, as it is the organization that is each week bringing us, and will continue to bring us such compensation as our position demands.

# Midland Division Notes-

What is the greatest need of a division like this, with its two hundred and fifty miles of track. its eighty-nine telegraph offices and its one hundred and thirty-five scheduled positions, most of them so located that it is almost impossible for the members to go to the meetings, thereby depriving them of one of the most important parts of membership? In my mind it is this: That we should all be so imbued with the importance of keeping an up-to-date card, and seeing that our neighbor has one, that no other thought should have precedence. Let us realize that upon the percentage of our membership and that alone depends the continuance and the renewal of our scheduled positions, and above all things let us not assume that our local, or even our general chairman, can reach all of those who for some unaccountable reason remain on the outside. It's up to us, and when we see it in that light it will only be a short time before we are able to say "We are solid."

Bro. Sam Koch, recently of "CD," in New Haven, is now located on the Midland Division, in Hartford, and has charge of all cars handled on that division. He is the right man for the place.

I understand that the position of spare operator is to be created, to pay \$16.50 per week. Presume the place will be bulletined for bid in the near future.

"AD" office has been opened third trick and is being held down by Bro. Asa Cody, who was located for some years in "CD" office, New Haven. "Pop Johnson" certainly earned his money during the "Bridge Celebration."

Bro. Brooks makes an occasional flying trip to the old home at Central Village.

Rumor has it that there is to be a new office erected at the "Branch switch" which will be welcome news to the brothers working there.

"HO" is always represented at our meetings by two brothers out of the three employed there. What office can show a better average than that?

Bro. Generous spent a few days recently in Baltic. Relieved by "Uncle Larry Kennedy," of Moosup.

Who said "shoes" to "KD?"

With the return of freight business Sister Foley, at "GX," is kept busy from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m.

During the "Bridge Celebration" Bro. Baker, at State Street, had an additional operator and some outside help; and he needed them to handle the crowd.

Bro. Louie Shultz, of "X" office, has resigned and left these parts. We are very sorry to lose him as he has been here some years, was an Ar man and a good fellow. Success to him.

Bro. Alsever has returned from a very pleasant vacation spent at his old home in Syracuse, N. Y., and is once more prepared to hustle cases of to-bacco for mere exercise.

Wonder if we couldn't get up a little party and make an appointment with the agent at East Longmeadow and argue him out of his persistency?

Manchester will soon be solid and then Bro.

Markham won't be so lonesome.

We can write "solid" against the name of Vernon on January 1, 1909, if one more man says the word.

What about that portion of the division from Willimantic to Cranston, with its seventeen offices and twenty-three men, and lots of business? Surely there is something doing there each month that we would be glad to hear about. Come; some of you fellows turn your pencils from the vouchers for a few minutes and let's hear from your end.

Bro. J. H. White, of Westchester, spent a Sunday recently with Bro. Swaine at Burnside Junction.

Mr. Stoughton, the new agent at East Wallingford, I understand, has his application ready to forward, and that will make the old "Air Line" solid again, which is a record we all should be proud of.

There is another portion of the division that we would be pleased to hear from every month, with its fifteen offices and its twenty-five operators, and that's the N. & W. end.

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# Providence Div., No. 35.

Now that the great question of the hour has been settled and the country has dropped back into its normal condition, ready to handle prosperity without gloves, the brothers in our territory should begin to exercise their persuasive talents, which they have been keeping oiled up and running overtime during the late campaign, and get after the

nons who are becoming too thick and all ready with the same old excuses as to why they can not "come in out of the cold." How they will change color when you look at them sharp after they have given their excuses. One of them freely admitted being pleased that the Order had got the wages up where they now are, and hoped they would do better with them, but still he could not come in as he must send all his spare money home. (But does he?) A very laudable spirit indeed. But an honest desire on his part to join and assist as far as possible in improving conditions and increasing wages would show a more manly principle.

Midway towers have been raised to first-class with a corresponding raise in wages, which is but another of the many proofs of what the Order is daily doing for our profession, and still there are those who have the nerve to say: "Oh, the O. R. T. is no good," but they are always the first to bid for the good places as soon as they come up.

Two new applications, one initiation, six admitted by mail, three received by transfer is the record for the past month.

Brothers, there are several names in the delinquent column. You will have only a few days after reading this in order to keep from being classed as a "quitter," so remit the "needful" and make "Bob" happy.

Bro. Beaty, first trick at Apponang, expects to eat his Thanksgiving turkey in his new house.

Bro. Johnson, third trick at Apponang, has hauled down his flag on his crack racing yacht and is going in for roller polo this winter.

Bro. Masterson, third trick at East Greenwich, is off on a month's vacation, visiting at his home in Vermont, and expects to swing around the Far West ere he returns.

Bro. Hardeway, third trick at Slocums, is off on a month's vacation, visiting at his home in Florida. He expects to meet Bro. Masterson at the Palmer House, Chicago, to accompany him on his western tour.

We wonder who will be the fortunate ones to land the new electric towers going up in connection with the new tunnel?

Bro. J. R. Maxwell transferred from the defunct Fox Point station to ticket seller at East End, Providence station, for tunnel traffic. "Joe" says the exercise of shooting out tickets and making change keeps them warm without any artificial heat.

The equipment of Bro. R. A. Brown's tower, East Providence, has been reduced from 98 to 40 levers through the new arrangement of handling trains on account of the new tunnel, thereby doing away with Bro. Hall as helper, he being transferred to Brayton Avenue tower in same capacity.

"Not welcome" is the intimation quickly given to a regular towerman on his attempt to visit the new electric tower on the bridge over the river at east end of the tunnel. All others welcome. We wonder why.

A number of friends of Bro. and Mrs. Greene gave the happy couple a reception upon their return from their wedding tour. The presents were many and useful and showed much thoughtfulness



on the part of the givers. They will make their home at Wickford Junction, R. I.

The new tower at Olive Street, Attleboro, was opened for business with 68 working levers. There is one movement, and the most used of any, which takes 26 levers to set up, making it warm enough for all purposes.

It is understood Cabin, at Holden Street, Attleboro, will still continue doing business as heretofore, which is good news to the brothers working there.

We are all glad to hear that Bro. Wm. Wood continued to steadily improve. Div. Cor.

# Springfield Div., No. 38.

Division No. 38 is certainly making great strides in conquering the nons, and before long will be so strongly organized that at least 90 per cent will be a certainty. Bro. Powers, as chairman on the east end, is doing well, considering the handicap, and is bringing them to rights. Bro. Collins, on the west end, where the offices and stations are further apart and out of the way, has got a majority, and before the end of 1908 should have more new ones in the fold.

Nearly all the terminal points, from Boston to Albany, are now "solid," and the same of the "way" offices. Bro. Murphy, on the east end, is quite a big help to Bro. Powers, as well as Bro. Patterson, on the west end, is to Bro. Collins.

Bro. Patterson is on a steady trick at State Line, formerly from Chathorn. Bro. Holmes, also at same place, formerly on the spare list. Bro. Van Buren, at Niverville, is back from

the Hudson Division and holding things down.

Hammond and the other two men at East Green

Hammond and the other two men at East Greenbush, should be taken care of.

Brothers, let me tell you for once and all the time, times have changed. We have sensible officials on the B. & A. today, consequently the "slogan" is, "Do your duty, do it right; be courteous, belong to whatever order or secret society you may wish, but beware when you do anything wrong or neglect your duty." By all means do as above and have no fear of your job. I have been through it all and am still here, and always had a card. "Do what you wish, but let it be right," and right is might.

# Boston Div., No. 41.

A few months ago a short history of Old Bay State Division, No. 65, of the O. R. T. was given in THE TELEGRAPHER. A great many of the members of Division No. 41 had never heard of this division before, and in answer to a number of inquiries I am able to give a little additional information as to the personnel of this old division.

This was the inception of the O. R. T. in New England and, naturally, was very slow in making a start. In 1887, the matter was taken up among a few of the operators of the Boston & Lowell Railroad, located in Boston and vicinity, and after considerable hard work, Bay State Division, No. 65, was organized, February 23, 1888, by S. H. Brown, deputy grand chief telegrapher, at that time trick dispatcher of the Boston & Lowell Railroad. Officers elected by the division at that time were as follows: Past chief telegrapher, Thos. E. Griffin; chief telegrapher, E. L. Dodge; assistant chief telegrapher, T. J. Fogarty; secretary and treasurer, F. H. Collins; senior telegrapher, Geo. A. Archer; junior telegrapher, Phillip S. Carey; inside sentinel, J. M. Allison; outside sentinel. D. F. Waite.

We notice the titles are somewhat different from those that are now used. On account of some changes that circumstances rendered necessary, one of the officers being dropped and another not having completed his membership, the charter was reissued by request on July 10, 1888, with all the officers named above, except the following two changes: Past chief telegrapher, Johnson MacDonald; inside sentinel, John Rourke, Jr.

The following were initiated, as shown by the membership record, on or before February 23, 1888: E. L. Dodge, T. E. Griffin, T. J. Fogarty, D. C. Coates, F. A. Curry, Johnson MacDonald, F. H. Collins, S. H. Brown, George W. Hook. George J. McCrum, D. F. Waite, George W. Burnap and J. S. Miller.

The membership increased slowly, but as the interest grew and the purpose of the Order became known (which was very much helped by a visit from Grand Chief Thurston), the membership grew to nearly a hundred, including members from the railroads on the other side of the city. There were so many changes in Boston about that time, due to consolidation of the different roads, that the members became widely scattered and a number, including some of the officers, went West, notably Chief Telegrapher Dodge and Deputy Grand Chief and Organizer Brown.

Owing to the inability of the members left to get to Boston to hold meetings with any degree of regularity, even though the interest in the Order was increasing, it was deemed advisable during the winter of 1891 to surrender the charter and have it reissued at a later date.

Our secretary and treasurer, John A. Tuck, telegraph operator at the Wakefield depot, has been selected by President Hamilton, of Tuft's College, to represent the engineering department at the commencement exercises next June. Mr. Tuck was a graduate from the Lee Normal Academy, a Maine institution, at the age of sixteen years. During the past seven years he has been employed at the Wakefield depot. He entered Tuft's College in September, 1906, with the junior class, and has succeeded, not only in graduating one year ahead of his class, but has carried off the honors in the class of 1909, at the same time attending to his duties as telegraph operator for the Boston & Maine Railroad. He has won a scholarship each year. Besides attending to his railroad and school duties, he has been for four years secretary and treasurer of Division No. 41, O. R. T.

#### Southern Division-

Woburn is up for bid. Mr. Wood is relieving there until the job is bid in.

Bro. Davis has bid off Greenland Village.

#### Western Division-

Spinney's Switch, second trick operator, is up for bid.

The new position of agent and operator at Wenham is up for bid, November 17th.

A. M. Shea has bid in the position at Danversport.

# Fitchburg Division-

Bro. Hoag, third trick at Baldwinsville, has returned from his vacation, spent in the West. Bro. Shaan relieved while he was away.

Bro. Newman, of Fitzwilliams, is away on his vacation; Mr. Farris relieving him.

Miss Carter, first trick at Athol, is also away on her vacation. Mr. Lavelle is doing the honors in her absence.

Mr. Pomproy, of East Deerfield, has accepted a position in New York State.

Bro. Bresnahan, first trick at South Ashburnham, has returned from his vacation. Mr. Lavelle covered the trick during his absence.

Bro. Johnson, second trick at Athol, has gone away for his health. I understand he got a six months' leave of absence. Mr. Lavelle is doing the relief work.

The following are the Relief Committees on the several divisions. If you know of any member who is sick, please notify one of the committee:

Southern Division-W. R. Meikle, Waltham, chairman; F. M. Morgan, Lexington; F. C. McGrath, Winchester.

Eastern Division-J. B. Bode, Chelsea, chairman; H. F. Cunningham, Stevens Station; J. H. Eccleston, Salem.

Fitchburg Division—L. P. Clifton, Waltham, chairman; E. F. Porter, South Rotalston; C. J. Newman, Fitzwilliam depot, N. H.

Western Division—J. A. Tuck, Wakefield, chairman; P. J. O'Connor, Andover; D. J. Kelliher, Westville, N. H.

Terminal Division—M. E. Doran, Somerville, chairman; F. J. Largie, Medford; J. J. Lehan, Danvers.

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#### NOTICE.

WAKEFIELD, MASS., November 21, 1908. Members of Division No. 41:

It is with a feeling of pleasure and a sense of gratitude to the members of this division that I am writing these lines for the information of those who so generously contributed toward the fund for our worthy and unfortunate bother, who has been ill for the past three months, making it impossible for him to earn his weekly wages, so necessary for the support of himself and his loved ones.

After a conference between our worthy chief, the secretary, and Chairman Bode of the Eastern Division Relief Committee, who had thoroughly investigated the case and found it to be a worthy one, it was decided, with a feeling of uncertainty as to the result, that we would send our written appeals to our members. The results clearly show that this feeling was wholly unwarranted, and the spontaneous response from all directions gives a feeling of satisfaction to all concerned, and especially to Bros. Bode, Fogarty and your secretary.

Those who attended the November meeting will recollect that the entire list was read at that time, and for the benefit of the balance I intended, originally, to publish herewith the names of those contributing, but the list has grown to such proportions that I now deem it inadvisable, and am placing a copy, instead, with Chief Telegrapher Fogarty, another with Chairman Bode, and forwarding a third to our brother who is ill, so that any desirious of seeing it may have ample opportunity to do so.

That "The quality of charity is twice blessed, blessing both him that gives and him that receives," seems to be fully exemplified, and it is with a double feeling of satisfaction that I am acknowledging your good work. First and foremost, feeling that the brotherly love and sense of responsibility toward those of our members who are more unfortunate than the rest, which should prevail, in this case actually does prevail, and each of us accordingly feels a security which he otherwise would not. Second, a feeling of satisfaction in handing to a brother in need a check for almost \$100, in addition to an amount equal to one-fourth of this appropriated by the division at a previous meeting.

Between those giving twenty-five cents, fifty cents, a dollar or two dollars, we make no differentiation, but I can not refrain, at this time, from making special mention of one brother in particular who, by some consistent work, secured very nearly ten dollars toward the fund, namely, Bro. E. G. Robinson. Bros. Bode, Freedman and Stickney also sent an amount equal to one-half this sum each and seem worthy of special men-

I know that the feeling that you have been of assistance to one in need will amply repay you for the small sacrifice each has made in this good work.

Yours in S. O. and D.,

JOHN A. TUCK, Secretary-Treasurer.

#### NOTE OF THANKS.

To Members of Boston Division, No. 41:

Bro. E. C. Clifford desires me to thank the members of this division in his behalf for the very great assistance given him during his illness, and I am taking this means of so doing.

Yours fraternally,

J. A. Tuck, Secretary.



# New York Div., No. 44.

The last regular meeting was well attended, about fifty members being present. Space will not permit giving details.

Our initiation team was at its best, and two candidates rode the goat.

Bro. Van Nostrand, our chief, could not get into town from Speonk until 9:40 p. m. Bro. Leonard took his place and started things going.

The matter of bi-monthly pay was taken up, and it was decided to wait until the court rendered a decision on the injunction case now pending. If the decision is unfavorable the matter will come before the next meeting, and steps will be taken to get a straight weekly payment law put on the statute books of this Commonwealth. If you are interested in the matter attend the next meeting.

Bros. Johnson, of West Hampton, and Hedger, of Eastport, graced the meeting with their presence. Both of these brothers had to remain in the city over night, as there is no train service that would get them to their homes. The boys of the east end are true blue, but it is impossible for them to go into town very often.

Sisters Martin, Wall and Schuyler braved the elements (the weather was most disagreeable), and favored us with their presence.

Bro. Tom Walker, of Seaside, showed that he had fully regained his health. He took the part of one of the strong men on the initiation team. Bros. Hudson, Thuma, Gaffaney and Surine were very able assistants.

Dr. Barth, house physician at Seaton Hospital at one time, a side partner of Bro Walker's at Rockaway Beach, paid Tom a visit recently.

All of the agents who were present at the last meeting reported business better than for the same period one year ago. A careful canvass of the Island's industrial condition shows a marked improvement in business at all stations. The outlook for business during the winter months is promising, and for the coming spring the outlook is better still.

The members of Division No. 44 extend their sympathy and condolence to Bro. George Freidlein, of Baldwins, in the loss of his beloved mother.

Bro. G. E. Myers, of Flushing, has accepted a position with the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. at Boston. Bro. Myers is one of the best operators in New York. That road pays the price, consequently it is an easy matter for them to get the cream.

Just take a look at this list of paid relief agents: Bros. C. B. Van Nostrand, J. H. Robinson, J. D. Webster, W. H. Leahy, A. J. Petroske, C. P. Lasher and Mr. F. A. Carman. If you want a day, week, month or indefinite leave of absence now all you will have to do is to ask for it.

Bro. C. A. Baxter, first trick at Great Neck, has resigned; relieved by Chas. E. Mix, a commercial brother.

Bro. Luke McGuinnis has returned to Bay Side.

Parlor car office at Long Island City now closed for the winter. Miss E. Donnelly will take an extended trip on the Continent. However, a great deal of her time will be spent in Paris, Bureau of Information, during the winter. Miss O'Laughlin, of the B. of I., takes charge of the parlor car business during Miss Donnelly's absence.

Bro. A. E. Tebbals, of Hollis, has bid the L. I. R. R. adieu, whither he went no one knows.

Bro. F. Raidy came all the way from Vermont to accept the position as agent at Cedarhurst, and he is making good.

Never in the history of the road has the cauliflower season been so good, and the prospects are that the cauliflower special will be run several weeks longer this season than last.

Special attention is now given the transportation of oyster shipments of Blue Points from Patchaque. Bluepoint and Sayville being especially heavy. However, the Rockaways are holding their own, and heavy shipments are being made from Freeport, Baldwins and Lynbrook.

Cod fishing along the east coast of the Island is the best it has been in years, and about five carload of fish are being shipped daily from Montauk, Amagansett, Quaque and other stations.

East Hampton is shipping a good many scollups and they are extra fine this year.

Bro. Tripp, of Manor, is very busy these days. The cause of his troubles are cranberries and cauliflower.

Bro. D. L. Wells has bid in and is now working third trick at Floral Park.

Bro. P. H. Hayes has been transferred from second trick at Fresh Pond Junction to day trick at White Pat, and Bro. C. T. Curran, of Jamaica block, to Fresh Pond Junction.

Bro. Thuma, looking for better air, has gone to Rockaway Junction, third trick.

Bro. F. C. Crossman was the successful bidder for Liberty avenue, third trick.

Bro. Scalley is handling the electric switches at Ozone Park.

Bro. Wm. Short, formerly of Rockaway Junction, has secured a nice position with the Eric Railroad.

Bro. E. J. Murphy, of F. Bane, on a leave of absence; relieved by Bro. E. Morrill, of the express tower.

Bro. Hart, a new man, is relieving Bro. Morrill at "EX."

Bro. J. J. Lynch, the popular ticket agent at Jamaica, is spending his vacation in the wilds of Sullivan County. He promises some startling things in the way of game.

A "But-in" Committee has been formed, and they promise some pleasant surprises to the members on various regular meeting nights. Not knowing when it may happen, it will be to the interest of all not to miss any of the meetings. For further information apply to Bro. Leonard.

A crack initiation team has been formed and some interesting things will happen at our future meetings. Come and see. The year 1908 is fast passing into history and a new year is about to dawn. Officers for the ensuing year, and delegates and alternates to represent Division No. 44 at the Seventh Annual Convention of the Grand Division, which will be held at Atlanta, Ga., in May, will be nominated at our January meeting and elected at our February meeting. As these are two of the most important meetings of the year, every member is urged to make a special effort to be present at these meetings and assist to nominate and elect, irrespective of any personal feeling or friendship, the very best talent to represent you.

All the North Shore agents miss Bro. Leahy very much, not getting their day a week off since he was called to Cedarhurst.

We all regret very much to hear that C. M. Fidler, at one time tower man for the L. I. R. R., was killed at Wellsville, N. Y., October 24th, while attempting to board a train.

F. E. Warlow, at one time agent for the L. I. R. R., is now holding down a very heavy trick in dispatcher's office on the L. V. R. R. at Easton, Pa.

Cor.

# Woodsville Div., No. 45.

Bro. L. J. Berry, who acted as boss freight handler at Meredith during the summer, has resumed his duties as third trick operator at Ashland.

Our General Committee go into Boston, November 16th, and long before we receive the December Telegrapher we will have a new and revised schedule, let us hope.

Bro. Yeahan was sent down to Lakeport a few days to relieve Operator Mooney, who took a day off, visiting the "Hub." Relief men are always glad to land Lakeport for a few days. It is a very easy place, as the ticket sales amount to practically nothing and the operating is not as heavy as at most register stations. It is a cinch.

Bro. Hildreth, agent at Canterbury, is laying off a few days; relieved by Bro. C. A. Burnell, spare.

Bro. Ring, formerly second at Littleton, has left the station service to re-enter the train service.

Operator Ray, Littlefield, is our new second trick operator at Littleton. Ray is going to carry a card the minute he is old enough.

Operator Bangs is holding down third trick at Tilton. New man; can not say whether he has an up-to-date or not.

The freight business is very heavy here this fall, and the boys are kept busy at Woodsville and Plymouth, dealing out "54s."

Bro. Ray Bailey, who underwent a serious operation at Woodsville Hospital, some time ago, is slowly improving and we hope to hear his familiar Morse in the near future. His trick at Glencliff is being covered by a new man.

Bowman agency is up for bids. Every one seems to be guessing who the fortunate (?) man will be. Dispatcher Mann witnessed the football game between the Dartmouth and Harvard teams, November 14th, in Boston.

I would suggest that we arrange to have some prominent official attend our meeting some time in the near future and have him give us a talk. I know of nothing that could serve to create more interest and bring about a better feeling between employer and employe.

Cor.

# Pittsburg Div., No. 52.

The first regular meeting in November, held November 14th, opened at 8:30 p. m., by First Vice-Chief A. A. Kolb, Chief Telegrapher Standley being unable to be present. One petition for membership from the littsburg Division, P. R. R., was read and acted upon. Bills amounting to \$90.40 were read and ordered paid. Sick claims amounting to \$35 were read and ordered paid.

Bro. J. J. Burns was reported in the St. Francis Hospital, recovering from an operation for appendicitis, and I am glad to say that from reports received he is getting along very well, and I hope for his continued improvement

By the time this is in print your dues for the ensuing term will be due and payable. Please do not overlook the fact that it is to your own interest to be prompt in the payment of your dues. Be sure that they are paid before March 1, 1909, or you will become non-beneficial and remain so until same have been paid. Do not overlook your Mutual Benefit Department assessments each month or the same penalty will result therefrom.

At present we need but a few more members to entitle us to five delegates to the next convention of the Grand Division at Atlanta, Ga., next May, which will be more delegates than we have ever had since the B. & O. System Division, No. 33, was instituted, the formation of which necessitated the transfer of about 50 per cent of our members to that division. At present (November 25th) I have four petitions for membership awaiting action at our next regular meeting, November 28th, and the prospects are good for several more between now and then.

In a certain classic village, located in the eastern portion of our beautiful State, there dwells a man, "the prince of liars," who, if reports be true, claims that Division No. 52 is about "all in," and that we are about to go out of business forever. Just a few words on this subject: Since January 1, 1908, we have increased our membership by just exactly eighty-six members. If he calls that going out of business, I hope for an indefinite continuation of the "going out" process. Just a few words more and they are, Division No. 52 will be in existence and "doing business at the same old stand" long after certain individuals are dead and forever forgotten by all.

A statement of dues for the ensuing term will be mailed to each member about the 10th of December. Don't overlook it when it arrives.



Don't forget that the election of officers to serve the division for the ensuing year will be held on the second Saturday night in February. Come and help elect the best men to office. Let's all form a new resolution to attend the division meetings each month; something doing all the time.

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#### Oskaloosa Div., No. 71.

Bro. J. W. Howard, of Olds, is taking a lay-off. Have not heard who his relief is.

Bro. C. F. Ream has been appointed permanent agent and operator at Cramers. This brother comes from the C., R. I. & P., with an up-to-date card, and we will be glad to see him stay with the Iowa Central. Of course he will be transferred to No. 71 just as soon as his residence is gained.

We are glad to note that Bro. Newport is still hanging out at London Mills. John Chase also seems to be general utility man at Hedrick. No one seems to want either of these roasts.

We have a new man at Berwick, but have not had his pedigree yet.

The November meeting was pretty evenly divided between the east and north ends. I am afraid if the branches had not contributed some, the north end would have been "skinned." Of one thing we are sure, the boys don't attend these meetings as they should. It is not that we north end boys do not want to come that we don't, but because we can't.

The secretary reports that there are now a very few who have not yet paid their dues, and probably by the time this is in print the board will be clear.

W. A. Haritage is back, working his old trick at dispatching. The boys all hated to see "Bill" switched off on other work, and there was general rejoicing when W. A. H. was heard completing "9s" again.

We have a new chief dispatcher, a Mr. F. D. Alvord. Do not know where he hails from, or what became of our S. J. D. There was a time on the Iowa Central when if a chief dispatcher left the service he was presented with a gold watch or some token of esteem, but that was some time ago. It would have broken the boys up, the last two years, buying gold watches for all our chief dispatchers. However, we did have one a short time that the boys were always glad to extend the glad hand to, that was B. R. Davis, but the climate did not suit Bert, and back North he went.

Work has commenced on a new bridge at Keithsburg, over the Mississippi River, which, reports have it, is to cost upwards of a million dollars. This will enable the heavy engines to run the whole length of the Eastern Division, where, heretofore, no engine heavier than the hundred class has been allowed to cross the river on the Iowa Central bridge.

The company has purchased a bunch of new coal and box cars. I think they can be used to good advantage. Several of the old engines and

cars, sent away to be repaired, have been returned from the shops, and with this new and rebuilt equipment conditions on the Iowa Central should improve. Several coaches have been rebuilt in the local shops and put into service in the past two months.

Several changes have taken place among the officials in the past month, as follows: M. B. Cutter has been appointed general manager; H. G. Kruse, superintendent; R. E. Ryan, trainmaster of the north end; F. D. Alvord, as chief dispatcher. Don't know who got the job as trainmaster on the east end to take Kruse's place.

Change of agents at Gordonsville and Mason City Junction. Can't say as to who new men are. Sister Weldon is holding down Mason City days.

Bro. McNamara is holding out at Hampton nights. Roberts, non, went to the Short Line as night man at Hampton. This rids us of one non at least.

Dispatcher Hiteman was over the north end recently, learning the road and getting acquainted with the men. This is one point on which the Central is lame, not having their dispatchers know the road in the district in which they work. This is where many of the delays to trains come in, with which the trainmen and operators are charged.

In last month's items I reported a change of day operators at New Sharon. This was in error, as Bro. Walker was just off on a vacation and has since returned.

We are indebted to Bro. Nessa, of Latimer, for several items off that branch, which were received too late for our report in the October number, and too old for this one, but it shows he is "all right."

A new man in "DS," Oskaloosa office, north end. "F. B. H." is all I have learned as to who he is.

Reports have it that the "Hook," M. & St. L., "Clover Leaf," and the "Alton" are soon to be consolidated into a system, and may include the "Katy." They say that is what the new bridge at Keithsburg means, but the date for the show is not set.

# Denver Div., No. 77.

The greatest labor gathering in the history of organized labor assembled in Denver on November 9th, when the A. F. of L. opened its doors for a two weeks' session. Not the greatest, perhaps, in numerical numbers, but from the standpoint of statesmanship. Many were the compliments paid them by those who were competent to judge, and many the prediction that organized labor had already reached the summit of success and would henceforth be a powerful factor in the conduct of affairs of this great country.

We were represented by two of the ablest labor leaders the country has ever known, President Perham and Dan G. Ramsay. Our twin sister, the C. T. U. of A., was also on deck with its invincible Percy Thomas, of New York, chairman of the National Executive Board.

Estimates that I might make of the very able representation which these two organizations had in this convention and the good that will follow in its wake, would simply fail to convey in a small way even, all that it implies.

However, your scribe wishes to relate that Rocky Mountain Division No. 77 did her share in making the visiting brothers feel that they were at home in her house, and by no means strangers in a strange land. The officers arranged for a meeting (joint) of Division No. 77 and C. T. U. of A. Local, No. 31.

Well, now, the crowd of jolly girls and boys that met at the home of Dr. C. M. Worth, who, by the way, is chief telegrapher of Division No. 77, on Thursday evening, November 19th, would gladden the heart of any non (?). Chief Telegrapher Worth acted as toastmaster, and in a few choice words stated the objects of the meeting, and then introduced President Perham, who responded to the toest, "What We Have Accomplished in the Past and What We Expect to Do in the Future."

The philosophy of Bro. Perham's talk was well received and only goes to show that modern labor organizations are, and of necessity must be, conducted along business lines by businessmen for businessmen.

The next speaker introduced was Bro. Percy Thomas, chairman of the National Executive Board of the C. T. U. of A., who responded to the toast, "Our Past Experiences and the Future of the C. T. U. of A." Have you ever heard him? Well, you have missed something; the way that man can send is something marvelous and it is eloquent and plain as print. No organization can fail whose interests are being fostered by such able leaders if they are all made like Thomas.

If you had seen those C. T. U. of A. folks when Thomas had finished you would have taken out a card in the C. T. U. of A., just to help the cause along.

Next came the "boy orator" from the "Windy City," Past President Dan G. Ramsay, of Chicago, who no longer makes dots and dashes in the good old way, but who now dispenses Blackstone just as ably as he ever twisted a key. He answered to "The Earlier Impediments of Our Organization." When he had finished there was nothing left to be said about our earliest labors in perfecting a stable and enduring monument to organized effort.

Bro. Ramsey expressed with much emotion the very great pride he took in the present status of the Order, and the very hopeful outlook for all organized crafts, and closed with a glowing tribute to the C. T. U. of A., who, he said, had made the most magnificent fight ever recorded upon the labor pages of history.

Next came Senator R. P. Rubin, whom the toastmaster asked to explain "How He Telegraphed Himself Into the Legislature." Bro. Rubin soon convinced his hearers that he would be heard from in the halls of legislation, and that, in keeping with his many years of faithful service to the

labor movement, he would always be found fighting for his fellow craftsmen.

At this juncture, the hour growing late, Bro. C. L. Cheney, the genial secretary-treasurer of Division No. 77, "broke in" and announced that it was time "to smoke," and handed around a box of "union label" cigars. The ladies balked, but Mrs. Cheney and Mrs. Worth came to the rescue of the unfortunate secretary, who was about to be thrown out, and passed around a few boxes of "union brand" candies.

This, without doubt, was the grandest meeting of telegraphers ever held in the Centennial City. Everybody went away feeling that they had been doubly repaid for their time, and that, as ever, our slogan should be "no card, no favors."

Come again, gentlemen, our latch-string is always out to you.

#### Camden Div., No. 84.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 8 p. m., November 13th, by Chief Telegrapher Bro. Diffenderfer, and it was an interesting meeting, which developed active encouragement for the welfare of our division.

The "Good of the Order" has become an interesting subject and merits a good attendance. Since our division has grown to such proportions, both numerically and financially, it has been divided to add some special function to each meeting, and a committee, alive with "go," has been appointed to look after this, and it behooves us as members to show our appreciation by a good attendance. The personnel of the committee warrants a good time. Come out, all who can, at 7:30 p. m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on the second Friday night of each month.

It beats all how those applications for membership come in, eight at the last meeting. Division No. 84 now has a larger membership than at any time since its organization.

Many changes have taken place recently owing to reduction in force.

Bro. G. E. Nightengale from "CD," Camden, to first trick at Newfield.

Bro. DeHaven from Newfield to first trick at

Bro. Delafrange from Vineland to relief trick. Bro. R. E. Hull from "CD," Camden, to first trick at Haddonfield.

Mr. W. C. Vaughan from Haddonfield to extra agency, Atlantic City Division.

Bros. Hand and Deppe are assigned to special duty, posting the agents on freight tariffs and shipments of explosives.

Bro. Everett Jerrell, of Cape May, has resigned his position as operator-clerk at that point for a position as assistant cashier in a bank at that place. We congratulate our brother on his success, which has come to him through the faithful performance of his duties. It is to be regretted that these merits are not rewarded by those he has served so long and faithfully. Bro. C. W. Newkirk, first trick at Glassboro, was the successful

applicant for the position formerly held by Bro. Jerrell.

Bro. B. R. Lee, of Berlin, and Bro. P. B. Young, dispatcher, spent a few weeks in North Carolina, gunning and sight-seeing.

Bro. E. T. Coleman, of "KN," Camden, spent a week near Hazelhurst, Ga., recently, gunning for quail, of which he bagged about three hundred.

Bro. L. Burke, "The Deerslayer," of "CD," Camden, accompanied by Mrs. Burke, journeyed to Northern Maine on their vacation, returning with a record of two deer (killed).

Bros. Diffenderfer & Newkirk, accompanied by their families and Bro. Bates, of "KN," Camden, spent their vacations in the mountains at Hyner, Pa.

On another page of this journal will be found the photograph of Bro. Thos. L. Wilson, formerly agent at Paulsboro, who was recently elected to the office of Sheriff of Gloucester County, New Jersey.

Third RAIL.

#### Boston Div., No. 89.

Regular night meeting of Division No. 89 called to order at 8 p. m. November 7th. All officers present. Seven applications for membership received and acted upon. Keep up the good work, boys. At this rate we will have 300 members by December 31st, and that will give us three delegates to the convention at Atlanta, Ga., next May.

After the regular routine of business a recess was declared to allow Bro. P. J. Moran, Past Master of Boston Lodge, No. 97, B. R. T., to address the meeting. Although Bro. Moran claims to be no orator, he certainly gave us a very interesting talk for twenty-five minutes on the "Good of Brotherhood," what has been accomplished by them in the last few years. He said: "We should always be thinking and planning for the future," and "that it was the duty of every member to get out and do his little bit, not to leave it all for a few to do." Bro. Moran gave us some fine pointers, and it wouldn't be a bad idea to carry some of them out. A rising vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Moran.

Bro. Manion, general chairman, was also present and addressed the meeting. The brothers are always glad to greet Bro. Manion, as they know he always has something good in store for them, and he did not disappoint them on this occasion.

Won't some of the brothers on Old Colony and Providence Divisions, that are kicking on account of no items appearing in the journal from these divisions, please send in some items. Why leave it all for one man to do, and then knock him if he don't send in a complete write-up?

The daylight meeting for November came on the 21st, and again was the usefulness of meeting in daylight demonstrated. Considerable business was transacted, and two applicants took the initiation to perfection, although two or three of the degree team lacked in ginger. But the applicants, when questioned later, confessed they thought they were in the Y. & H. foot ball scrimmage.

The Boston Terminal was well represented and it is pleasing to note that the brothers of this busy piece of iron find time to attend the meetings. They will contest for a local chairman next meeting, having two nominees in the field so far.

Bro. Mullen, Secretary and Treasurer of Ayer Division, No. 104, addressed the members on the good of the Order. His remarks were forceful and intelligent. He dwelt at length upon the duties of the delegates to our next convention, and expressed his desire to see the intelligent and not the popular brothers sent to represent the East.

The brothers on the Plymouth Division are subscribing for a sick benefit relief among the members of Division No. 89, and have quite a list of names so far. Any one interested may send his name to J. R. Thomas, Harrison Square tower. This is something very much needed in our circle. It not only relieves the treasury, but teaches self-reliance in time of sickness. The nominal fee charged more than compensates the benefit derived, so send in your name at once.

Cor.

# CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the brothers of Boston Division, No. 89, for their extensions of sympathy and the floral piece sent on the death of my wife.

> Fraternally yours, HENRY B. MACOMBER, Cert. 349.

# IN MEMORIAM.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 21, 1908.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to her heavenly home the beloved mother of our brother, John R. Bartlett; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the members of Boston Division. No. 89, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the brother and his family in this, their great be reavement; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be presented to our brother, a copy be spread upon the records of this Division and a copy sent to The RAILBOAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

G. B. PIERCE,
GEORGE S. JUBY,
JOHN J. FOLEY,
Committee.

#### Elmira Div., No. 100.

Monthly meeting of Division No. 100 was held Tuesday, Nov. 24, with a very few of the members present. The change of meeting night from the third Friday to the fourth Tuesday seems to have slipped the minds of most of the boys, with the result that the turnout was the lightest of any during the time since the division was started.

Bro. Cayward, first at Hall, was off four days. Relieved by Mr. White.

Bro. Carr, first at Penn Yan, was off Thanksgiving day. Walt needed the whole day to dispose of the turkey. Bro. C. M. Weeks was off Nov. 26th. Relieved by Mr. Craugh.

Bro. C. S. Quick, first at Milo, made a desperate attempt to go to the meeting but slipped an eccentric and failed to make the grade.

Bro. Furman, of "RG" tower, spent a few days in Canandaigua.

Bros. Barrow and Bryant, at "RG" tower, have exchanged tricks for a month or so, Bro. Bryant working second trick and Bro. Barrows working third. Bro. Bryant recuperating.

Bro. Evans, agent at Trout Run, is off for ten days' vacation. Relieved by Bro. Fox.

Bro. Miller, first trick at Trout Run, off on ten days' or two weeks' hunting trip. Relieved by Mr. Livingston.

Bro. Gray back to second trick at Bodine Siding after spending a few days with his parents at Trout Run.

Bro. Eaden, third trick at Bodine Siding, off a few days. Relieved by Mr. Livingston.

Bros. Halloran and Hoag are slinging lightning at Ralston with the best of 'em. We would like to see them with us in Elmira. They know when.

Bro. V. H. Gillette, first at Roaring Branch, and Bro. Halloran, first at Ralston, were seen at the Park in Elmira, listening to Mr. Bryan's speech.

The following vacancies are up for bid on the Elmira Division; Cowley, second trick; "M" tower, second trick.

For some reason the S. & N. Y. trains are not running over the N. C. tracks from Marsh Hill to "RG" tower. The S. & N. Y. have built a large new station at Marsh Hill, but it is boarded up, and there are no signs of their movement of trains over the N. C. tracks. "13" the bids for Marsh Hill have been declared off.

Bro. H. C. Jones and Bro. T. S. Blake, at Columbia Crossroads, have exchanged tricks so Harry could shoot some cotton tails.

Mr. LaBaugh is working second trick at Ralston. Would like to see him wearing the button. Get busy, "MR."

Bro. M. Hill, third at "G" Himrods Junction, off for a few days. Relieved by Bro. H. H. Pierson.

Bro. R. B. Havens at Stanley, third trick, for a few nights.

Bro. Harry Tipton at Penn Yan a few days in place of Bro. W. W. McLaughlin.

No. 2 wire has been taken out of "JN" Himrods Junction on account of too much practicing on the wire which is reported to have been located in that office. Undoubtedly it was located on third trick, as there are two students there during that trick.

Bro. Tipton is relieving Mr. Edington, agent at Penn Yan, for a few days.

Bro. U. G. Watkins, first at "G" tower, off Oct. 30 and 31. Relieved by Mr. F. P. Craugh. Sister Bower, of Coal Switch, assisted Mr. Craugh during the two days he worked at "G."

Bro. C. S. Quick, first at Milo, relieved by Mr. Craugh on Sunday, Nov. 1.

Daylight meeting held November 10 instead of Nov. 9, on account of pay-day coming on the date of the regular meeting. This arrangement for November only.

Sister Miller is working at Glenora in place of Bro. P. L. Hovey.

Mr. Craugh working relief, worked Nov. 16, 17 and 19 at "K" tower, relieving Bros. E. A. Johnson, M. L. Ross and C. B. Johnson.

Some missionary work was done with the result that Mr. Craugh has promised to come across directly after the first of the year.

Bro. T. L. Brewer off a few days, sick. Relieved by Bro. H. S. Tipton. Bro. Brewer is now agent at Bellona. Con.

#### Renovo Div., No. 110.

Two meetings were held in November, one at Corry, on the 4th, and one at Emporium, on the 18th. There was a fair attendance at both meetings, but still there were plenty of empty seats.

At the Emporium meeting it was decided to hold the Emporium meeting after the arrival of train 61 hereafter, instead of after 54, as there was no attendance from the members of the western district at these meetings.

Bro. Connolly, of Division No. 132, was transferred to Division 110 at the Emporium meeting. We extend Bro. Connolly a hearty welcome.

Bro. Bechtold, of Wistar, is on the sick list. but we hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Goodwin, of "AD" Ridgway, is also very sick, but latest reports say that he is on the gain.

Bro. J. N. Edwards, of Westport, our worthy chairman, was present at the last meeting and gave us a fine talk on fraternal matters in general.

Water is very scarce along the line, causing great delay to freight service.

Bro. Connolly, of "DW" Warren, is taking a short vacation.

Bro. Crowe, of "DW" Warren, is confined at his home in Bear Lake by sickness.

Bro. Woodruff, of Sheffield, has purchased a new gun and the chipmunks are suffering thereby. He will have the bears going pretty soon.

Mr. Morton, at Union City, is training some of the "lady graduates" from the Meadville ham factory. Fine business.

Business is picking up on the road, as the increased number of trains show.

We are thankful to know that 90 per cent of the operators who are reprimanded for sleeping on duty are nonunion operators.

Bro. Shea was off a few days this month on account of sickness. He was relieved at Waterford by Bro. Tiffany.

Sister McGraw was off for ten days the latter part of October on account of sickness.

The home of Miss McKinney, who, by the way, will soon be one of us, was destroyed by fire a few days ago. Miss McKinney looked out of her office and saw the flames destroying the house. Her parents had a very narrow escape from death. Nothing was saved. Miss McKinney works one of the tricks at Pittsfield.

In the October journal the division correspondent made some remarks about the changing of signs to have been misunderstood and has been called to task about it. I wish to say that there was no offense meant and therefore apologize to the injured members for the mistake. We will not let it happen again.

The contribution from the western district was thankfully received and we will be glad if every member will send any communications that they wish to appear in the journal to Bro. Sullivan, at "HY" tower. There is no reason why Division No. 110 should not have a good column in the journal every month.

Bro. Russell and Bro. Botsford, of Olean Division, No. 135, visited Bro. Perry's hunting camp some time ago and bagged some big game.

Bro. F. E. Emert has been on the sick list for the past month and was relieved by Bro. Coyle, of Renovo.

Mr. W. W. Wood, of the Seaboard Air Line, has been working at "CT" tower, Keating for the past three weeks, but is now going to post at "M" tower, St. Marys.

Miss Eddy is relieving Bro. Bechtold at "MS" Wistar while he is laying off.

Station Agent Holland, at Keating, has been off, sick, for the past month, and is relieved by Relief Agent Summerson.

Agent Jake Stewart, of Cook's Run, is enjoying a vacation.

Bro. I. B. Perry has killed five deer and will have them mounted and put up in the O. R. T. rooms. Maybe the nons would line up faster if they could ride a deer instead of a goat.

In the November journal an article appeared stating that the interlocking towers on the eastern division were receiving \$66.55 for the same work that we are doing for \$60.50. When this article was written it was not in any way intended to cast any reflections on our worthy local chairman, Bro. Edwards, but it does look like a "knock," and we have received our "calls" from Bro. Edwards for putting it in. We must say for our local chairman that he has and is using every effort to better our conditions and has the welfare of the Order at heart.

We understand that the offices on the eastern division now receiving \$66.50 were cut from \$72.50, and are the very busiest offices on the eastern division. Bro. Edwards is entitled to an apology and we herewith tender the same so that it will have the same publicity as the article did which calls for it.

In conclusion, the humble correspondent begs that the members make allowance for his short-comings as he has hardly gotten over the election excitement yet.

Div. Cor.

# North Adams Div., No. 139.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members. Another year passed into history and a new year before us with all its opportunities. The year 1908 has been anything but profitable to our profession. While our Order has grown and our hours of labor have been shortened, many were idle. Thanks to our organi-

zation, our wage-scale was retained. Do you fellow members think for a moment that we could have retained the schedule unless we were thoroughly organized. Let us make an examination of our efforts in behalf of our Order, to which we credit success. How many applications of desirable members did you procure during the past year? How many meetings of our Order did you attend? Business or pleasure called you on these nights of our meetings. If you had the real desire to attend could you not have arranged to come the one night each month. You attended the meetings of other organizations. Is there any order you can name that affects you and those dependent on you as much as the Order of Railroad Telegraphers? If all the members were like you and remained away, how long would the Order stand? How about the fraternal feeling for your brother member? Have you kept your obligation? How about your chief and local chairman? Have you given them the encouragement and support due them? Let's make new resolutions for the coming year.

Signs of prosperity are in view, but not for you and I, who work for wages, unless it comes through our organization. Forget the past. No profit by our experiences. We may differ as to methods, but we all agree as to results. If the year of panic, 1908, has been met and we have held our own, how encouraging for an advance movement for 1909. Don't fold your arms and rest content, the old world is moving. New problems arise to be met; not with ignorance, but with knowledge, up-to-date methods. Oh, yes, a few will remain in the old rut where they have been for years and will remain until the end of Criticise the efforts of those who would build up. If we stopped to mind these people life would be as a stagnant pool. A person who is alive to the times, with the interests of his fellow men at heart, will be criticised; he expects it. How much better to put your shoulder to the wheel and push. Nothing like united effort. We do not contemplate failure, our Order is founded on too broad principles. It is not the hurried building of a monument, but it is the careful building of years of experience and thought of good, honest men, whose aim is not self, but the welfare of their fellow men and our profession. With a fixed determination to further our course toward success let us resolve this, the last week of the old year, to put the best energies we possess toward greater success through the coming vear.

To our friends, the nons and unbelievers, we wish you success. You have lived and prospered under a schedule secured through the hard work and at the cost of your fellow employes. Possibly only ten cents per day increase or three hours less labor, which would, in the year, add to your income \$36.50 and a decrease in hours, which totals forty-five days for the year. Time to devote to the welfare of your family or yourself. We wish you success and hope your handened old conscience (?) will trouble you to the tune

of \$10 or \$12 per year to join us in our efforts in your behalf. But whether you do or not, we will continue to help you until Time, in his kind prividence (the Supreme Being out of the question in your case), allows us to enact schedules which exclude unbelievers, drones, bums, and such like. Then, oh blessed day! in your old age, with your old, hoary hairs, when you can look back on a life devoted to the upbuilding of the welfare of your fellow men (?), then, oh blessed day! apply to some of our O. R. T. homes for the aged and infirm of our profession and blame the world for life's failures.

The annual election of officers for the ensuing year, January 9, 1999.

Our General Committee are in Boston before the management of the B. & M., in relation to our schedule. We extend our best wishes for success in our behalf. They enjoy our full confidence. Tried and true.

Bro. Van Wort, third trick at Hoosick Junction. Bro. A. Nesbitt, third trick at the Crossover.

Bro. Wickham, acting agent at Hoosick.

Bro. Powers, first trick at North Bennington.

Bro. Bert, acting agent at South River.

Mr. Chapman is off on account of sickness.

Bro. Colter is off on account of sickness in family. Mr. O. K. B. Brown is holding down his trick at Eagle Bridge.

Bro. C. K. Potter is closing up a few nons on the western section.

Bro. Quick, third trick at North Adams.

Mr. "Lightning Change" White is checking up supplies at stations.

A few nons are still living off our schedule.

A number of new applications. Will give names next month. Cert. 30041.

## Grand Trunk Ry.

BROTHERS: Dues notice and remittance slips for the ensuing term, namely, January 1 to June 30, 1909, will probably reach you before this issue of the journal, to which a prompt reply, with remittance to cover, will be greatly appreciated by your General Committee.

For those employed on the Eastern, Northern, Middle and Southern Divisions, the amount of dues per term is \$5, while \$4 (the minimum rate) is required from the Chicago & Grand Trunk Division members.

Members will please bear in mind that if they do not pay their division dues within sixty days from the beginning of the new term, namely, January 1st, they become delinquent. Also, those holding insurance in the Mutual Benefit Department are reminded that if they fail to pay any one assessment within sixty days from the time it is due, they, too, fall in the delinquent class; and should death overtake you while delinquent your beneficiaries could not collect one cent of the insurance; therefore, brothers, why run any risk in this matter? Why not pay both your division dues and mutual benefit assessments in good time? If all concerned would comply with this request it would save your general secretary

and treasurer considerable extra work and worry. Bro. M. C. Titus, of South Paris, Me., having left the service of the company to go into other business, necessitated his resigning the position of local chairman for the Eastern Division, and Bro. B. J. Rowell, Mechanic Falls, Me., has been appointed as his successor for the balance of the current term.

For the information of members 1 give herewith the names and addresses of the several local chairmen who comprise your General Committee. For the Eastern Division, Bro. B. J. Rowell, Mechanic Falls, Me.; for the Northern Division, Bro. J. A. Bell, Callander, Ont.; or the Middle Division, Bro. P. A. Robertson, Burford, Ont.; for the Southern Division, Bro. W. E. Sutherland, Port Robinson, Ont., and for the Chicago & Grand Trunk Division, Bro. M. P. Brophy, Upton Works, Mich.

The election of officers for the ensuing term, such' as local chairmen, delegates and alternates to the Grand Division Convention, in May next, will be held in the month of February. During the early part of that month I will mail all upto-date members a circular calling for nominations for candidates for the above-mentioned offices, and members must not, under any consideration, nominate a brother for any office or position without first taking the matter up with that brother and ascertaining from him whether he would act or not if elected. Unless a brother will act there is no use in nominating him. No candidate's name will appear on the ballot unless there is a petition sent in to the undersigned bearing, at least, the names of three up-to-date members employed on this road. For your instruction and guidance in this matter, please read pages 73, 74, 75 and 76 of the Constitution.

It is always best to nominate and elect your local officers as delegates to the Grand Division Convention.

It is my desire to have a good, solid front on December 31st, at the close of the current year, and in order to close up a number of the existing gaps, I appeal to each individual member and ask you to secure as many new members as you possibly can before the close of the year. The rate for joining the Order in the month of December, east of the rivers, is \$5.23, and on the Western Division, the rate is \$5.17. Let every member do his best and all lift together and see what we can accomplish by trying. If you require application forms, drop me a card and same will be forwarded at once. With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally,

D. L. SHAW, G. S. and T.

Southern Division-

Our general secretary and treasurer, Bro. Shaw, held an O. R. T. meeting at Bridgeburg, on the evening of October 28th, but we regret to say that so few turned out. To be sure, the weather was not just what it might have been, yet it was not so bad but that more might have shown up than did. At our previous meeting we had some four-

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teen present, and it was thought still more would have taken advantage of this one, especially when it enables our members to keep posted as to what is being accomplished by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. I often wonder if we, as members of the Order, do not forget all about the small pay, long hours, and numerous duties we had to perform prior to 1899, and, too, I wonder if it ever occurs to our members what would happen were we, as an organized body, enjoying the benefits we do through the efforts of our organization, to ever allow the Order to go to pieces? To my mind, the first thing that would happen would be the cutting of the present salaries, increasing of hours of duty, as wel las increasing the number of our duties. Therefore, brothers, don't be penny wise and pound foolish in this matter. Let us stand firmly together and see to it that we protect the great benefits we enjoy through the efforts of our noble Order. And the next time Bro. Shaw calls a meeting at Bridgeburg, which I hope will not be long hence, let us turn out in a bunch and show that we appreciate what he and the others of our General Committee are endeavoring to do for us, as telegraphers. I notice that it is on the roads where the men attend their meetings you wil find the best schedules.

Bro. Shaw, after coming all the way from London, was very much disappointed to find so few present. There was no good reason why twentyfive members could not have showed up at this meeting. We have, in this locality, five or six nons, the majority of whom have already promised to all in line, while the others appear to be afraid to show their colors, thinking, no doubt, that an Order man is looked down on by the company. Now is the time to make a man of yourself. Get in line and assist in the work of obtaining that which you so much desire. If all the nons on this road were to get the scales off their eyes and play the part of men, instead of acting the coward, or part of a mean man, a schedule to their liking would soon be obtained. When telegraphers already enjoying benefits from the Order will say, "Get me something and I'll join," they are no help to any committee or organization.

CERT. 778.

Middle Division-

Middle Division members held a meeting in Hamilton, October 20th, and we had a pretty fair crowd, too, although not as many attended as should have. We propose holding another at Brantford, October 9th, both afternoon and evening, so as to give both day and night men a chance to attend, and we expect a good turn out. I think more of the boys should take advantage of these gatherings than they usually do. If they would they would get acquainted with each other, and at the same time learn as to what is going on in the Order. The meetings are the proper place to get news, not the street corner. As I have stated, at this Hamilton meeting we had a fairly good attendance, and Bro. Shaw, our worthy general secretary and treasurer, didn't mince his words in letting us know just what our duty, regarding the O. R. T., was.

Our next Hamilton meeting will be held about the 23d of December at the Dominion House, both afternoon and evening, when it is hoped both day and night men will take advantage of it and attend. By holding these meetings we are able to keep in touch with each other, and at the same time keep posted as to what is being accomplished through our noble Order. I, for one, must confess that after listening to Bro. Shaw explain matters regarding our division, we, as telegraphers on this road, have missed a lot by not having always held these meetings during the past few years, as our brothers on other roads have done.

There are a few nons left on this district, but we are landing them one by one. We have the promise of five new members this pay-day, and hope they will keep their word.

I notice, from our secretary's report, that two or three of our members in this neighborhood are delinquent this term's dues, which should not be. Now, boys, get busy and settle up. Don't keep putting it off, or you are sure to forget it entirely.

Bro. Maguire, agent at Capetown, has resigned and is going to follow some other business. We all wish him all kinds of success. Bro. Baker has succeeded him as agent there and we welcome Bro. Baker among us.

We are glad to see C. A. Duncombe, at Alford, once more wearing the button and up-to-date.

Bro. Reg Lee has been transferred from Brantford to Black Rock, and Bro. Brent, who was acting depot master, has been appointed day operator at Brantford.

Operator W. J. Burr, night man at Dundas, has gone to London for a short time. Understand he is relieving one of the boys in the ticket office. Burr is being relieved by Bro. J. J. Anderson. Wonder why Mr. Burr is not in a position to show an up-to-date card? He got a \$4.50 increase through the new schedule, and I wonder why he ell back over the traces. Can't some good brother persuade him to tumbel back in line once more?

Operator W. E. Dines, night man at Bronte, has resigned and gone into other business.

Bro. J. Butler, formerly night operator at Capetown, has been appointed day man at Welland Canal bridge.

Another man we are sorry to see fall behind is W. Hurley, day man at Dumfries, and he, too, received \$4.30 as a monthly increase through our new schedule. Can't some nearby brother pull this fellow in line again?

Now, boys, it will soon be time, providing conditions will warrant, for our committee to make some move towards fixing up a new schedule, and we should all do what we can to make this pike solid O. R. T., without any delay whatever. While the O. R. T. has accomplished great things for the Grand Trunk telegraphers during the past eight years, for which I for one am thankful, yet I believe we are the only railroad telegraphers in

Canada who do not receive extra compensation for Sunday labor, and I think it is about time we were getting it, as the telegraphers on the other roads do. We can get it if we will stick together and do what is right with the Order, as Bro. Shaw has so often explained and requested, both at meetings and by circular. If we don't take any interest in this we must not expect good results. Now, while I admit we are enjoying the fruits of a mighty good schedule, yet we are not as well paid as the C. P. R. ..., C. N., T. & N. O., I. C. R. R., or M. C. R. R. boys are, and why is it? Simply because these other fellows are better organized than we are. Is not this exactly what Bro. Shaw has been telling us for the past eight years? It certainly is, and now, boys, I think it is time to get busy and do something ourselves, and not look to our general secretary and local chairmen for all such work.

The more I attend these meetings we are holding the more it is evident to me that we have been a lot of real chumps for sleeping as we have been during the past years. If each member would go after his next-door neighbor and stay with him until he captures him, and then have this fellow do the same thing, it would only be a matter of a short time when we would have this road solid O. R. T. Try it and see if it don't work just as I have said. There are, unfortunately, a few men along this district who are not in the Order, who would join if some member would only take the pains to speak to them and explain the benefits they are receiving from the O R. T.

I notice that a number of our members are not wearing their button. What's the matter, boys? Are you afraid that some official will drop in on you and notice that you are a member? Looks that way to me. Don't be afraid to show your colors. Officials of any road think more of their employes who display their colors than they do of those who do not. Now, boys, wake up and let us do something.

On October 29th, our worthy general secretary and treasurer, Bro. Shaw, held an O. R. T. meeting in the afternoon for the purpose of giving the night men a chance to congregate and learn what was going on in the ranks. A number of the boys from different points came, resulting in good being accomplished. At this afternoon meeting, a number of the night men, who seldom have a chance to get together to talk over matters pertaining to their welfare, expressed themselves as being thoroughly pleased, and suggested that in the future, when meetings are called for the evening, that one be held in the afternoon for the benefit of the night owls, which Bro. Shaw agreed to do.

At the evening meeting a fairly good crowd congregated, and, after talking over matters which affected one and all alike, for some two hours, it was moved that we adjourn to meet again when called by the secretary. The motion was carried.

Bro. C. Crouch is now doing the night-stunt at Princeton.

The chief is moving the agents around a lot. Some of you old heads want to get next to an agency some place.

Fred Rutherford, working second trick on the Chois at "K," is off sick.

Now, boys, there are only two ham factories on this pike. These two joints must soon be in line or quit the business, eh!

Bro. R. Leo, from "NF," has gone to Black Rock to dispatch the trains over the bridge.

Jack Brent, formerly depot master at "NF," has taken to the key again at "NF."

I wish to say if some of the boys along the Seventeenth District would wake up a bit and give a write-up things would look brighter.

BEN-ABOUT.

Southern Division-

Bro. Banghart, day operator at Simcoe, is away on a holiday. Bro. Smith takes his place on days and will surely make good. Bro. Lickorish does the owl act until the regulars resume their respective positions.

Bro. Fred Newman has just resumed at Jarvis. Mr. J. O'Donnell relieved him and we hope to call "JO" brother by next write-up.

Bro. J. Murray, of Aylmer, is back with us again. Also Bro. Bancroft, of Corinth.

It shows the increased interest that is being taken by the G. T. R. men of the Southern Division, and its a sad and forlorn position for those without the protection of our Order to occupy. Take note of the doings of the vast majority. Throw away those petty excuses and dig in and help by becoming a member and work for the Order's and your own good. There is more to be gained by far than holding back, thinking some generous-hearted fellow will come along and carry your load as well as his own. Past experience should teach us that we need protection now more than ever before. and it's up to every wage earner to be up and doing in real earnest. Forewarned is forearmed. We take it for granted the wise will heed the warning and be prepared. Get to your guns and do business, at the business end. The opposing forces will profit by the work you have undone, so do your best and face the music and victory shall be ours. Don't become discouraged because some one points out to you something that looks like defeat, as it is only one of the hard rubs the nugget gets to make it brighter and without which its true value would not be realized.

"Fight on and on until the victory's won, Nor be content with anything less,

Until the thread of life you've spun."

Bro. F. Ellis, night optrator at Corinth, relieved Mr. Newton, operator at Windsor, for a few days; can not say as to Mr. Newton's standing at present.

Mr. F. Birthmick relieved Bro. Ellis at Corinth during the latter's absence.

Bro. Bancroft, agent at Corinth, was an a vacation for a few days. Relieved by Operator A. M. Stule, of Stevensville.



On account of the station at Corinth having burned down, we presume Bros. Bancroft and Ellis are doing business in a parlor car. At least we hope they are comfortably situated for the winter.

Bro. Hoffman, of Windsor, took a few days' vacation. Did not hear who relieved him.

Bro. Mara, of Bothwell is now night man at Windsor, and Operator Burthwick is relieving at-Bothwell.

Bro. Ellis has returned from Windsor to his old position as night operator at Corinth.

Operator Taylor, who relieved a few days at Fort Erie, returned to "H" office, up in the yard, to old position. Operator McLeod resumed at Fort Erie. Understand the illness of his sister called him away.

I desire to thank Bro. King, agent at Renton, for several items for the journal this month, and would like it very much if more of the boys would do likewise.

W. E. S.

#### Western Division-

We are gathering in quite a few new members, and if a few more of the present members would do a little hustling we could show 85 or 90 per cent in a very short while. There is no use in joining the Order and then sitting down and waiting for some one to come along and hand you a schedule. Some one spent considerable time to get you to see the right road; why not take a hand in the good work and secure one or two more. That is the only way we can ever do anything. Now, boys, wake up and try and land at least one non. If we all do this the line will be solid. The way it should be. Don't get sore and kick because the company does not give a schedule without being asked. Just hustle a little and a committee will do the rest. Business is good on this line and will be better in a short while, and we should get busy right away, so that when the proper time comes we will be in a position to demand more than the usual \$50.00 per. There are a whole lot of O. R. T. men here. Don't be afraid to hustle. It's all for your own good.

Would like to hear from some of the men next month. Will some of you please give us a little news in next month's TELEGRAPHER? PAT.

## IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The grim reaper, death, has again visited our midst and removed from this earthly career our faithful and esteemed brother, L. Faulkner, of South River, Ontario; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Division 1, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the bereaved family its sincere sympathy in their hour of affliction, and respectfully commend them for consolation to the Grand Master of the Universe, who ever doeth all things well; and be it further

Resolved, That four copies of this resolution be sent to the bereaved family, a copy sent THE

TELEGRAPHER for publication, and a copy spread upon the minutes of this division.

J. A. Bell,
General Chairman.
P. A. Robertson,
W. E. Sutherland,

B. J. ROWELL, M. P. BROPHY,

Committee.

# Mobile & Ohio Ry.

St. Louis Division-

I am in receipt of several letters from nonsalong the line informing me they will become members January 1, 1909. This is indeed gratifying. Some of this bunch have been very stubborn. I have exhausted every means at my command before I could get any promise. I am glad to say that, with one or two exceptions, they have all positively refused to join, until something like a week ago I received this information from six of those unbelievers in one day. "Ows" that?

You boys that have a non working with you, what is wrong? Can't you bring them in? It is your duty to keep after them until you succeed in landing them. We are in very good shape; still there is some very desirable material along the pike that we should get in line. Get busy, boys, and get a solid line-up for New Years. We could do this if every one would do his duty and get that non that is working with you or at the next station to do the needful.

I am very grateful to the worthy brother from the north end for the news I received, also from the brother south of Jackson for his valuable information.

Commencing with the Murphysboro District, I will try and gove a brief line-up.

Mr. Dan Middleton, "Copies," Murphysboro, has resigned and gone to his home in Salem, Ill., to engage in business with his father. Relieved by Bro. Wilson from Sparta, first trick. First trick at Sparta filled by Bro. Cooke, who hails from the I. S. at Sparta. Ill.

Mr. Bert McBride, extra, from Campbell Hill. was assigned to Baldwin, Ill., third trick. I understand Mc will get the necessary pasteboard just as soon as he has worked long enough.

Mr. E. B. Jernigan, agent at Alto Pass, has been off on a vacation. Relieved by Bro. Chapman, regular second trick operator "AO."

Mr. W. D. Hoover, agent at Pomona, Ill., I understand has resigned to go West in search of health.

Pomona agency is being filled by our worthy Bro. Brickey, from Hodges Park.

Bro. Miller McCord, second trick at Pomona, is spending a few days with the home folks at Oraville. Relieved by Mr. Linn Lawrence.

Bro. F. W. Shafer, former agent at Percy, is now working second trick at N. P.

Bro. McMurtrie, still doing the stunt at Willisville, does enough work for three men, but don't want any student. Wish we had lots more like him.

Bro. L. H. Roberson, agent at Oakton, Ky., was off a few days to get married. He is back at work again.

Bro. Newsome, from Union City, bid in Clamore on bulletin, relieving Bro. Murdaugh, who was assigned Jackson "JN" nights.

The notorious Morris School of Telegraphy, at Union City, has nearly gone dead. Professor Morris has left the school and is now selling picture frames through the country, while Mr. Gleason, from Polk, Tenn., a former I. C. employe, who was dismissed from the service on account of incompetency, is acting professor.

Bro. Will Brett, first trick at Trenton, Tenn., has been assigned to clerical position with the agent. I observe that this place was bulletined on the 16th inst.

Bros. L. R. Brooks and Armstrong, first and second trick operators at Corinth, have each been off on vacation, being relieved by Operator Cunningham.

Bro. Earl Taylor has been assigned to Guntown days, being relieved at Russolor by a Mr. Taylor.

Bro. May has been assigned to second trick dispatcher, Jackson to Tamms, relieving Mr. Cassebere. Mr. Cassebere tried to pass two trains on main line, I understand.

Bro. Luten, of Corinth, is off a few days. Relieved by Bro. LaGarde.

Bro. Hudson is now working third trick at Shannon.

Mr. J. E. Reynolds, of Laketon, Ky., off a few days on account of chills, has returned to "GR." Was relieved by Bro. LaGarde.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### Wabash Ry.

# Detroit-Chicago Division-

Please extend the glad hand to Bros. H. E. Dorsey, Westville; F. O. Gibson, Topeka; G. H. Shannon, Romulus; J. H. Whippert, Gary; P. F. Charpie, "BO" tower; A. D. Davis, Britton, and Sister Gertrude E. Mack, Westville.

Found things in fairly good shape on this division, and we are gradually working to complete organization all over. Have the promise of several others to come in soon and trust will be able to soon call them brother or sister, as the case may be.

I am not very proud of the showing in one of the big offices on this division. The boys were unable to give any reasons why it should not be better, and I am unable to see for myself.

Bro. L. J. Miller, formerly of the Wabash, and from here to the C. & N. W., is now out of the railroad business and is working for a telephone company at Kenosha, Wis.

Sister Frances Jones is again in the hospital at Peru. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Bro. Paul Heath, second trick at Westville, was called home suddenly from the West on account of the illness of his father.

Bro. Ray Hoffer, first trick at Crocker, thought third trick at Wakarusha looked better to him, so he bid it in on bulletin. The new depot at Milan is nearly completed and will be much appreciated by the public and employes, as it has been very hard to work or wait since the fire. The new building is made fireproof throughout, with electric lights and a fine cement platform to complete it.

Bro. L. A. Yoder, third trick at Milan, has again resumed work after a few days' visit in Colorado with his parents. He reports a pleasant trip.

Bro. D. E. Taylor, first trick at Milan, spent a couple of days recently in Goshen, Ind.

R. J. Webber, J. E. Campbell, extra men on the Wabash, and Bro. Floyd Smith worked at Milan while the regular men, Bros. Taylor, Wood and Yoder were off.

Bro. Floyd Stage, agent at Willis, reports that his father, who has been confined in a hospital at Detroit with a long siege of sickness, is getting better.

Bro. A. N. Chambers, agent at Whittaker, was off for a few days recently, Miss French, extra, helping him out.

We have two stations on this division where the men are working twelve hours per day each and are allowed one hour per day overtime. Before the nine-hour law became effective these stations had a helper. The overtime paid these men would pay for a helper and put all the men on the ninehour basis. Wonder why it is not done.

Britton now has three operators with an exclusive agency, making some nice jobs, after some months of rawhiding, with two operators and the agent doing part of the telegraphing.

Operator S. E. Turner, who has been working first trick at Romulus during the illness of Bro. W. H. Sellers, was called home to Stroh by the illness of his mother, Bro. Floyd Smith taking his place at Romulus.

Bro. Sellers is again able to be about. At present he is at the hospital at Peru recuperating, and if complications do not set in he will likely be back at work by the time this appears in print.

Bro. and Mrs. J. M. Seibert, of Romulus, took a pleasure trip to Saginaw and Bay City, Mich., Nov. 23d.

Bro. C. W. Shoup, of Belleville, with his lady friend, spent a Sunday at French Landing recently.

Bro. A. F. Klages and wife, of Romulus, took a trip to Detroit recently.

Am indebted to Bro. V. A. Wood, our local chairman, for most of these items this month.

CERT. 1,274.

#### St. Louis Division-

I have recently received from our Division Secretary, Bro. LaFever, a revised list of the membership on the Wabash Lines west of the river. This list consists of five and one-half closely typewritten pages showing dues paid until Dec. 31. There is nothing remarkable about this. It is only what it should be and what we had expected It is a great testimonial for the Order and an endorsement of many individuals that they have been



benefited financially and an acknowledgment that the organization through which these benefits have come. It is to be regretted that we did not get into the game of helping ourselves sooner. We allowed several years of the greatest prosperity the country has ever known to slip by us while we remained working at panic wages. While all other departments of labor were taking advantage of the busy times and getting their's by going after it, we were relying on voluntary donations and charity, which never materialized. When we did finally muster up courage enough to get in the game and go after what was right and what we should have, the great crash in the industrial world came. What followed is a matter of history, and you are all familiar with it. We were then up before the company for another revision.

The task of increasing wages is a hard one, even at the most opportune time and under the most favorable circumstances, and any of you who may imagine it otherwise—I only wish you were given an opportunity to try it. The conditions were very pronounced against us last fall, I believe every student of the times will agree. In an industrial collapse such as we have had the past year it occurs to me that we were quite fortunate in being organized, thereby protecting ourselves against a cut in pay which I believed we would surely have got had it not been for the fact that we were in a position to resist it.

We are told that the country is rapidly recovering from the adverse conditions which have prevailed during the past year. The newspapers mention this in glowing accounts, and announce that there is another large package of busy times headed this way. If this is true, it is up to us to get ready for it. We almost let one opportunity get clear by, we having only gotten in on the finish. I do not think we will be guilty of another act like this. I expect to pass over the line in the course of a month or so, and want to see as many of you as possible. Although I will carry a limited supply of application blanks, the object of my trip will not be that of interviewing nons or seeking applications, and interviews of this kind will be very brief. We have arrived at that stage now where we are capable of going ahead and doing business very nicely, and any time wasted on the few flat-heads who are out now is time poorly spent.

#### Notice to whom it may concern:

A report has been widely circulated to the effect that F. Chauncy, agent at Wentzville is "one of them things" (a non) and such report has caused him no end of annoyance and embarrassment. We, the undersigned, do certify that on the night of November 14th we personally visited Mr. Chauncy for the purpose of obtaining the facts, and after a short interview we were convinced that Bro. Chauncy is a full-fledged member, with dues paid until Dec. 31.

(Signed) C. R. TAYLOR and W. MURPHY.

Bro. Ira Atterberry, formerly of Page Avenue, writes us from Ruedi, Col., where he states he is nicely located and with a salary, when compared to ours, large enough to produce heart failure. (For that reason we refrain from quoting the figures.) We wish him continued success.

Bros. W. E. Gold and H. A. Trimble are working first and second tricks and a Mr. Cox third trick at Page Avenue.

Bro. Hick, agent at Forristell, is taking a two months' vacation and is relieved by Bro. F. Krome, late of St. Charles. Bro. G. D. Rixey is filling the position made vacant at St. Charles by Bro. Krome, and a man named Kallmeyer is working in place of Miss Algermissen, who has been pulled off.

The agency at Wellsville and also operator's trick is bulletined again.

Mr. W. C. McMain, an old-timer and ex-member, who has been out of the railroad business, is back with us again and acting as agent at Wellsville.

Bro. W. D. Duffy, of Montgomery, took the second trick at "NE" Moberly, and F. C. Appling, former agent at Wellsville, takes the position vacated at Montgomery.

Just as we are writing a rumor is out that Miss Algermissen, who startled the world through the newspapers a year ago, describing how she sat in her easy chair at St. Peters "when all but her had fled" and saved a passenger train from destruction from a bridge which was not on fire, and immediately claimed a Carnegie medal, has been rewarded with a handsome pair of "rollers" of the most improved type. We have not heard any of the particulars, but expect to hear something later of a cruel corporation and an angel child. Truly, it seemeth a dream. Local Chairman.

#### Decatur Division-

Bro. Engle, of Manhattan was off duty a few days the latter part of October on account of sickness. Operator Reinhart, from the C. & A. relieved him. Mr. R., we understand, is not in the fold, but promises to come across as soon as he gets on his feet.

Bros. Nelson and Adams, of Manhattan and Symerton, were on leave of absence the latter part of October. Both of the boys tried their hands on some of the choice pieces of land at the Rosebud Agency.

Bro. Johnson, of Symerton, was on the sick list the latter part of October. Relieved by Operator Reinhart temporarily. Later Mr. R. went to Foosland and relieved Bro. Smith, who in turn relieved Bro. Downs, who was off a few days.

Bro. Hecox has been assigned to Reddick nights, regular.

Bro. Long, from North Ritchie, has been transferred to Marley, vice Mr. Peiffer, who goes to North Ritchie.

Bro. Lewis, who has been working at Strawn. has been transferred to the agency at Stewardson. Stewardson is one of the points that was closed as a telegraph office last March. Bro. Lewis was relieved at Strawn by his namesake, who has been at work there some time as operator.

Bro. Heffner made us a pleasant call during his roundup of the boys on the line. Reports finding things very satisfactory.

Operator Lowry, of Lodge, severed his connection with the Wabash very suddenly, thereby forcing a double of the other boys.

Bro. Havs and wife, of Pontiac, made a short visit with home folks at Shumway the early part of the month.

Bro. Heffner has resumed duty at Monticello. During his absence of some two weeks, lining up the boys, Davis, of Lodge, relieved him.

Extra Operator Rowland was at Sidney a few nights. Bro. Ball took a few days off, being relieved by Operator Kurtz, who in turn was relieved by Cone.

Operator Geo. Cash is now doing the night stunt at "XD" office, vice Bro. Dotson, who is lining up as extra dispatcher.

Bro. Steinbarger, of Ashburn, we understand, is thinking very seriously of entering Uncle Sam's service as a mail carrier.

Bro. Barber, who was stationed at Reddick, is now employed by the T. P. & W. at Piper City, Ill. Bro. McKinley, who was to try his future out in the great Northwest, has changed his mind. He is now employed by the I. C., Chicago division.

Operator McGrath, third trick man at "II" office, Decatur, is lining up on lay-out of road, thereby being in position to assume the duties of dispatcher in the near future.

Bro. Childers, of "H" office, who resigned some time ago to try out his future in the great Southwest, has returned. Nothing doing down there, he says. Again he has made connection with the Wabash at Decatur.

On account of ill health, Mrs. Cora Funk, of "XD" office, Decatur, is taking an indefinite leave of absence.

Bro. Harwood, of Litchfield, is doing the second stunt act at "H" Decatur office for a few days.

While Dispatcher Gruendike, first trick man on 9th district is off duty on account of sickness, Davidson is working first, Bro. Walton, of "CW" office is doing the third trick, vice Davidson.

Bro. Nelson, of Ashburn is now doing time at Palos Springs as second trick man.

Bro. Heslin, of Forrest, off duty a few days on account of sickness.

There has been considerable annoyance caused by some operators calling up different ones on the 6th district and "joshing" in a manner that is not exactly in keeping with what is right. Innocent fun is O. K., but don't carry it too far.

We wish to express our appreciation for the many notes received from various brothers giving me "tips" as to what was doing over different parts of the line. Thanks; come right along, we are pleased to receive them.

Bro. Heffner, our worthy local chairman, who has been off duty the first part of November, lining up the boys and incidentally working for each and every one's benefit, and the Order, reports everything in much better shape than anticipated.

Bros. Lanier and Davis, of Lodge, first and second respectively, were off a few days the latter part of November, visiting home folks at Versailles,, Ill. Bro. Maxey, of North Ritchie, relieved Bro. Lanier, and Bro. Lewis, of Granite City, relieved Bro. Davis.

#### Western Division-

The depot at Keytesville burned on the night of Nov. 25. Bro. Wooley will probably spend the winter in a boxcar.

The new cement depot at Jameson is about finished and Bro. L. W. Bashaw will wear the smile that won't come off when he gets moved.

Bro. M. G. Clark relieved Mr. Paul Gray as third trick telegrapher and Trainmaster's clerk at Stanberry. Mr. Boldock, first trick, is still a non. Says he can not see that the Order has ever done anything for the telegraphers or that it had anything to do with getting the nine-hour law through Congress. All other telegraphers on this line kept posted in regard to what influences were brought to bear on Congress to get this law through.

Mr. R. C. Winn and Mr. C. C. McDonald are the only nons on the main line holding nine-hour tricks. Mr. Winn has promised to join soon.

Mr. E. O. Evans, nights at Kansas City, has dropped out on account of sickness in his family, but has promised to join soon.

We have only three nons on the main line, and only four or five on the high line, and some of these are not eligible on account of not having worked long enough.

The following new members have joined this month: W. L. Beams, H. L. Smiley, Harry Street, J. Wooley, R. Endicott, C. W. Layton, Paul Gregory, H. E. Byrum, T. B. Riley, C. E. Bobbitt, Chas. Gorsuch, F. A. Allen, H. A. Tharp and A. E. Wallace.

Bro. Harry Street made his regular trip to Excelsior Springs last Sunday.

Bro. W. L. Beams relieved Bro. J. F. Knox at Clifton for a week while Bro. Knox was hunting for nons.

The officials are considering reopening Dalton and Clifton as night offices. CERT. 453.

# Peru Division-

Bro. Shutt is going over the division, trying to have a short visit with each of the boys, and incidentally rope in the few that are still out in the cold. May be able to give you a list of new members next month. Bro. Parkham is working second trick at Delphi while Bro. Myers is relieving Bro. Shutt.

Bro. Safely, who has been on the Peru division for several years past, resigned his position in "Z" Peru October 16 to accept a position as dispatcher with the D. I. & N. Ry. in Iowa. He writes that he is well pleased with his new position and the country.

Bro. Cox, of Huntington, has accepted the agency at Liberty Center made vacant by the promotion of O. E. Wilson to the Napoleon agency,



Mr. Miller, formerly of Napoleon, having been made a traveling freight agent.

Messrs. Wallick, Scott and Parkman reported discharged in the September issue, have since been reinstated at New Waverly.

Bro. N. J. Bechtel is back at La Fayette after working a few weeks at Williamsport as agent and after a week's sickness. Bro. O. L. Dunwoody resumed his trick at Newell.

Through some mischance the announcement of the marriages of Bros. A. H. Barcklow, of Peru, and of Bro. W. G. Beard, of State Line, did not appear in the columns of the journal several months ago. We announce it at this late date so that their many friends may conduct themselves accordingly while in their presence.

Bro. C. C. Chase, of Newell, off a few days, relieved by Bro. Parkman.

Buck Creek agency was bid in by Mr. I. J. Thompson, of Maumee, Bro. Webber resuming the second trick. Bro. Lauber is now at Maumee.

Bro. I. O. Bowers landed the third trick at Huntington. Bro. Bailey now working the third at Roanoke. Can't say whether assigned or not.

M. G. Dancy made his start in the profession at Danes while regular telegrapher Robinson was at New Waverly. Dancy is the right stuff and we will call him brother in due time.

The eleven-hour night trick at "Z" Peru is not very popular on account of the long hours. In the name of justice this job should be an eighthour job as well as other less important positions paying the same salary.

Bro. Edson is on the third trick at West Peru while Bro. Lipsett is doing the extra work in "Z" office.

The "magnates" seem to be trying to spread consternation among the railroad telegraphers with the telephone "bug-a-boo." However, the opinions of the many practical railroaders we come in contact with makes us believe that our profession has yet a good many useful years to live.

Mr. R. M. Smith is again with the Wabash, doing relief work at Huntington, New Haven and Deflance this month. Drv. Con.

### Union Pacific Ry.

Nebraska Division-

There are several things I would like to mention but I am crowded for time and my experience has been it is a great deal like a campaign speech anyway—all crowd into hear and then straightway forget about it. For my part it does me just about as much good as yelling in a rain barrel used to when I was young. I enjoyed hearing myself "holler," and would listen for the echo as I held my head in the barrel, but its influence went no further.

I will speak of just one thing now, however, That is if any one is dissatisfied and think they have a knock coming, don't go home and lock it up in the trunk, like your girl did her first valentine, neither go out and air it like the same girl did the first piece she learned to play on the piano, until everybody was sick of her, as well as the piece. The music was nocent, it was all her fault. So many of these matters are very small and could be readily adjusted if you would handle them properly, instead of making trouble for all by airing them to one and all. After all, haven't your grievances been so few that you don't know just what it takes to constitute one, nor know the way to handle it properly? If you think an injustice has been done you, refer it to your local officials. If they violate the schedule refer them to it. If you are unable to settle the matter with them personally, then refer it to your local chairman, who will then handle it for you. Nine chances out of ten. if handled this way, you would never be obliged to take it up with the Order at all. It is not necessary for you to lay off and go hunt them up and talk it out, write them. If they refuse, that is sufficient. We then have something to work on. I merely give this to you as a hint for the first thing a fellow does if he gets a deal worked on him that is unfair, is to sit down and fold his hands and begin to knock on the Order and all who speak a good word for it. Pardon me, I don't want to preach you a sermon, but would like to give you a little homely illustration. All are probably well enough acquainted with Bible history to know that in early times the Israelites were captured by the Egyptians and held as slaves. When Moses was a young man, one day, while walking, he saw an Egyptian taskmaster strike an Israelite. Immediately through the veins of Moses rushed the hot blood of anger at the Egyptian and sympathy for his brother Hebrew. He desired to do some great thing then and there for his oppressed brethren. He did-what did he do? Why he smote the Egyptian with his big walking stick and killed him, and buried his body in the sand and went away. But it was found out and he was forced to flee to Midian, where he dwelt forty years as a shepherd before he became well enough acquainted with God's plan of work to go back and face Pharoah and finally deliver his brethren from slavery. See the point? Immediately something goes wrong at once everybody begins "killing Egyptians," and in the melee considerable damage is done and the cause is hindered instead of helped. On the spur of the moment you may think you know just what will do the work, or at least strike a great blow, but, brother, when you calm down and view the situation, you are killing Egyptians, and the great evil has not even felt the sting of your blow. It is your own cause you have hurt.

Without further talk, let's cut it out; let's recognize the fact that we are coupled with a movement that is second to none in the industrial world's history, and you cut a mighty small figure in it, yet can be one to lend great assistance in its behalf. Recognize the fact that it is a gradual growth all along, expect nothing abnormal, but remember, too, that while some one may once in a while be able to throw a stumbling block in the path of its forward march, they can as much stop it in the end as you. After you and he and

I are all dead this thing will still be running, struggling, fighting, but slowly and surely forging ahead. Really, when you think of it in that light, are not you glad you can have a privilege of helping in a good, great work?

Take the example of your great leader, Mr. Gompers, who acknowledges a rebuff, yet who knows there is no manhood in quitting. Nothing has sunk yet, nor has any likelihood of doing so. Even some have the idea that if the telephone were installed for dispatching trains and were successful, we are ruined. Don't lay awake nights thinking of it. It probably would do us injury in so far as it would take away from us a trade which we call our own exclusively and put it in the reach of many, but the days of good wages have come to stay, the telephone men would be organized and the movement would go ahead just the same, even though it were forced to start from the very first. Would you be one to help defeat and destroy the work of twenty years, or would you rather be found going right ahead, still doing your part to maintain the best of what we have labored years to procure? If the telephone were installed, could we not present as good a trade as a brakeman? How skilled is he? How long do you think it would take to make a brakeman out of raw material in time of trouble? Bosh, be somebody! If you have anything to fear it is because many have hung back in the past, before the telephone appeared, and our standard is not as high as the trainmen on that very account. We have ourselves to blame. Now, I do hope we will hear of no one jumping out to save himself. Suppose you were on the ocean in a great storm, land fifty, five hundred, yea, a thousand miles off; it is a decided fact that the old vessel can't weather the gale; she is bound to sink. Would you jump off into the great gaping ocean to save yourself? On the other hand, suppose you thought there was the slightest chance that the vessel or some part of her might be left that you could cling to, would you not hang on to her the tighter? 'Nuff said, if you are too dumb to see my point now, I'm through.

I'll be shy of items this month. I'm just too busy to keep track of everything that changes. If you can't give me a bit of news, it can go begging.

Bro. Rice is back at Brady Island after his month's vacation in the East. That let out Extra Operator Frank McGovern, who went East again, as there was no opening just then.

Bro. O. J. Sayer, Shelton, off a few days, at home resting up; relieved by Bro. B. O. Byrne.

The latter brother is now at Cozad, relieving Bro. C. W. Nicholson, second trick at Cozad, while Bro. Nicholson takes a few weeks' rest.

Bro. C. W. Nichols, Overton, off for thirty days; relieved by Bro. C. W. Graham. Nick is visiting everybody in the State he knows who can put him up a square meal, and, from his appearance when he called on us, it agrees with him.

Several bids in for Christmas vacations already. Now is the time.

Bro. C. W. Horne, at Maxwell, compelled to lay off a month or so as soon as he can get relief, on account of his health. Not expecting to die, but he is one of our and the company's standbys and the confinement begins to tell on him unless he rests up occasionally. All hope he gets all he goes after.

Bro. W. W. Johnson, of the First District, bid in Amherst. He is another old-timer with the company and with the movement for the betterment of his profession.

Bro. L. L. Hurd, of Cotesfield, who was bumped there by one of the babes from Nurse Seiver's nursery, has taken his former position at Eddyville. Of course, you understand that according to the schedule when a man is bumped under similar circumstances he is entitled to the job he held prior to taking the one which he loses. Don't know yet where Mr. Reddy, from the latter station, will land, as I don't think he has held any regular position before.

Bro. T. G. Cook, Scotia, off a few days; relieved by Bro. C. W. Graham. Spent it mostly resting, but managed to take in Omaha on his rounds.

Bro. Clark, at St. Paul, unable to get us a write-up from the branch this month, as the agent at that point was forced to attend the funeral of his brother, an engineer, who was killed near Cheyenne a few days ago, and Chief Anderson was unable to give him relief, consequently, Bro. Clark was forced to do the whole thing. It is a good deal like an old hen trying to cover a big setting of eggs, but he thinks what can't be covered, can freeze, begorra.

Believe last month we failed to mention the fact that Bro. Price, of Rockville, laid off a week or two, and was relieved by Bro. Gard. Whenever a brother is so fortunate as to get a vacation and then get a trip all over the Eastern States in addition, I think it is worthy of mention. Hope to be able to take an extended visit myself some time.

The O. R. C. gave their annual ball at Grand Island on the night of the 20th of November. The operators were well represented by Bros. W. C. Henigan, of the yard office, and J. P. Feeney, of "GE," the two recognized society representatives of the brass pounders of Grand Island. They also had the dollar to get in with, which some others I know were minus.

I have the promises of three or four new members January 1st, and have my eyes on two or three more, who are good timber, as well as having two or three good members helping me. What can you do to help a good cause along? It will be appreciated if you will do all you can to create interest, but remember the first thing to do is to get right yourself and see that you stay that way.

L. C.



First District, Nebraska Division-

No card, no favors.

G. F. Birmingham, first trick at Columbus, is off on a vacation. Bro. Jones, of the N. P., is working third trick, Bro. Clark second, and Bro. Winkleman, first trick.

Bro. W. W. Ladd, Humphrey, was off ten days on a hunting trip; relieved by J. G. Pollock, formerly of Valley.

Bro. R. B. Beer, of Genoa, just returned from the East.

Bro. Clarke, of the Burlington, is working third trick at Central City. "13" that he got the job on the last bulletin; guess no one will kick unless it is himself.

Bro. Hans Jensen, third trick at Schuyler, was off for a couple of days, taking in the fortieth anniversary of the K. of P. at Omaha; relieved by Bro. McKean. Bro. McKean also went to North Bend and worked for a few nights, going from there to Yu:an to relieve the agent there.

Bro. Armstead, second trick at North Bend, is taking a vacation. Bro. Vyberial is taking his place. Bro. C. A. Buck is taking Bro. Vyberial's place.

Drv. Cor.

Eastern District, Kansas Division-

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year.

Start the new year right by curing a case of chronic "non-air-itis." We have several well-developed cases.

Effective November 1st, the L. & W. branch, formerly the Leavenworth, Kansas & Western Railway Company, was put under our schedule and the minimum raised from \$50 to \$52.50.

Six new members from the L. & W., and we expect them all before the end of the year.

Understand the train-order signals have been taken out of Edwardsville, Loring, Williamstown and Grantville.

Prosperity hit Manhattan and Junction City the day after election in the shape of a reduction in the force. Mr. Brunner, extra at Manhattan, going to the Wyoming Division, and now located at Hillsdale, Wyo. Mr. Hooven, extra at Junction City, to the extra list.

Bro. Geary, of the C. T. U. of A., from "KS," Kansas City, over to Col. H. A. Hawkins' stronghold in "GN" office, during the inspection.

Bro. Coddington resigned as night operator at Bonner Springs and hiked for Frisco; Bro. Stoddard relieving.

It is reported that Mr. Morrell, one of our confirmed non-airs, is to resign to accept a position in an automobile factory. Here's hoping and also our approval of the move. If a commercial use could be found for the brand of gas he turns loose he would, no doubt, be a success in his new position.

Bro. Ikey Engle, Linwood days, was off several days looking after business. Mr. Hooven re-

Miss N. E. Sims is back from her vacation. Bro. Flannagan relieved Bro. Perky at Lawrence; from Lawrence to Ogdensburg. Mr. Edgar, from Tonganoxie to Williamstown; a Mr. Sims, from Yocemento, and a Mr. Gleason, from somewhere, relieving.

Bro. C. D. Wyatt, from Concordia to Belvue, regular.

Bro. C. A. Smith, from Belvue to St. George, regular.

Bro. L. O. Price, from St. George to Kanapolis.

Bro. F. A. Cantwell, from Irving to Holmesville, regular.

Bro. C. B. Wade, to Irving, regular.

Bro. H. J. Heinrichs, from Randolph to Delphos. Bro. C. A. Webb is senior applicant for Randolph. At this time I can not say who gets stung on Garrison Crossing. Bro. Micreotta relieving at Randolph.

Miss N. A. Wade has resigned as agent at Mari-

Bro. Fish is taking a trip through the West for his health. Bro. W. D. Melindy, from the B. & O. Division, No. 33, is doing the heavy act at Schroyer.

Mr. J. E. McIntosh, formerly agent at Blue Springs, who resigned to engage in other business, is now located at Leonardville as agent and has asked for the papers

Chas. E. Churchill is relieving Jno. Nedwed at Olsburg.

Did some one say that Mr. Harl, at Yocemento, was "canned?" We don't know, but he had some transportation to Denver canceled, and thus another cripple goes to his reward.

Bro. H. C. Sleeper, from Concordia to Vining, regular.

It seems that the Seiverites are not the howling success that it was planned they should be, and that the auditing department does not look with very kindly eyes upon the poor, misguided children who are taken from the simple life. Notwithstanding the very minute instructions given these embryo general managers by the educational instructor, it seems that the \$35 child at Delia has not mastered the 'phone system on the T. & N. W. branch.

Five were dropped on this district for the nonpayment of dues and the special assessment, and every one of them gold bricks, backsliders whom it was necessary to beat to death with a club to get them in, and who spent all of one term digging up an excuse to dodge their dues. One in particular who, a few years ago, had a collection taken up for him and was handed something like \$135, is holding down one of the best scheduled positions on the Union Pacific; not through his ability as a telegrapher, but on the rights the schedule gives him. He can find the necessary coin to attend such events as the P. O. P. ball, but mention this organization and he is on the verge of the poor farm. Another one of these glittering bricks expected us to do the impossible for him after stepping into a position of which he had been warned. Another near gold brick resigns of his own accord, and comes back in six or eight months and asks for his seniority back,



and when he does not get it, he produces one of the cutest, sweetest, dearest little excuses that ever emanated from a feeble mind, and, well, what's the use, they have lost sight of what has been done for them in the past, or if they do admit this, because the impossible has not been accomplished, they refuse their support. If for no other reason, then why not look at it as a plain business proposition, wherein you invest your \$11 a year and take out from \$30 to \$50 a year in an increase in your salary, to say nothing of better working conditions?

Let's start the new year right. Get yourself a list of these habitual backsliders and lay for them and after making every effort to show them the error of their ways, show this class of bloodsuckers, for that's what they are, just how lonesome they are. No card, no favors.

I doubt whether one out of fifty on this division will read these notes and, personally, I don't blame you, for I'll have to admit that I was not cut out for an editor by any means, but to those who by chance may read this I want to ask you to make a greater effort in the next year than you have in the past. Some of you have done good work and others have considered their duty done when they sent in their dues. What would you think of a general who furnished his men with guns, but failed to furnish the ammunition. That's you, brother. Be up and doing this year. We want your support, your enthusiasm, and we want to feel that you are alive and on the job. Pay your dues without being reminded of it and then see that the other man pays his. I you have any little petty grievance put it away and rejoice with the crowd in the larger and better things. We happened to be with the minority at the recent election, but we are hoping with the majority.

Don't imagine that if you drop out this organization will go out of business. You'll find us at the same old stand when you get ready to sneak in the back door. We once had a mistaken idea that a certain railroad would stop running trains when we left the service, and a little dried-up runt of a chief dispatcher canned us one day, and although we hate to admit it, it's a fact that road has been running trains pretty near on time for the last six years; and you'll find us at the same old stand six years from now. "HO."

# Canadian Pacific Ry.

District 4, Central Division-

I have not, much to my regret, seen or heard of any meetings held by the district lately, and it is to be deplored that we can not at least have one meeting in a couple of months, as it is the best way for the members to become acquainted, although just at the time of writing, business is brisker than it has been for over a year, and all the men would have great difficulty in attending the meetings. But if one was held on Sunday, I venture to say our genial chief, Mr. Ryan, would allow a number of the boys to attend. So it behooves us to get a move on.

There must be a fever of some sort getting its grip on all the boys, or at least quite a number of them, for since Bro. K. E. McLeod started the ball rolling by going to Nova Scotia and bringing back a bride, several of the boys have followed his lead. Bro. Secretary A. S. MacKechnie was married in Winnipeg in July and went to the coast for his holidays. Bro. Robinson, from Elva, married a nice young lady from Pilot Mound and took a trip to Edmonton and the coast in September, while Bro. J. C. Cole, of Deloraine, was married in October to a fair maid from Deloraine, and also gets Clearwater agency from the company as a wedding present. Just now "JC" has his goods sent to "RA," but does not know when he will get there on account of shortage of men to relieve him.

Bro. J. M. Mason has returned from a three months' vacation in the "Ould Countrie," and will assume charge at Deloraine shortly, relieving Mr. T. M. Tennant.

Our worthy chairman, Bro. J. R. Baker, of Napinka, also got back from his vacation, looking as though he could manage to sit up and take nourishment and look after the boys' interests in his usual efficient style.

Bro. G. A. Caughill, our "owl" dispatcher, left in September for a trip to San Francisco for his health, and some say to spend his money; but don't you believe it for a minute. A Southern Pacific brother reports he saw George sitting on the edge of Mount Shasta drinking mineral water—No! No! Not fire water.

Since our last write-up we have had a trainmaster appointed to this district, Mr. W. M. Ansley, and there is no doubt but what he will take well, as he is a good fellow, although a sticker for business, so the boys will have to touch the scratch every day now, although, take it all around, I would back the 4th district men against any when it comes to doing business and doing it in a hurry.

While Mr. J. E. Ryan was on his holidays Bro. A. S. MacKechnie acted as chief dispatcher and trainmaster in his place, and almough Mac was pretty busy looking after the wheat and train crews, he got along in first-class shape.

Bro. J. F. Donald, our relief dispatcher, is at present in the East on a well-earned vacation, while Bro. Krafft is working days in Souris "UR" office, handling orders and forms 125. Bro. Krafft comes from the third district, and has such a winning way that the trainmen do not "beef" at all.

Bro. W. M. McLeod is still working the "owl" job at Souris, although he had to lay off for a week on account of sickness. He is back again and trying his best to keep the way freights and the "goat" moving.

The company are building the Reston Wolseley branch through from Kaiser to Wolseley, and inside of a week or ten days the mixed train will run through from Reston to Wolseley.

Bro. E. T. Greenway, of Crystal City, off on account of the death of his father.

Bro. McFarlane, relief agent, is at present relieving Bro. Greenway.

In closing, will say that if I have overlooked mentioning a few of the changes, I will try and get them in next month, as I have been away and not quite familiar with the changes entirely.

CERT. 957.

### Revelstoke to Laggan-

Now that the elections are over and everybody seems satisfied with the result, things are looking brighter. Nos. 1 and 2 are to run all winter, which indicates that passenger traffic is holding its own. Freight trains are running in good shape and look good for the winter.

I hope every operator who received a ballot filled it in promptly and returned it to Bro. Robertson.

Don't know who the two men are at Laggan, but hope they are up-to-date.

At Beavermouth Bro. Laughlin relieved Mr. Martin, who has gone West. Some one wants to catch Mr. Martin and get him into our ranks.

Rogers Pass, the summit of the Selkirks, Bro. Price is getting ready to go East and see his people.

Only two men on this part of the road who don't wear the emblem, but think we will get them before long.

Revelstoke solid. Bro. Urquhart just back from the "Bay of Casco."

The year 1909 is near and I should like every member to get his new card and be an example to the other unions on the pike and show that we are still on the top. Everything seems to be in our favor this incoming year. Don't knock but put it in writing. Knockers never get to heaven.

Have no news from any point on the west end this month, but will have some for next month.

CERT. 337.

# New York Central & Hudson River Ry.

Beech Creek Division-

Brothers, get busy and send us an item occasionally. We will be glad to get it. Drop Bro. Martenis a note when you get your vacation and if possible tell him who is relieving you. You can do that much at least, and that will help to make our little corner more interesting and help to keep up appearances for our division. What do you think about it?

Bro. W. F. Forcey, agent at "BC" Beech Creek, was on a vacation last month. Relieved by Bro. Halfpenny.

Bro. C. W. Miller, of "XA" Hayes first trick, took one whole day to vote. Relieved by Operator Barrow. Bro. Miller is now enjoying a vacation of a couple of weeks. Relieved by Extra Agent Bro. Wm. Hoover, of "WN" Winburne first trick.

Sister M. E. Kennedy, "FC" Viaduct first trick, is working "SR" message office extra now. Bro. Fisher working Viaduct first trick.

Bro. Remsnyder, "FC" Viaduct third trick is on the sick list. Relieved by Sister B. H. Seid.

Bro. C. D. Meek, of "RN" Panther third, is also on the sick list. Third trick at "RN" closed at present.

Bro. W. W. Bickett, "G" Gorton first trick, off one day last month, relieved by Operator F. O. Salisbury.

Our local chairman, Bro. J. W. Martinis, on a vacation last month. Relieved by Bro. B. C. Gamble.

Bro. Berry, of "BC" Beech Creek first trick, is enjoying a ten days' vacation. Relieved by Bro. E. B. Johnson, of "RN" Panther third trick, who in turn is relieved by Bro. B. C. Gamble. "13" Bro. Berry has gone hunting. He's going to bring in a deer, too.

Bro. Gamble has left "RN" to work at "YA" tower again, extra. Can't say who he is relieving. Vacancy at "RN" to be filled by Operator M. O. Work.

Quite a few operators on the sick list at present, which makes it impossible to relieve all operators who wish to be relieved during the hunting season. We are glad to learn the sick are all improving and hope to see them back in their old stands in the near future.

Bro. D. R. Bittner, "BC" Beech Creek second trick, was off one day last month. Relieved by Operator F. O. Salisbury.

"13" a good number of our operators are anxiously awaiting the chief's reply to requests for relief during December. Hope these people who wish vacations in December are not disappointed.

Bro. C. H. Watson, of "NY," Snow Shoe first trick, is on a couple of weeks' vacation. Relieved by Bro. K. A. Krone, of "F" Stark third trick, who is in turn relieved by Operator F. O. Salisbury.

A day office has been opened at Rock Run, which has been awarded to Operator O. J. Kester.

No positions bulletined this month. Everything going fine. Creat. 2,117.

### Electric Division-

Bro. Hopper strolled into "MO" tower at 5 a. m. one day recently and said he "must have looked at the clock wrong." We think he was "afraid to go home in the dark."

Bro. Wood called on us one night recently, and the last we heard of him he was looking for a "pilot" to show him the way to "MJ" He should call oftener and learn the road.

Bro. Cy Lewis has returned from his vacation, and we understand he made use of the time harvesting his potato crop, and took a side trip to St. Louis.

According to the "dope" on the bottom of the discipline bulletin for September, this would be a good field for an agent for some correspondence school. Some of us might like to take a few lessons in mind-reading and a course on the working of electric machines to ascertain what causes false indications, etc. What is an indication?



One of the latest stunts is the transfer of Bro. Bowdish from "MJ" third to "MD" second and Bro. Hayden vice versa. That's going some.

Bros. Neumuller and Pethick are back at their old stands after a brief sojourn to the G. C. T. Fine biz.

Bro. Gallagher, from "BG," has been making an extended tour to Washington, D. C., and other points of interest in the South.

Quite a few changes and plenty of extra men since they put in automatic signals in the tunnel and closed the block stations.

Bro. Toman, another admirer of the dealings of the C. R. R. of N. J., has moved his family to Melrose, and for a "beginner" has been doing good work at "MJ."

Bros. Mead and Thaler and Mr. Hayford are enjoying a long-earned rest at the "old man's home," 86th Street.

I understand "34Y" is to be a regular stop at some of the towers on this division. This train seems to be a Jonah; also its running-mate "29Y." We should take special pains to give 'em a green eye.

We will listen for the comments, and if they are not too strong, we will try again and give some notes of interest, and there certainly should be some after our meeting on the 18th inst.

CERT. 1,570.

Fall Brook Subdivision-

Bro. R. C. Congdon is again able to return to work, after so long and hard a tussle with typhoid fever.

Understand that Bro. Newcomb, of Barnes, has been making some experiments that proved a financial success.

Bro. J. S. Sommerson, of Himrods Junction, is back on the job after a ten days' vacation, very much benefited and improved in health.

Bro. Geo. Northrop, second trick, "CY" tower, is back from his wedding trip looking happier than ever, and at once started to keeping house at his home on Pine street, Corning, N. Y.

Bro. E. P. Rouse, second trick at Tioga, recently took a few days' vacation and returned with a bride.

A middle track is being put in at Bilsboro, and it is expected that the office at that point will be reopened. It is hoped that the occupants thereof may possess the goods.

Complained of shortage of operators? Have not noticed it here. All offices opened and a large list of extra men.

Business seems to continue to improve on this division. Trains seem to be more numerous and the tonnage is very heavy. Everything appears to be resuming a normal appearance again.

Our last monthly meeting was well attended and a great deal of interest manifested by all present.

The most unreasonable and unnatural conditions have existed since November 1st, as per circular letter No. 261, and should be resisted to the extreme.

If there is yet any unpaid current dues they should be forwarded without delay to Bro. A. E. Blim, G. S. & T. Every member should bestir themselves to close up the connecting links in making a more complete organization by personally looking after any worthy nons that may be working with or near you, and see that they remain out no longer than their financial circumstances makes it absolutely necessary. The excuses advanced by many are too flimsy, with their bank account.

Remember that the regular meeting date and place can be found by referring to the "Directory" in our journal if at any time you forget.

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Mohawk Division-

Bro. I. H. Fonda, agent at Frankfort, main line, has resigned; succeeded by Mr. Edward Connors, telegrapher, of Harbor.

Bro. S. K. Woods, agent at Herkinmer, to Oneida, succeeding Mr. J. H. Miller, a non.

Bro. C. L. Palmer, local chairman and former agent at Poland, succeeds Bro. Woods. The company has not a finer man in its employ than Bro. Palmer. Credit must be given him for the good work he has also done for this organization.

Bro. E. B. Ferris, agent at Verona, has resigned. Mr. Canfield is his successor. Can not say if a member or not.

The fact that the pay-car ran over the Mohawk Division but once during the month of November is the cause of much comment among those who are concerned in the movement of it. That some railroads in the State should try to evade the law is a very queer move on their part. If allowed to do this, how about the poor man, with no work, who should steal an overcoat to keep himself from freezing to death? Should he get life? It is a fate to be regretted that it is necessary to pass laws governing the pay of corporations' employes? The way it looks now there will be a legal fight put up by several of the leading roads in the State of New York, and the outcome will show the greater power, the railroads or the State government.

Will it fizzle out like the Standard Oil fine?

The officials have been canvassing the Eastern districts pretty thoroughly lately, looking through all stations for an overstock of supplies. It is reported 200 lead pencils were found in a three-hand station.

Bro. Bourne has transferred from B. S. 30 to third trick at B. S. 40.

Brothers, you should get out to the meetings. At Fonda, November 18th, there was a fair attendance, but not nearly what there should have been. All make an individual effort and try to get there the third Wednesday of each month. Don't say you can not stay out that late, for you that have steady company know your lady friends expect you at least two evenings each week, and if you are not Johnny on the spot, she tells you not to come at all.



There are a great number of extra men on the Mohawk Division at the present time, and telegraphers who have in mind striking this pike for employment at the present will stand poor chances of getting steady work.

Hope you all had a good turkey for Thanks-giving.

We have just learned that Bro. Andy Comstock has returned to his home in St. Paul, Minn. May he find a good position near home is the wish of all. He holds both the C. T. U. of A. and O. R. T. cards.

"UT," Utica passenger station, is solid O. R. T. Can not give line-up, as this is not allowed.

There are still a few who have not paid their dues for the current term. Now, brothers, why should it not be one of our first considerations to pay up our dues? It was through the Order that you are enjoying your present salary and a reduced number of hours which you have to work, and it will be through the Order that you receive further increase in pay; surely you will get it in no other way. We must awaken to the fact that to support our organization is of first consideration. The idea of men thinking that when they have supported the organization for a year or two they should drop out and let the other fellow support it, is too unreasonable to think of, and is not the manner in which men of business transact their affairs; neither does it ever spell success. Our organization must be kept up the same as any other business if we wish to accomplish greater things and hold what we have already got.

Do you want to see the Order go ahead with its good work and continue to better our conditions, or do you want to do all you can to kill the organization? It costs you to keep an up-to-date card and to carry \$1,000 insurance in the Mutual Benefit Department just about four and one-fifth cents a day. Can you afford that? Our dues are very small compared to what members of other organizations pay, and I feel that every man should be willing to help the good cause along that much.

Many of you are getting from \$2.50 to \$10.00 per month more than you did previous to the time our present schedule was made. If you can not break even now or can just break even, what would you have done had the committee not got you the increase? Some say that there are men getting just the same as I am who have never contributed a cent to the cause. That is very true, but it is to your interest to talk to any such fellow you may know of and show him that he is taking something that does not belong to him, or, rather, that he is not entitled to, and use your best efforts to influence him to act like a man and pay for what he gets. I would not bear the "littleness" of some of them for the best job on the road. Some brother has said that a backslider is our worst enemy, and it is a fact. The fellow who pays in his dues once or twice and then lays low and lets the rest carry the burden is a man of small principle, and does far more injury to the Order than does a non. The backslider has not enough backbone or manhood about him to appreciate anything excepting, perhaps, the fact that he has had an increase in salary and, greedily, says to himself, there is no use contributing since I have already secured my increase. Now, brothers, this is all wrong. We must be up in arms and ready to act whenever the opportunity occurs. Above all, do not let your dues go unpaid and become a backslider.

If any of you are not satisfied with the way things are run and know better how to do them yourself, attend the meetings and help get them just like you think they ought to be. The officers will, no doubt, be tickled to see you and will lose no time in giving you a job just to your liking.

As we look back on the fast-closing year we note the many changes that have taken place, and we can not help but ponder on what will the year 1909 bring forth. In summing up the work for the year 1908 we have about sixty new members to our credit, which is not so bad, considering the limited number of nons to work on and the hard times we have been having, but which have almost entirely passed away now, and great credit should be given the workers who have assisted in bringing these new members into the fold. They have never ceased for one moment in their tireless work. Every member should become active, and if they will but co-operate with the workers during the year 1909 we will not have a non on the Mohawk Division at the close of the year, remembering that the individual workers getting interested in their neighbors are the ones that count.

I would like to request that all members present the following bill to all non-members in your locality and see to it that it is paid:

"Mr. Non-Member to System Division No. 8. Order of Railroad Telegraphers, debtor::

"To increase in wages, shorter hours and better working conditions generally, secured for you through the efforts of the O. R. T. committee. Figure the amount up for yourself, \$8.50.

"Please send in your application and \$8.50 to either H. B. Morey, 102 Jefferson avenue, Utica, N. Y., or C. F. Loring, Nelliston, N. Y., local chairmen, and receive an official receipt and card good until June 30, 1909. No interest charged."

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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### Hudson Division-

The wheels of time are about to register the passing of 1908, and most of us, when in a meditative and reflective mood, will ask "What has the year profited us?" and the answer must be totaled from our intact survival of the recent panic, which worked adverse inroads among labor in general. While we have cause to be gratified and satisfied, as far as the year 1908 is concerned, we are by no means satisfied with our present condition financially, and a disinterested party may ask if this dissatisfaction is not the cause of a financial greed that has overtaken us.

but hardly so, all we desire is enough for a wholesome living, and a dollar to lay away for the inevitable rainy day.

I could take up valuable space in this journal enumerating several reasons for our just claim to higher remuneration, but they are well known to all that are interested. And are we to have our condition improved? Where there is life there is hope, and as our organization is very much alive, in fact, was never more robust, I think our future prospects are bright. However, as in the past so will it be in the future. Our success depends wholly upon the individual activity of each member. We have still some of those nons we had five years ago, who were waiting to see what the O. R. T. done, and are still waiting, or, rather, doing the sponge act, and if these notes should be read by any of them I would like to have them ask themselves the question, "Do they consider themselves men among men?" They can not conscientiously answer, yes. If any of our members come in touch with these or any other non present him with a set of blanks and possibly your efforts will not be in vain. We want to start the new year with every member determined to do his part, large or small, in the interests of the Order, and, incidentally, his own interest, and with each member with that object in view our success is assured.

The regular meeting of November 17th was another full hall, which bespeaks well for the membership of the Hudson Division. After the regular routine of business was transacted the meeting adjourned to partake of a sumptuous chowder supper that was in waiting. All brothers did justice to the spread and particularly the brothers from the south end, who did not have an opportunity to tax their capacity at our recent clambake. Among our distinguished guests were Assemblyman Northrup and Bros. Lester and Neumuller, from the Electric Division. After supper was served Bro. Lester rendered several of his latest compositions which have won him fame as the "Lew Dockstader" of the New York Central.

Bro. C. M. Keck, at B. S. 19, asked Bro. Sexauer if he could say what he was truly thankful for this Thanksgiving, and Jakey replied: "My first O. R. T. card and a watch with a wheelbarrow movement, that gets him on the job on time."

I almost forgot to mention the presence of Bro. Reddish at our chowder supper. Bro. Reddish's presence was one of the surprises of the evening, and it, indeed, was a pleasant surprise to all the boys. Located on the New Haven he had to travel many miles and make several inconvenient connections to get to the meeting, but these obstacles do not deter a brother of the caliber of Bro. Reddish.

The old saying, "Good service, good men and good wages go hand in hand," is good logic, and logic is all it is when applied to good men; good service and small wages at B. S. 8. I hope the conditions at this B. S. will be changed before this appears, as there is an effort in that direction.

Watch the brothers on the Hudson display their new rings after January 1st. From all accounts, a number are due on the Hudson Division.

It is rumored that Bro. Peterson is about to resign and cross the water.

Arrangements are being made to make a last and final appeal to our "Famous Dick" to induce him to separate himself from \$8.50 for an up-to-date card. Bro. Buy says it will be necessary to administer gas.

As the time limit is up on me in getting these notes out, I will terminate by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

DIV. COR.

#### St. Lawrence Division-

· Bro. M. G. Mullen is assigned to first trick at Ogdensburg.

Mr. E. Karkan, who worked first at Ogdensburg while position was open for bids, has returned to his assigned position at Black River.

It is reported from the Ogdensburg end that business is steadily on the gain—all through trains are getting their tonnage and a good extra business, too.

We hear that some of the boys are going over on the C. P. and G. T. Good luck to all of them. We will need some next spring, too.

We are advised by the publication of the Water-town items in the Syracuse Post Standard, that there will be a new school of telegraphy in Water-town in the near future. The promoters are A. B. St. Louis and C. A. Phelps, connected with the local stock brokers' office. Wonder if they are some of the "loyal" C. T. U. A. men?

What has become of Prof. Moore? Don't lose sight of him.

Bro. Virkler, of Castorland, was visited again a few nights ago, and besides losing nineteen pennies, he had a huge mark made on his office safe. He says he is going to carry all the pennies home after this.

Operator Botsford, of Remsen second, goes to Gouverneur second.

Bro. Harger, of second at Holland Patent, used as relief a few weeks, then operator at Lyons Falls regular.

We didn't even have to sign our names twice for each half of the month when we got our money for October. On some of the neighboring roads the fellows had to sign twice, but all we had to do was sign once, and add up the amount of the first half and last half. We were all disappointed but hope for different arrangement in the near future.

Miss F. M. Rigers is working third at Barneveld.

Operator Hyde third at Smith.

Our division has been very successful the past few months in keeping trains on time. It should be a matter of personal effort on the part of all employes to keep the good thing going.

DIV. COR.



#### Western Division-

At the system division meeting in Syracuse Nov. 21st, there was but a fair attendance, considering the fair weather. Next system division meeting in Syracuse will be held the third Saturday night in February, 1909. Should there be a special meeting before then, you will be notified. Would respectfully ask that every member on the Western Division, between Rochester and Syracuse, Main Line and West Shore, and Auburn Road, send his or her name and post office address to Miss Gorman, East Syracuse, N. Y., that she may notify all members of all meetings, or anything of interest.

Mr. G. A. Hoyt, of Syracuse, has been appointed division correspondent. Now, it is up to the members themselves whether we are represented in the fraternal columns every month or not. A postal card costs one penny. Let each member on the Western Division invest one cent each month and send one item, if no more, to Bro. Hoyt, at No. 201 Sedgwick Street, Syracuse, N. Y., and you will never again look in vain for items from home. All together, now, boys, and we will have as good a write-up as any division.

By the time this appears in print we will know who has been appointed assistant local chairman on the Western Division. No one wants the job, but Bro. Blim needs help.

Remember, send items to Mr. G. A. Hoyt, 201 Sedgwick Street, Syracuse, N. Y., and any member who desires to be notified of meetings, or of anything of interest that may arise, send name and post office address to Miss Elinor Gorman, Box 234, East Syracuse, N. Y.

Div. Cor.

### River Division-

Some of the members on this division, I am sorry to say, are not taking hold of things as they should. Think seriously and see if some of you haven't made a big mistake, not in one thing, but in several. You don't get out to the meetings to have a good talk with other members, nor you don't take the active part in seeing that members who are dilatory in their dues are kept after to try to have them pay up. That is one of the principal factors of this Order, to pay your dues promptly, and after that is done you will find lots of other work to attend to.

Then again, there are members who are feeling a bit discouraged in some matters.' Of course, we can't all have the same mind as others-some can see through things where others can't, and those are the ones that need attention, and great care should be exercised in explaining the situation thoroughly so they may get the idea as the majority of the boys see it. Business on the road must be looked into and the changes the company are making must be considered before you, my brothers, make any radical change in your ideas about the benefits that you should derive from our Order at this time. If you do not hear of the changes that are taking place or know what is doing on the pike, come out to the meetings and see for yourself what is going on and perhaps you will learn a whole lot. There is one thing certain. One can not pass any judgment unless you know the facts, and the real facts can only be learned in the lodge room. We can not give these facts out in writing every time there in something going on, so, therefore, get on to yourselves and fill up that vacant seat in the room which is in need of your presence.

Get after the men who are not in the Order and see what the trouble is. Surely there are lots of non members who have derived benefits in the past year, and name me one who has not benefited by the O. R. T. on this division. Now, are you going to turn your backs and quit us and leave the work for a few men to do? Surely you are not of that kind. Now is the time to show your spirit and keep the boys in line.

With the exception of a few, I am glad to say, we are all there with the goods for this last period of the year, and sincerely hope that at the beginning of the year there will be no hesitation to be right on the jump and get your card first, and sail into the others who neglected to start when you did, and get them all in line.

It should be understood that you and I are held equally responsible to do our part in these matters. So dig in, and see if we can't have a more and far better feeling among the telegraphers and telegraph agents on this division.

At our last meeting we had our general chairman, Bro. Woolley, who spoke on the welfare of the Order, with some very strong points for the benefit of the system, and was given a cordial welcome.

"WY" office has been changed to twelve-hour basis again on account of reducing expénses of the line, and trains receive their orders direct from the train dispatcher.

Understand a big change at Kingston is about to be made. "WV" dispatchers' office brought in "KI" office with Bro. Hayes first trick, Bro. Heavey second trick and Bro. Freer third trick, Bro. Stewart returning to "KY" second trick.

Bro. Relyea is now stationed with Mr. Newkirk at Weehawken.

The General Committee meets at Syracuse this month and a few old grievances are to be settled and changes made, to be righted.

Bro. Hines, of "MB," is said to be a full-fledged M. D. now, and his time will be mostly taken up after his day's work is over.

Bro. Lacy, of "HI," is spending his vacation in the Rocky Mountains. Relief Bro. Shear is doing the honors at that point in the absence of Bro. Lacy.

Bro. Sornberger, of "NR," has resigned and has accepted a position as assistant ticket agent at Schnectady, N. Y.

Bro. McNamara is hustling these days; always busy. He has secured five or six new members this past month.

Any notes you may have for THE TELEGRAPHER will be thankfully received. Send them down and we all can look for a line-up from this division every month.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. CERT. 374.

# Norfolk & Western System.

I wish to apologize to the members of the Shenandoah Division for the absence of any notes from their division for November. Bro. Bender had them in on time, but through an error of mine they were not included when the N. & W. items were mailed to Bro. Quick, and before I discovered the error it was too late to get them in.

In closing the year of 1908 I want to thank all those who have assisted in the correspondence work of our organization. We have made some progress and each division of the system has been represented in our journal almost every month except the Pocahontas. That is the weak point in our work. I hope some of the boys over there will volunteer to take up the correspondence work for that division, and have them represented every month. Now let us see who will take enough interest to do this.

Our organization has made great progress on the N. & W., and our committee should be congratulated on their effective work. We have been able to pass through the panic without any reduction, and with our division in better shape than it has ever been, both financially and numerically. While our non list is not entirely satisfactory to the most enthusiastic members, we have no more nons than we usually have at the close of the term, and, from present indications, we will only have left the few scabs and undesirable ones that usually adorn this list.

Before this is in print we will have elected another chairman on the Radford Division to fill out the unexpired term of Bro. Dungan, Now, brothers, I want to urge you to support the chairman, regardless of who he is. He will be elected by a majority of the membership on this division and, while the one elected might not be your personal choice, we must abide by a majority vote and lay aside any personal feelings in the matter. This also applies to the seniority clause. Let us be broad enough to also lay aside any personal feelings in regard to this clause, and support any clause that is adopted by a majority vote of the members.

M. G. Harper, Gen. Cor.

#### Scioto Division-

The last month in the year finds us in a bad way for news, for which we are very sorry. It has been our usual custom to review the work of the year in our December number; this year we will say it is of no less importance than others. Our membership remains about the same in number. We have lost a few on account of transfers to other divisions, and gained several members in the same way. When conditions and division work have all been considered, we feel our cause has been well and ably represented. The working agreement and all matters relating to it have been satisfactorily arranged and best feeling prevails between officials and employes.

Bro. H. M. Postel has been assigned to relieve Mr. Geo. Holman, ticket agent at Portsmouth, Ohio, for a vacation in the month of November. Bro. R. S. Kyle has been spending several weeks on a hunting trip through West Virginia. It is reported he has broken the record as a "deer" hunter so much that his name has found a place in the leading papers of his city. He was relieved by Bro. R. W. Bridges.

Bro. J. M. Marcum, agent at Dunlow, W. Va., was off duty during the last week in November, attending court at Wayne, W. Va.; relieved by Bro. A. L. Peake.

Bro. J. M. McElroy, Kenova freight house, has just returned from an extended visit with folks in Indiana.

Bro. H. C. Stratton, third trick at Kermit, W. Va., is spending his vacation in Arkansas on a hunting trip.

Bro. Benton Mosser, agent at Wayne, has resumed his duties.

W. C. Waskie, ticket agent at Kenova, W. Va., is off duty; relieved by Bro. A. L. Peake.

G. W. Murphy, formerly of this division, has been assigned to service on the Pocahontas Division.

Miss Minnie Gentry is working third trick at Kermit during the absence of Bro. Stratton.

Chief Dispatcher C. T. Davis enjoyed a few days off during the hunting season, roaming the meadows in Pike County, Ohio.

Bro. Frank Terrell was called to Huntington, W. Va., on the 21st inst., on account of the sudden illness of Mrs. Terrell, who was visiting friends there; relieved by Bro. F. C. Stratton.

Miss Ida Baily, of Wheelersburg, Ohio, relieved Miss Minnie Gentry, third trick at Kermit, W. Va., November 21st.

Several new members have been added to our division during the last month. Notice the non list and see who has disappeared. If any are shown on this list that do not belong there, take time to drop Chairman Watts a line stating that you desire your name taken off the list, and encourage all others to send in the "necessary" to have their names taken off also.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. CERT. 750.

#### Radford Division-

A very enthusiastic meeting was held in Bluefield the third Saturday night in November. Only those who were there can realize what those who were not there missed. Brothers, if you would get in the habit of attending every meeting you possibly could you would soon become the right kind of Order men. No man can in any way realize what has been and is still being done and not attend the meetings, and you frequently censure your best friends by not knowing who are the ones that are trying the hardest to work for your good. There is a hymn beginning, "Count your many blessings, one by one." If you would apply this thought to the O. R. T. you would soon find your blessings so far outweigh your petty grievances that you would not be finding fault with everything that did not go to suit you. Did you ever think how absurd it is for one to



say, "I am not going to have anything more to do with the Order. I wanted so and so, and they wouldn't do anything for me or they couldn't get it, and I am done with them." Brother, remember the N. & W. has about eight hundred operators and the committee is pledged to do the best they can for the membership, and our committee has been complimented by President Perham as being one of the best working committees on any railroad in the United States. That they have done a great deal of good we all know; then, because they may have failed in one instance, to satisfy all of us, do not condemn them, but rally to the support of our noble Order, and if you can run it so much better than others, attend the meetings and make yourself heard and convince those present that you are so far ahead of those who are on the committee that you should be one of them, and when the election of officers rolls around you will be certain to be elected, for this is what we all want, i. e., the very best men we have to represent us on the committee. It will soon be time to formulate a new agreement and now is the time above all others that we should attend the meetings and make our wants known.

The new seniority clause will be voted on at once. Whether we will retain it or revert to the old one, and though personally favoring the old one, we will cheerfully yield to the majority if it is yoted down.

Now, brothers, again let me urge you to pay up your dues (though the membership shows more paid up at this time of the semi-annual period than is usually the case). We must present a solid front when our committee goes up next time. You know the decisions of the Supreme Court have all been against organized labor and if capital can find any weak spots they are going to attack them. If we lose any ground it will be a hard matter to regain it. There was a letter read at the Bluefield meeting from a dispatcher from one of the large railroads, asking about the success of being organized, and stating that they had been working for \$100 per month, but were now working for a 10 per cent reduction. How does \$90 sound to our dispatchers, and we see some of them on the non list?

Business on the N. W. is booming again, although we have heard nothing of reopening any offices. Hope they will soon find it necessary to put back some of the offices that have been cut out. Several jobs are now on the board and some have recently been bid in.

One non has just been dismissed for sleeping. Wonder if he don't wish he had some one to take his case up? But a non has no representation when he gets into trouble.

Bro. Nunly bid in Chistiansburg, second trick; Bro. S. H. Stuart, Lurich, and Bro. Bob Parrish, Bristol, first trick.

First trick and agent at Ada, third trick at Wills, third trick at Eggleston, and second trick at Wytheville now on the board.

As this will be the last journal for this year, we wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and for the grand old O. R. T. we wish the most prosperous year in its history.

CERT. 239.

Shenandoah Division-

It would be greatly appreciated if some of our brothers would take some interest in sending notes, especially some one on the south end, as I have no way to get the news from that end of the string. Brothers, it would only take a few minutes of your time and a postal to send in a few items each month. You may say, "Oh, well, I only know of one or two changes." Well, send that in, as it will be of interest to some of the other brothers. If every one would only send in a change or so each month we would have a nice write-up. I am sure that the brothers would not like to see our place in the journal blank each month, like it has been several times in the past. What did you say then? (The same thing that I said.) "Why the dickens don't some one write something for the journal for our division?" But you never stopped to think that every one was doing exactly what you were-waiting on the other fellow to do the stunt with the result that no one did it. Since Bro. Harper appointed Bro. Wise as assistant correspondent for the Shenandoah Division we have had a write-up every mosth with the exception of one month, and that was due to the notes being delayed in the mails. I helped Bro. Wise with what news I could get together during the time he was correspondent, and he in turn has been helping me since I was asked to take it upon his resignation. I can not speak too highly of Bro. Wise for the interest he has shown in connection with this work, and only wish that a few more of the brothers would take a like interest. I will venture to say that I would be cussed by more than one if I failed to write something for the Journal, but you do not once think of helping your correspondent out with a little news. I expect to be criticised, as that is but part of the game. I have been doing all I can toward securing news, even asking the brothers over the wire for news. Wrote to a number of the brothers, but they do not seem to have any pen, pencil or paper handy. I believe a good plan would be to start at one end of the division and let each and every member do the necessary hustling for news for a month or so. I am sure that once they all had a round at it they would be more inclined to give the man who was appointed correspondent some help. Send your notes along and just remember that I am not a mind reader.

I am glad to note that the wire service is still improving, and I am sure that our dispatchers appreciate it, as their work has been pretty heavy for some time past. Answer the wire promptly and give them all the help you can, as we have as good a set of dispatchers as one will find anywhere. If some of you old home-guards would get out and boom it for a while you would, after working with other dispatchers for a while, sp

preciate more than you do now the courtesy extended to us by our dispatchers.

In regard to the new rule recently established (dispatchers will not let the operators out more than ten minutes at a time), we should not blame our dispatchers for saying no when we ask for a half hour, for they have orders from their superiors, and they can not let us out without taking chances of being called up on the carpet about it. No one but the operators themselves are responsible for this rule. Not all, to be sure, but some of them are. You may ask, "in what way?" It is in this way—by asking out for an hour and then staying two, and in the meantime not clearing up the message business on hand before going.

We are very sorry to hear of the continued illness of Bro. Leslie, at Nace. Bro. Shank is still doing the relief work there.

Bro. Myers, the old stand-by, first trick at St. James, took his vacation in October, being relieved by a man by the name of J. B. Moffett.

Relief Agent Bro. J. S. Biedler spent a few days very pleasantly in Richmond during the ten days he was off.

After an illness of several months we find Bro. A. P. Finter back at work again as agent at Lyndhurst.

Relief Agent H. J. Probst worked a few days at Price, relieving Bro. Staples. Price agency is again on bulletin.

Bro. J. W. Milton, who was doing relief work on second trick, Buena Vista, his regular position.

Bro. Partlow, third at Glasgow, is now working the second at that point, vice Mr. Parsons, who is not with the road any more. A man by the name of Brugh working third. Do not know if he is up-to-date or not.

Bro. W. L. Burks has returned to duty as agent of Buffalo after being off ten days on a hunting trip. Was relieved by Bro. J. W. Milton. Bro. B. reports lots of game.

Bro. J. S. Biedler, who was at Vesuvius for a while, has gone to first at Luray, to relieve Bro. H. J. Studebaker.

Bro. H. A. Fix, second trick at Stanley, who had the misfortune to shoot himself in the foot by letting his revolver drop on the floor a while back, is reported to be getting along nicely.

Our chief dispatcher, Mr. C. A. Graves, was on the sick list for a few days. He was relieved by Bro. C. B. Lackes. Bro. J. M. Apple in turn relieved Bro. Lackes on the second trick, North End.

Bro. Dinsmore, agent at Port Republic, is on the sick list, with Bro. H. H. Burks relieving.

We are glad to be able to say that business seems to be still on the increase during the past month, and hope to see it where it was in 1906 in the near future.

We are also very much pleased to see that there are not near so many suspension bulletins coming out against the boys of this division as there was for a while, and hope to see these cut out entirely next month.

Bro. T. A. Graves, agent at Vesuvius, took his vacation a short time ago, being relieved by Relief Agent Bro. J. S. Biedler.

Bro. Roden, second trick at Basic, is taking his vacation, being relieved by Bro. C. S. Bragg, who has lately returned from a trip up north. Bro. Roden, on his travels, is going to take in Riverside, Roanoke, Winston-Salem, Clifton-Forge, Richmond and several other towns.

Bro. H. J. Probst, relief agent, is now at Troutville.

We understand that Bro. Leslie, agent at Nace, has gone to Arizona for his health. Relieved by Bro. J. M. Shenk.

J. B. Moffett, non, is working at Lithia.

K. A. Painter, another non, third trick at Loch Laird, who has been working second trick at Buena Vista during Bro. Milton's absence, is now taking his vacation. Can not afford to pay dues to the Order, but is glad to avail himself of the fifteen days with pay vacation, secured through the efforts of our grand old Order.

Bro. P. W. Hairston, Rippon, who has been off for ten days, has become a benedict, so we understand.

Mr. S. F. Moffett, one of our dispatchers, and wife, are visiting Mr. Moffett's father, Bro. C. H. Moffett, at Shepherdstown, after having spent a few days with Mayor Lake and wife of Buena Vista.

Operator K. A. Painter, second trick at Buena Vista, attended the Roanoke Fair one day, being relieved by Bro. C. P. Harris.

Bro. J. H. Bender, second trick at Loch Laird, was off about a week on account of the illness of his wife. Relieved by Mr. H. R. Young.

Bro. H. J. Probst, relief agent, relieved Bro. T. H. Lankford, agent at Cloverdale, for a few days.

Bro. C. P. Harris relieved Bro. C. W. Alwin, first trick at Glasgow, for one day.

Bro. S. C. Wine, second trick at Luray, relieved Bro. R. J. Hamrick, agent at Stanley, for a few days. Unable to say who relieved Bro. Wine at Luray.

Bro. J. L. George has returned to the side wires, "UD" Roanoke, after relieving Bro. C. A. Saum, agent at Rileyville, while on his vacation.

Bro. H. H. Burks, who was relieving at Stuarts Draft, went to Crimora for a few days until the arrival of Relief Agent Bro. Probst.

Bro. C. B. Lackes, our genteel second trick dispatcher on the north end, was off for a few days. Relieved by Mr. S. F. Moffett.

Mr. K. A. Painter, second trick at Buena Vista, was on the sick list for a few days. Bro. R. E. Bear, first trick at Loch Laird, relieved him, Mr. E. H. Skinnell doing the stunt on the first at Loch Laird. Mr. Skinnell stated that he had his application for a card and would be with us soon.

Bro. Skelton is relieving Mr. W. Q. Kearns, second trick at Bentonville, for a few days.

Bro. C. P. Harris to third at Luray to relieve Mr. R. A. Renfro for ten days.

Bro. H. H. Burks is now again working his regular trick, second at Glasgow, and Bro. Part-

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low, who has been working the second, is back on the third again.

Bro. Shacklett, third at Berryville, was relieved by Bro. McIntosh for ten days.

Bro. Mitchell, second trick at Greenville, is being relieved by Mr. Shultz, an extra man.

Understand Bro. C. P. Harris bid in second trick at Starkey, which was bulletined.

Bro. Probst is at Crimora, relieving Bro. Walter for his vacation.

Bro. Landers, at Midvale, was off on his vacation a short time ago, being relieved by Mr. J. B. Moffett, who went to Midvale after relieving Bro. Wise, at Riverside, for his vacation. Bro. and Mrs. Wise report having a fine time while off.

Mr. Moffett from Midvale to Buffalo to relieve Bro. W. L. Burks for two days, and from Buffalo to St. James to relieve Bro. Myers for his vacation.

Bro. A. S. Maupin, agent at Grottoes, was off a few days, sick, being relieved by Bro. Edward Moffett. Ed went from Grottoes to Shenandoah Junction to relieve Bro. "Single-Deck" Brown, on account of the sickness of his baby.

J. H. B.

# Michigan Central Railroad.

Valley-

A very pleasant and instructive meeting was held at Jackson Saturday evening, Nov. 14, the usual number of representatives being present. A number of visiting brothers from the Pere Marquette Ry. and L. S. & S. Ry. were in attendance also. We were much pleased to welcome these brothers and hope they will continue to meet with us often in our social and instructive sessions, as there is much good to be derived from it mutually beneficial to all.

Bro. G. F. Middleton is working third trick at Three Rivers, while Bro. Sanberg is enjoying a few weeks' vacation.

Bro. Clark bid in third trick at Grand Rapids "CJ" office, letting Bro. Loukes move up to second trick at "X" Hastings.

W. W. Lewis has returned to his old love as agent and operator at Eaton Rapids and things seem to be taking on a more satisfied air than has reigned in that locality for some time. Really, it always seems good to get a good and reliable man

back again. By the time this gets into print Division 16 will probably be working under a new schedule, as our general committee went into executive session at Detroit on Nov. 17th to formulate one more satisfactory in some respects than our present one. As our committee is composed or gentlemen of the highest moral and business standard, who are to be met by officials of the same type, we expect that there will be no difficulty in formulating and adopting a schedule that will prove beneficial to all concerned. Our object, of course, being to promote our own interests and at the same time elevate the standard of work and make it equally profitable to our employers and the public as well. It has been very noticeable during the past year that the majority of O. R. T. men have exercised their influence for the general uplift of the fraternity, using every effort to persuade every brother to try and do better work, be active, on the alert and ambitious to co-operate with his brothers in raising the standard of the work in every office and about every station to a state of noticeable proficiency. Hoping that we have not tried in vain, I am G. W. L.

Middle Division-

Bro. Wm. Ryan has left the service, his position, third trick at Grand Rapids being bulletined. Can not say who is the lucky man yet.

Bro. Mack, third trick at Hill yard office, Niles, was off a few days, visiting in Ypsilanti, Operator Miles copying the 34's and 31's in his absence.

Bro. McMurray has resumed duty on first trick at Hill yard office and Bro. Mead went to Hastings freight house days to relieve there a while. I "13" the man from there bid in second trick at passenger depot, Hastings.

Bro. Sandberg, third at Three Rivers, off on account of illness. Relieved by Operator Middleton.

Bro. Trattles was off a few days last week on account of sickness. Operator Middleton relieved him.

Operator Gordon, who worked third trick nights at "SF" Jackson, went north on the Mackinaw Division. Bro. Slowey, from second trick, Albion, relieved him, while Operator Miles worked second trick at Albion during that time.

Bro. Eagle, who has been working days at 'SF." goes on nights there, as Dispatcher Carter as be a working in "SF" again.

Night Chief Gardner was out on the line  $\tau$  be nights this week, but found the begs on  $t^t = j \phi^{\frac{1}{2}}$  all the time.

Bro. Clessold, of the C. T. U. A., bid in third trick at Union City. This job is all so a lay job. The hours are 2 a. m. to 8 a. m. in trick cgraft office and 8 a. m. to 11 a. m. in trick change.

Bro. Gilcrist, third trick les Homer, was off a few days. Operator

Bro. Schoen, third at Concord of a couple

of weeks, Operator Hilt relievir

Bro. Groves is working his trice. Marchall, be ginning today. He bid in third of there when John Ryan resigned.

I think it would be a good ider to publish a list of the non-members so we may know how to act. Remember, "no card, no favors" to the hard-shell non case.

Would like to hear from the East concerning the telephone situation there.

Dispatchers Case, Fitch and Mea.! went over the division a few days ago. Carter and Cummings relieved.

There is an operator near Jacks n on the Air Line, working a regular second trick, who scorns all O. R. T. talk by saying he intends to quit soon. Remind him that he said the same thing several months ago and treat him accordingly. You Air Line boys know him.

Bro. Burlington, at Lawton, was off one night Relieved by a new man on the road. Understand he is up-to-date. CRET. 414

## N. Y. C. & St. L. Ry.

Third District-

Merry Christmas to you all.

By the time this reaches you the year 1908 will be in the last week of its existence. The Order can well be proud of the progress it has made in the last twelve months. Can we, as individuals, say the same?

Have we made every effort to better ourselves and our condition?

Have we done everything possible to increase the membership of our division?

If not, in the few days yet remaining to you before 1908 fades into the past, with its unalterable record of deeds accomplished and deeds left undone, make one last effort to secure the few remaining eligible nons.

And to you, you non member who may happen to read these lines, I would like to ask you what better Christmas present you could make yourself than an up-to-date card, showing that you realize the good things that we have done for you, and that you are now going to do your share towards keeping the benefits we have secured and assist in getting more.

What better present could you make your family or near relatives than a policy in the M. B. D., showing them that you are prepared to provide for their comfort even when you can no longer do so in person?

Be a man. If the results accomplished by the Order during the last two years has not opened your eyes it is because you are wilfully keeping them closed, refusing to look at the truth.

I wish to thank all of you who have assisted me in the past with the news items, and I hope that you will continue to furnish me this aid. In return I promise to do my best to keep it going until some one of you will take it off my shoulders.

Let's make the new year a howling success, boys.

News very scarce this month.

Bro. C. R. Nichols resigned the agency at Maple Grove, which place was filled by Mr. L. A. Shaeffer, a new man on the road. There is now a full force of operators there, Bros. Zimmerman, Thompson and Cornelius on first, second and third tricks, respectively.

Bro. Redman, at Fostoria, off a few days. Don't know who relieved him.

Bro. Cowley off one day, attending a meeting of operators at Columbus; relieved by Operator White, from New Haven.

### N. Y. O. & W. Ry.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It was with deep sorrow that members of Division No. 20, on the morning of October 24th, heard of the sudden death of Bro. M. W. Clifford, agent at Mechanicstown, N. Y.; therefore, be it

Resolved, That to the bereaved family we extend our heartfelt sympathy and mingle our tears with theirs in this their hour of sorrow, and through our trust in the Supreme Ruler of the Universe we can not doubt that their beloved husband and father and our esteemed brother has gained a place above, where pain and sorrow can not enter.

M. DAVIDSON,
W. J. HALEY,
JOS. VAN BEUCHATEN,
C. R. JONES,

Z. WINTERS, C. E. DOWNIE.

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### CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the O.

R. T. for the kindness shown during my sad bereavement. I also wish to thank the boys of
Division No. 20 for the beautiful floral offering.

Sincerely,

MRS. ANNA CLIFFORD.

# C., M. & St. P. Ry.

James River Division-

Fife block station closed. The operator, a non named Mr. Cain, lost out.

Mina cut down to agent and second trick operator. Bro. Shelp, formerly nights at Java, landed the job on account of Java night office being closed. Grady closed. Bro. Hagen lost out.

Beebe closed. A couple of nons, named Potter and Morris, lost out.

Roscoe still has same help, only Bro. Cobb lost his helper today and it will keep him hustling to do the work alone; Operator Nish, second and Hopkins on third trick.

Gretna closed. Mr. Duffy lost out.

Java, cut down to the agent, is located on the old main line, and just the way freights and passenger trains go into the station.

Pickens closed. Two nons lost out.

Alamo opened. Operator Peterson, formerly at Pickens, landed the job.

Aberdeen yard had several changes. First, Downs goes to work at 5 a. m., works until 3 p. m.; second, Cashman, formerly at Tulare, landed second on account of Tulare being closed, works from 3 p. m. to 1 a. m.; third trick is filled in by Mr. Allen, nights.

Operator at dispatcher's office, Bro. Hughes, formerly second trick at yard office, resigned.

Aberdeen dispatcher's office had a change, Bro. Phelps, first trick, goes to work at 7 a. m., works until 5 p. m.; Mr. Allen, 5 to 12 p. m., then goes to yard office, and works from 1 a. m. to 5 a. m.

Mr. Robinson, formerly second trick at dispatcher's office, resigned and has gone South to spend the cold months.

No changes on the Edgeley Line. Not much doing on this pike, except to load a few cars of grain. This line is all solid, except Frederick, and he is a tough one to land. He is getting old and will die off some day. Hope to fill the office with a good up-to-date if it should happen. Of course we don't wish any one any bad luck.

One or two changes on the Linton line. Linton lost its helper.

Hague changed hands, Bro. Patterson is agent, formerly extra agent.

Eureka lost its helper. Pretty stiff joint for one man, the stiffest on the division for a oneman station, but Bro. Scotty manages to keep his head above water.

Mitchell line had a few changes.

Mellette lost its helper. Night Operator Wilkins going to lay off. I understand he will be relieved by a man named Calkins, from Mitchell.

Ashton has lost its helper. It keeps Bro. Kidd rustling a little harder, but he is not as bad off as some of the other boys who lost their roustabouts.

Bro. Hendrickson is back to Tulare after a vacation.

Wolsey has lost his helper.

Bro. Beuchler, Alpena, laying off for a few days; relieved by Mr. Case.

Bro. Ayers has been telling me he was going to call a meeting soon. I have been waiting for the last two months for this meeting, but it has not come off yet. Boys, we should get together and meet each other and have a good time, as well as transact a little business.

The nons on the pike must be gotten after and lined up. It is hard for Bro. Ayers and myself to get out on the line without losing some time, and I can not afford it just now.

I have not received a word from any of you fellows regarding what is going on around your stations. It would help the write-up quite a bit if we could hear from you. We have a small division, but it is as important as any other on the Milwaukee system, and don't let our sister divisions lead us with a good write-up and a full membership. Inere is no reason why we should not be solid. We will never be able to get a raise in pay or nold our rights unless we get together and appoint a grievance committee, and let them take up grievances that come up. Several of the boys have got the worst of it the last few weeks on account of pulling off so many men. A lot of them did not get what was coming to them because they did not know what to do to accomplish this. Of course, some of them were nons. If they had gotten their rights through the O. R. T. I do not think one of them would hesitate coming in if they had to borrow the money. Now, let us get together and do something.

- I handed in two applications last month, Bro. Ayers, at Monango, and Bro. Crandall, at Edgeley. Did any of you brothers do as well. Everylody keep awake and get busy.

Bro. Hendrickson, at Tulare, off on a vacation; relieved by a Mr. Paterson. Can not say as to his credentials.

Hague station bulletined. Bro.. Adair has resigned and gone to Wisconsin. Bro. Livesay is doing the relief work.

Bro. Patterson is now relieving the agent at Tulare, who got Hague on bulletin.

Received two more applications this month. You can call Mr. Ayers, at Monango, a brother; also Mr. Crandall, at Edgeley.

W. F. Motz has returned from his vacation and went to work, October 15th.

Relief Agent Livesay went to Hague, October 15th, to relieve Agent Adair, who is sick.

Expected to install another block office soon at Alamo, between Java and Selby. Lots of passing-track jobs on this pike.

Brothers, if anything happens around your stations that would be news for a write-up, send it in or tell me about it, when I am working with you on the wire.

Crown elevator at Frederick got so full that the side bursted out and spilled some flour on the ground.

A car of sheep on Richter Extension caught fire and burned up a lot of sheep. Edgeley line has her troubles.

Hiram De Witt was made agent at Lay Alton, a non telegraph station on the Orient Line.

Bro. Cobb, at Roscoe, off a few days to go after his wife and baby; relieved by Bro. Pofford.

Bro. Hurlburt, Wolsey, called to St. Paul on account of the death of a nephew; relieved by Bro. Pofford.

Still bothered with wire troubles, which keeps Bro. Phelps busy trying to run it down. Found a telephone wire crossed with train wire for half a mile and message wire crossed on account of no insulators on poles for a mile. We have got a lot of clothes lines to work on out here.

If you know of any operators who want a job write to the J. R. Division. Can use about six or eight if good men.

All the nons here say they will come in as soon as they get a pay-day. If this is the case hope the checks arrive on time.

Bro. Adair, at Hague, taken sick, October 12th. No one to relieve him. He had to close up the

Bro. Hurlburt has returned and taken charge of Wolsey station. Relief Agent Pofford goes

An office opened up at junction on Java Change for a few weeks until they get through hauling dirt. A Mr. Lang was the lucky man. Not a member, but says he will come in as soon as he gets a pay-day.

Aberdeen yard, second trick, changed hands, October 16th. Mr. Stanton was bumped by Mr. Allen. Understand Mr. Stanton does not care for a \$50 "OS" job, so has left the division. It seems all the new men are nons. They come and go so fast I can not keep track of them.

A Mr. Duffy has been assigned to the block joint at Gretna. Understand his wife is an operator and will do the telegraphing nights.

Brothers, please help us out on the car and crop reports. It only takes you a few minutes to send it and if all in line it will not take very much of your time. See Mr. Gillick's bulletin in regard to this.

Our patience has nearly been exhausted with two or three of the agents on this division and a change is liable to be made if you do not get in line and answer your call more promptly.

Bro. Mashek, formerly agent at Java, is now working as a clerk in the yard office. He says he has money enough to quit being a dog around a telegraph job. Glad to see him still keep his card, as something might happen that would bring him back to the old trade.

Brothers, send me some notes. I have to gather in just what I can hear. Lots of important things happen I do not hear about.

Business has slacked up so the second dispatcher on branch lines has been pulled off. Mr. Burns was the unfortunate one. He has resigned and, I understand, is going further West. He thinks he does not need a card, because he has risen to be a train dispatcher, but I tell you that they come in handy if you are. Train dispatchers might have helped this party a little, as it was he could not pump the side table operators.

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### Milwaukee Terminal Division-

Railroad business is picking up considerable, especially in live stock shipments. The shortage of power to move the business causes considerable extra work and trouble.

Bro. R. O. Will is now at Bay View tower days. Mr. E. G. Rogers, formerly at West Milwaukee shops days, we understand has left the service and is to become a locomotive fireman.

A Mr. Arthur Stock is now at Milwaukee shops. What good reason is there why he should not be a member?

We are to hold a meeting at 8 p. m. Nov. 22d, at 216 Grand Ave. A large attendance is expected from divisions entering Milwaukee. Seral questions of considerable importance are to be talked on.

CERT. 200.

### CARD OF THANKS.

### To all Members Milwaukee Terminals:

Myself and wife wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends for the beautiful floral offerings and for the kindness and sympathy shown us at our recent bereavement, the death of our beloved son, Clarence.

A. M. LOYE.

### LoCrosse Division-

Business on this line has been very heavy this fall and some of us at least have had our hands full to handle the train work properly and attend to the station work also, especially at stations where help has been reduced and one man required to do the work of two. Extra men are very scarce and almost impossible to get relief.

Bro. C. A. Peters, first trick at Portage was off about three weeks on account of sickness, and Bro. Learmonth and Sam Hunter, second and third trick telegraphers, had to work twelve-hour shifts for several days until a man could be had to fill Bro. Peters' place.

Bro. Haker, first trick at Tomah, was off a couple of weeks, selling his farm. Relieved by

Bro. Bernie, second trick man, and Bernie relieved by Mr. Shernan, from the C. & M. Division. Did not learn whether he is a member or not.

Bro. E. M. Kehoe has been appointed third trick at Watertown, Bro. Seeley having resigned to go into business.

Bro. W. J. Breene has been appointed third trick at West Salem. Bro. Magoon, formerly third trick at that place is now with the Soo Line at Gladstone, Mich.

Bro. Breene bid in third trick at Oconomowoc but concluded he did not want it. Mr. Hilliker, third trick man at Tunnel City got Oconomowoc.

Bro. Galvin, second trick man at Raymore, gets Tunnel City. Bro. A. F. Borgeson was appointed first trick at Raymore and Shernan third trick at Camp Douglas tower.

Shernan went to St. Paul to take the Omaha examination, but concluded he did not want to spend a week at it, so the Camp Douglas job is again bulletined.

Bro. Learmonth, second trick, was off a few days. Relieved by Bro. Galvin.

Bro. Marsh, side wire telegrapher in train dispatchers' office, off on account of sickness. Relieved by Bro. Wolfgram, second trick at Oconomowoc. Bro. Manske is relieving Bro. Wolfgram.

Bro. Upham, local chairman, is taking a vacation, making his annual trip over the division. Relieved by Bro. Gus Tofsen, second trick at West Salem. Bro. Tofsen relieved by Mr. Evans, of Bangor. Mr. Evans is an old-time operator who has returned to the service on account of the nine-hour law and promises to get in line soon. Evans has been relieving Bro. Breene, third trick man at West Salem, who has been off for a month on account of sickness. Mr. Johnson, of Oconomowoc, is now relieving Mr. Breene. Mr. Johnson has just returned to the telegraph service after being out several years and promises to do the right thing as soon as he gets a pay day.

Following are the new members that have been secured recently: L. Wolf, towerman at Grand Crossing; W. H. Hansen, first trick at Raymore; G. Olson, second trick at Oakdale; J. W. Tangney, second trick at Lyndon, and I. E. Hatch, extra list.

A non will soon be a thing of the past on the LaCrosse Division.

Bro. Ely, agent at Pewaukee, is taking his annual deer hunt. Relieved by Bro. Parsons, first trick operator. Bro. E. J. Peters is relieving Parsons and H. J. Alvord relieving Peters.

Bro. Galvin, who has been farming for the past two or three weeks, has returned to work third trick at Tunnel City, Bro. Hatch going to third trick at Hartford, relieving Bro. Seymour, who is taking a two weeks' vacation.

### To All Members Ninth District:

I wish to take this means to heartily thank you all for your courteous treatment and kind assistance which was extended to me in my recent trip over the district. The information I have secured has been of vital importance to the local board in representing you in the future. I trust that my

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visit among you has had the desired effect and that you will be more enthused in the work of organization and help to improve and elevate yourselves to the height to which your profession rightfully belongs.

In order to become interested in organization you must first become workers in it. Let us therefore start out the New Year right, with a solid and strong foundation, extend the helping hand to your brother operator, and educate yourselves that you may teach him to become more skilled and useful, that you may be the better enabled to represent your employer as well as the organization.

Will have a full report and complete write-up in the next issue.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and prosperous and happy New Year.

Yours fraternally, Thos. L. Pagel, Local Chairman.

C. C. B., Ill. and R. & S. W. Divisions-

Bro. C. E. Buzzell, of Leaf River, made a business trip to Dixon, Ill., being relieved by Mr. W. H. Buzzell. Mr. W. H. Buzzell has shown the right spirit, and suppose that by this time he has an up-to-date

Mr. Abrams put in a few days at Leaf River, relieving W. H. Buzzell. Mr. Abrams has taken a trip to his home in Versailles, Ky. He will put in his application on his return.

Mr. Kallis, of Pingree Grove, third trick, has left the service.

J. M. Gavin, agent at New Lebanon, can be called brother now. He has a new up-to-date.

Bro. Pollock, of Hampshire, took a ten days' vacation, going to his home, Rice Lake, Wis. Relieved by Bro. Herzog, of Hampshire, third trick, who in turn was relieved by Mr. Weissburg, a new man. I "13" Mr. Weissberg is coming in, too.

Mr. Kingcade, non, of tower B25, Roselle, off for a few days. Relieved by Operator Weissburg.

Mr. McCann has returned to work at Davis Junction after working as extra dispatcher at Mendota.

Bro. Herzog, of Hampshire, was taken suddenly ill one night. Bro. Pollock worked the limit. Herzog returned to work next night.

Bro. Overcash, of Pingree Grove, attended church at Hampshire one Sunday.

Mr. C. H. Landis, C. T. U. A. man, is working third trick at Pingree Grove.

Bro. Cook, of Lanark, has been appointed agent at Thomson, Ill., Bro. M. J. Smith, of Thomson, going to Monroe, Wis., as agent.

Lanark "RK" days open for bids. Bro. Klome is doing the stunt until a man is appointed and I "13" Bro. Klome is the lucky man.

Mr. Cunningham, non, has returned to Kirkland after two months' vacation. Another backslider.

Bro. Shaft, third trick at Spaulding, off for a two weeks' visit at LaCrosse. Do not know who relieved him.

Mr. Burlow, of Itaska, left for parts unknown. Mr. Baldwin, extra man, is relieving him.

Mr. Gibbs, non and backslider, of Kingston Crossing, has returned to work. Mr. Keating, C.

T. U. of A., back to second trick at Genoa. Mr. Keating has promised to join us.

Bro. Siler, from third trick at Lanark to second trick at Lanark, Mr. Wagner working third trick:

Mr. Hunter of Kirkland third trick, has left the service, Mr. Abrams relieving him.

Bro. Miller, third trick at Rockton, was off a few weeks. Relieved by Mr. W. Sloan, non. Bro. Miller took a trip to Iowa.

Mr. F. J. Mauthe, third trick dispatcher, R. & S. W. Division, is laying off. Mr. E. F. Hoye is relieving Mr. Mauthe.

By the next time I send in a write-up I want to be able to mention the fact that all our nons have reconsidered their policy of being outside the O. R. T. fold and have joined.

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#### Third District-

Bro. Hutchings, of Lake, first trick, spent two weeks on a vacation among friends in South Dakota and at other points nearer home. He reports it was too early for ducks while in Dakota.

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Geo. Brown, formerly of Rondout "RO," can be seen at most any station now, as he is doing the relief stunt.

Bro. Bush, of Franksville, is laying off, being relieved by Bro. Lucas.

Bro. Appleyard, of Gurnee, was off for about two weeks. Did not learn where his vacation was spent.

Bro. Hoganson, of Forest Glen, off for a few days. Relieved by Mr. Willey.

"Bro." can be prefixed before the following names now: Bower, of "CG" nights; James, of "C" office; Ryan, of tower A13 first trick; Beaver, of A23 second trick. We hope to swell this list very soon, in fact will, if the parties keep their promise.

Understand the local chairman is making a trip over the third district looking after the nons and delinquents; it is to be hoped he will be successful in getting the third district up to the percentage that it should be. Let every one help in any way that may be possible, especially when called on to write to or see a non or delinquent.

A fine meeting, both in numbers and interest, was held at Libertyville the sist, and those present had the pleasure of meeting and hearing First Vice-President Newman. Bros. Renshaw, Soyster and Upham were also there. Bro. Flaherty, of Milwaukee Terminal, came down but was called back to Milwaukee. We were very sorry that he had to leave.

Some of the boys seem to be unnecessarily disturbed on account of the 'phone. Let us each one be more disturbed on account of the nons and delinquents, as it is not so much the "cinch" any one has on a trade as it is thorough organization that brings results both financially and in working conditions. What is being done to the 'phone men is just a correct sample of what will be handed each of us when we get so selfish or indifferent so to allow the organization to become weak; I do not mean to depreciate the trainmen, but any one they please that can climb a box car. The trainmen

have no "cinch," whatever they have benefited through thorough organization—near 100 per cent compared with fifteen and twenty years ago.

Our cause is just, and let us not waver in our demands for a living wage for a fair day's work, whether it be done over the 'phone or by Morse, agency or interlocking work. Let us get the thorough organization idea indelibly stamped in our minds, together with loyalty to the union cause.

### CERT. 1,129.

# I. & G. N. Ry.

There have been quite a number of admissions to our ranks since writing our last article; but we are not getting them in as rapidly as we feel we should, which shows that some of you are not bombarding the nons as vigorously and enthusiastically as you should, all of you certainly ought to do this in appreciation of the good work of your last committee. We cannot help but feel as though our expectations would be fulfilled if all of you would do this, as the nons have been shown what complete organization will do, and they can be brought within the fold more easily than heretofore.

How much longer will it be necessary to make this appeal to you? Be up and doing.

Bro. E. S. Lea, at Houston, accepted desk in freight office, and was temporarily relieved by Mr. G. A. Joyce, who, in turn, was permanently relieved by Bro. G. H. Hoencke, of Conroe, he having bid for it.

Bro. A. L. Holland, of Arcola, has been checked in as regular agent, at Elkhart, relieving Mr. R. T. Johnson, who has resigned.

Bro. J. S. Kinney, of Stoneham, relieved Bro. M. S. Dew, a few days, while he was off on business.

Bro. H. H. Young, at Roans Prairie, attended court at Tyler a few days, and was relieved by Bro. D. H. Cargile, from the Frisco.

Bro. W. H. Holzmann is back at Bedias, after being on a thirty days' vacation, and working south of San Antonio as agent a few days.

Bro. Bryan Simpson, who has been agent for the G. C. & S. F., at Allenfarm, is relieving Mr. J. H. Kelly a few days.

Bro. T. C. Berry, at Encinal, spent a few days on his ranch, and was relieved by Bro. B. L. Livingston, of Devine, who now holds down a desk in that office.

Bros. Evans and Wilson, having drained Comal of all its fish, are now planning a two weeks' hunt at Encinal.

Bro. T. G. Hines took a trip recently to Cotulla, on urgent business.

Bro. W. C. Mantius, of Gause, and Bro. Walter Booth, of Lindale, have exchanged stations; Bro. C. B. Cook relieving Bro. Mantius during the time transfer was being made.

Mr. T. L. Davis, of Buffalo, checked in as agent at Arcola. There is also a new man at Conroe on third trick, whose name we have not learned, nor whether he holds an up-to-date.

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## Vandalla Ry.

East End St. Louis Division-

Bro. W. A. Vaughan, first trick, Greencastle, has been off for a few days, being relieved by Mr. V. A. Woodward, second trick at Greencastle. Mr. Woodward relieved by Bro. R. C. Siddons, third trick at Almeda. Bro. Siddons relieved by Mr. Ruark.

Bro. R. R. Hodson, third trick at Gibson, has been off for ten days, being relieved by Mr. F. A. Vance.

We are all glad to see Bro. C. N. Jones back at Knightsville, "KV," still we are sorry to see Bro. Chesterson return to Rose Lake,

The members of Divisions No. 27, 34 and 138 enjoyed a banquet, the evening of November 19th, at the Great Northern Cafe, Terre Haute, Ind. Preceding the banquet the party met in the O. R. T. rooms, and a picture of the entire group was taken. Fruit, candy and cigars were handed out in generous quantities throughout the evening. Several speeches were made after the supper, among which was a talk on the growth of the organization, by Bro. J. A. Newman, first vice-president of the O. R. T., which created repeated applause. Plates were laid for fifty guests.

The boys on the St. Louis Division have been taking the annual examination, the schools being conducted by Mr. T. E. Smith, our new division operator.

CERT. 115.

West and Middle Division, St. Louis Division-

Receiving my appointment to act as correspondent for the West Division rather late, cannot furnish as much of a write-up for this month as I would like to see, but will endeavor to be better posted on the changes and doings by next month, and perhaps can have a better one.

Bro. C. H. Wilson, general chairman, of Smithboro, is contemplating a thirty days' vacation, effective December 1st.

Mrs. J. M. Munday, of Altamont, has been very ill, but at present is reported as improving steadily.

Mr. A. P. Munie, third trick, Stubblefield, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation, as a penalty for stopping No. 14 a few nights ago. Being relieved by a Mr. H. C. Heck, who lately has been working second trick at Formosa.

Understand that there will soon be a bulletin out for bids on first trick at St. Elmo. Soon after the Van began filling up the offices with the third man the tower at St. Elmo was closed, and the operators transferred to the depot. The agent doing the stunt as first trick operator, and second and thirk trick men assisting with the station work. The operators will continue assisting with the station work after the first trick man is placed there, which we understand is to be on December 10th. The operators will remain at the depot same as at present.

Bro. H. E. Weaver, of Rose Lake, second trick, is working at "DE" office, for a few weeks.

Bro. C. C. Chesterson, who has been working first trick at Knightsville for the past three



months, has returned to his old place as first trick, at Rose Lake, and Bro. C. N. Jones, who has been working at Rose Lake for the past three months, has returned to his regular place as first trick at Knightsville, Ind.

Bro. H. Tucker, from the L. & N. R. R., is now working third trick at Rose Lake.

Bro. T. J. Lynch, second trick, at Collinsville, has been off sick for the past three weeks, but now is improving fast. We will be glad to see Bro. "J" back with us again.

Bro. D. Rule, first trick, of St. Jacob, spent one day with friends in St. Louis.

Bro. P. J. Hartleib, second trick, of St. Jacob, spent one day with home-folks at Pierron, Ill.

Mr. Jack McMannon is doing the heavy act as second trick at Highand.

Bro. Joe F. Pierron and Bro. T. A. Leiling, first and second trick, of Pierron, spent a few hours at Greenville, attending business.

Bro. O. A. Gruenenfelder, third trick, at Pierron, spent one evening at Jimtown.

Bro. W. O. Carson, first trick, Greenville, was off a few days, attending court.

Bro. Vest, of Mulberry Grove, is working second trick at Hagarstown.

Mr. Godwin, from the E. & T. H. R. R., is working third trick, at St. Elmo.

Bro. W. O. Young, of "WF," west end Effingham yards, spent a few hours at his old home, at Dexter.

Bro. Orville A. Pierron, third trick, "F," Effingham yard office, has left the Van., and is now working at Scott City, Kan., for the Missouri Pacific R. R.

Bro. E. S. Kingerly, of Montrose, is working second trick at Teutopolis.

Bro. H. Keeler, of Montrose, is working third trick at Montrose.

Bro. W. H. Booker, first trick, at Montrose, who has been off a few months, on account of sickness, has resumed his old stand again.

Bro. O. R. Ball is working second trick, at Montrose.

Bro. C. U. Hutchinson, second trick, at Jewett, went to Indianapois, one day last week, to attend to business.

Bro. J. L. Bishop, first trick, at Woodbury, and Bro. J. L. Brown, first trick, at Jewett, spent a few hours in Effingham, with old friends.

Bro. W. A. Smith is working third trick, at Greenup.

Bro. C. H. Wilson, of Smithboro, delivered a grand speech on Socialism, at Mullberry Grove, on the evening of the first.

Bro. C. H. Johnson and wife, of Greenville, spent a day in St. Louis, last week.

The Supervisors of the St. Louis Division, their clerks and all the section foremen, recently went from Indianapolis to Rose Lake, on an inspection trip. The foremen report a well filled larder on the diner, and says that the supply of fried chicken disappeared very rapidly.

We still have plenty of "nons" to work on, on this end of the road, and find some of them very hard to get to. While we have not been very successful in converting many of them lately, we have hopes that they may see the light soon.

Will do my best to have a much better write-up for next month.

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West Subdivision-

R. D. Elliott, third trick, at Formosa, has resigned; Bro. S. R. Sweeney in his place.

F. O. Berry has been second trick, at Rose Lake, in place of Bro. H. E. Weaver, who has been at "DE," in place of J. C. Philips, who relieved Mr. Anderson at "GM," off on his annual vacation.

Bro. T. J. Lynch, second trick, at Collinsville, has been on the sick list for the past few weeks, but we are glad to state he is back at the old stand again.

Bro. T. Thomas, first trick, at Brownstown, made a visit to his home in the Blue-Grass State last month. A Mr. Wells doing the extra stunt at "BW."

Bros. C. N. Jones and C. C. Chesterson have resumed their regular tricks, at Knightsville and Rose Lake. Sorry to lose "J" on this end, but also glad to see "C" back here.

Had you noticed how business has picked up (?) since November 3d?

Our new D. O. is a fine man, boys. Do the right thing by him and you will have no cause to complain.

Homer Foster, a former Vandalia boy, but now located in the west, was visiting old friends in Marshall, lately.

Bro. Gornet, lately of Formosa, has resigned and gone to Texas, where his folks live. A Mr. Goodwin in his place.

### Missouri Pacific Ry.

Joplin Division-

Not much doing now, as every one has found himself a corner and settled down for the winter.

Bro. C. V. Rowe is back on the N. & M. again, having bid in Carona agency, and is showing them all how to bill coal.

Bro. V. C. Johnson is with us, having bid in the second trick at Pittsburg. He says he did not get much when he landed it.

Bro. Glenn, at Maddox, has left us for a short time. We are informed that he went South for the winter and expects to locate a good telegraph job while gone. Although young at the business Glen promises to make a good man in the near future.

Our general chairman, Bro. Nance, has been over the division lately, looking for nons and delinquents and reports good success. While here he passed the supper hour with the local correspondent, catching the next train out

We are up against a hard proposition this month, trying to manufacture some items of interest. We do not know much about what is going on around us, as we are spending about sixteen hours out of every twenty-four in watching business and sharing our sympathy with those who have so

much trouble to tell us (We have none of our own).

I want to thank every one that so kindly contributed some local item of interest this month, but we don't want you to take any of our offerings unless you did contribute (not a man in the audience spoke).

The company seems to have struck a streak of prosperity since the election is over, as quite a number of men have been employed in all departments. Surely the wave of prosperity is coming our way again. Several crews have been added and several new engines of the battleship type have been put on and business is picking up in good shape, and still it is difficult to keep the side track clear of old loads.

Bro. C. L. Rouse has been off on a thirty-day leave of absence, being relieved by D. C. Jones. Bro. Rouse says railroading looks better to him than ever since he has had a much-needed rest.

Bro. H. T. Strahl, agent at Hannon, is also off on a visit. Bro. Bicknel is the whole works at Hannon now, agent, postmaster, merchant, mayor and police judge.

We are sorry to mention the fact that our worthy brothers, Truscott and Hutchinson, drew a blank in the Dakota land drawing. L. C.

# Sedalia District-

Bro. L. O. Kennedy, agent at Knobnoster, enjoyed a three weeks' visit with home folks in Illinois. He was relieved by Bro. J. J. Gunn.

Bro. W. R. Martin secured Tipton nights on bid. Bro. J. P. Warden is working third trick at "CD," Kansas City.

Bro. J. C. Wilson, at Myrick, took a few days' rest, being relieved by Bro. Stapleton.

J. M. Kelly, agent at Sweet Springs, resigned to accept a trick at Omaha, and was relieved by Mr. Wilkin, of Pacific.

Bro. Crockett, agent at Blackwater, is taking a vacation, being relieved by Bro. Oman.

Bro. Smith, agent at Bunceton, was off a few days in October; relieved by Mr. Wilkin.

Bro. A. C. Johnson, agent at Keats, Kan., for the Rock Island, visited relatives and friends in Holden several days in October.

Bro. Johnson learned the business in Holden, in 1880, but was quite a stranger among his old friends, it having been twenty years since he had visited the home place.

J. H. Pryor, agent at Buckner, who has been taking a few weeks' rest, returned to work November 18th.

Howards, Mo., was closed as a telegraph station November 18th.

Bro. Snapp, agent at Smithton, is taking a leave of absence; relieved by J. A. Rowland.

Bro. H. G. Greer, third trick at Independence, secured first trick at Valley Park on bid.

Bro. Voss, at New Haven, secured Hermann agency on bid.

Bro. J. W. Haub is working third trick at Osage. Operator Scott is working second trick at "CD," Kansas City, temporarily. Bro. Rice, of "CY," Kansas City, is back at work, after a visit with relatives in Holden.

Operator Spiecer, at yard office, Sedalia, is very sick with pneumonia. W. L. W.

### St. Louis District-

Bro. J. W. Haub bid in second trick at Osage, and was relieved as agent at Sherman by Bro. E. A. Smith. Have not heard who got Sherman on bulletin.

Bro. Fromme, who bid in Morrison nights, was relieved by Raymond Davis; Davis relieved by F. J. Dale.

Bro. Powell relieved Agent Martens at Gray's Summit several days in November, and then relieved Bro. Harrison at Webster Groves.

Bro. Slater relieved Bro. Johnson several nights at Gasconade, while Bro. Johnson caught up with his sleep.

R. E. Best, who has been relieving Bro. Brown, at Bonnot's Mill, is at present working third trick at Washington, relieving Bro. Powell.

F. J. Dale worked a few nights at Washington; relieved by R. E. Best.

Mr. Best has bid in the second trick at "CD," Kansas City, and says he will come in as soon as he gets a full pay-day.

Bro. Davis, agent at Berger, visited in St. Louis several days in November; relieved by his son, Raymond.

Bro. Voss, days at New Haven, has bid in Hermann agency.

No one seems to want first trick at Valley Park. Bro. Williams, second trick at Washington, ate Thanksgiving dinner with home folks in Jefferson City.

No doubt every one will be pleased to hear that Bro. A. P. Murphy was re-elected to Congress from the Sixteenth Missouri District.

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# Central Kansas Division—

Bro. Hilzman, of Dodson, off one night; iclieved by Bro. Clarke. Bro. Clarke is a new arrival among us, carrying an up-to-date card in Division No. 7. He is going to transfer soon. He is now working at Wagstaff, third trick.

Bro. J. W. Nelson has his new home almost completed at Wagstaff.

Bro. Pursell had some trouble over his application, and was relieved by Bro. Clarke. Hope he will be back soon.

Bro. Costello, of Ottawa, was off a few days attending the funeral of his wife's mother at Waverly, Kan.

Mrs. Clara A. Hopkins, of Marion, Ohio, is visiting her son, Bro. Hopkins, at Ottawa. Bro. Hopkins was off from the 3d to the 19th, taking in Kansas City and Leavenworth; relieved by Bro. Abel for a few nights. Bro. Abel relieved by Bro. Emerson. Since "Hops'" return Bro. Emerson is holding down Lomax nights.

Bro. R. H. Shaffer has resigned his position with the Kansas Natural Gas Company, and is visiting his old friend, Shiffer, agent at Bushong.

Bro. R. D. Lukens has bid in Bushong nights. Bro. Lukens is up and doing, and we must congratulate him for the good work he has done in such a short time, having secured several applications already. This is more than lots can say; also is a helping hand to uphold the news interest.

Bro. Aiken, from Council Grove, received Gyp City agency.

W. J. Anderson, C. T. U. of A., is working second trick at Gyp City.

Dick Adams at Salina. The non-air, who don't talk favorably either.

M. R. Nyquist and H. C. Newcomer, both at Marquette. Newcomer, a non of the razor-back type, whose excuse has no grounds at all.

Wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, hoping to see everyone out in nineteen oh nine, with an up-to-date OH Are Tea card.

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Omaha Division-

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Master of the Universe has, in His infinite wisdom, called unto his celestial home Willie J. Hequembourg, only son of Sister Rose Hequembourg, and

WHEREAS, We realize that while the promise of his future in this world was exceptionally bright, the realization in the great beyond is immeasurably brighter, and while our hearts are overflowing with sympathy for our sister in this, her great bereavement; be it

Resolved, That while expressing our sympathy and sorrow, we commend her to Him who doeth all things well with an unfaltering trust, that she will be sustained and soothed by the realization that while her loss is great, her son's gain is infinitely greater.

FRANK SEAL, E. E. MARR, U. G. SIMONS, Committee.

Arkansas Division-

We are now drawing to the close of another year, and as we look back over the progress made by the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, the great success the Order has enjoyed, the many new schedules secured on different lines throughout the United States, the reduction in our hours of service, is this not convincing of what the Order is to us?

We all know that this success has not been made in one day or one year, but it is the result of years of untiring effort. You know what the conditions were in times gone by, let us see that this never occurs again. We are on a better foundation than ever before, let us stay there. Don't do as some, give one excuse, then another, and sidestep everything you possibly can. It is customary at the beginning of a new year to make new resolutions; I hope amongst yours you will resolve to be more attentive to your union, do not be indifferent towards it, don't let your dues lag, pay them up promptly; if you

have a fellow telegrapher working in the same office with you, don't wait six months before ascertaining his standing, but go after him as soon as he lights, and if he is up-to-date, whether he be a non or delinquent, drop me a line immediately, giving his name and initials.

A determined effort was made in the months of October and November to see if the conditions on this division could not be improved, which there was plenty of room for. Through correspondence I have tried to show these wayward brothers and sisters the right path to take, and I am pleased to note that some of them have taken it, yet there are a few left who seem blind to our cause, or they are ignorant as to right and wrong. However, I have the promises of several nons who know they are not acting fairly by remaining out, and these I expect to call brothers and sisters before the first of the new year, but again there are several nons on this pike who have been working here from one to ten years, who are nothing more or less than a big "thick skin lemon," this class is failure from every standpoint, they have never shown a disposition or willingness to assist our cause, when approached on the subject they either ignore it or masticate a lot of time-worn excuses. These grafters take everything in sight and cry for more, but let their wages be cut or conditions be not favorable to them, and they will squeal louder than a braying jackass. I suppose a good many of you wonder how these narrow-minded pinheads get along, you have heard the old saying "a bedbug has no wings at all, but he gets there just the same," so it is with this class of humans we have to contend with.

There has been a large amount of discipline on this division, recently, caused by indifference and neglect to the company's interest, and some for more serious causes. I would urge that every one try and render as good service as possible. In Mr. Ouellett, we have one of the most fair and just dealing officials in his capacity, that we ever had or expect to have, and if you give him first-class service I am positive he will give you first-class treatment. Therefore I trust that in the future you will be governed accordingly and co-operate with the company's interest, as well as your own, so we will meet with less complaints.

Business is again rushing on the "IM." Everybody is kept a hustling, a cotton hook in one hand and a bunch of waybills in the other is the usual sight at the way stations.

We are glad to have the business and to know that the company is again prosperous after the recent depression.

There has been numerous changes among the operators and agents since October the first, when the revised schedule took effect.

No one can surely complain now in regard to the bulletin service, since October 1st there has been twenty-two vacancies on the Arkansas Division, and as many bulletins have been furnished each office. Diaz agency and night telegrapher were the first jobs advertised under the new ruling. Bro. O. Pursifull getting the former, and Bro. L. H. Davenport the latter.

Miss Allie Boyd bid in the night office at Wrightsville.

Bro. J. H. Orr was the successful applicant for first trick at Bald-Knob.

Bro. L. J. Moore, after several months absence, returned to second trick, at Bald Knob. Bro. C. R. Bevill going back on third trick.

Bro. A. C. McQuigg was the only applicant for third trick vacancy at Benton.

Bro. E. P. Woiberg bid in second trick at Baring-Cross Bridge, but understand, at the present writing, that Bro. J. T. Kimble will be reinstated shortly, and will return to this job which was formerly his.

Bro. H. H. Denton is now agent and telegrapher at Chidester, vice Bro. W. V. Rushing, resigned. Bro. C. W. Bates was the only competent applicant for third trick at Argenta.

Bro. E. Glenn received first trick at Benton, on bid.

Bro. W. J. Dearing has been assigned to first trick at Arkadelphia, this office only recently working more than one man.

There were several stations advertised which no bids at all were received on, also bids are still open on the following jobs, same closing from November 25th to November 29th: Benton, second trick; Garner, night office; Grady, agency; Gurdon, third trick; Malvern, second trick; Argenta, second trick; Daleville night office, and Jeff Springs.

By the time these notes reach you it will be very near the time when your dues are due, and you should have a new card in your pocket; use a little extra effort to have this done, also assist me in lining up the nons, do your utmost to tack a button on them.

Trusting that all will exert the same amount of zeal and energy in the future as you have in the past, in the discharge of your duties to both the O. R. T. and the railroad company, and hoping that the new year will be more prosperous with you than the one just closing; wishing you and yours one and all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year, I am,

Yours fraternally,

C. A. LAFORGE.

#### Central Division-

Business has sure struck the Central Division the past month, been handling Frisco trains between Claremore and Wagoner and Midland Valleys, between Wagoner and Sallisaw, but that is what we desire as it makes pay-day come more regular. Several night offices opened the last month. Inola and Lenapah, filled by Operators Fox and Farris.

Bro. Vanwie, from Division No. 57, is holding the day trick at Nowata.

C. B. Adcock has again returned to the ranks. "Red" thought that when he accepted the agency

at Inola there was no use in being up-to-date, but he is now different. He does not want to be getting shorter hours and more pay and let some one else pay for it.

Nothing can be said about the bunch at Wagoner for it is hard to beat. Entirely solid from the agent down. Old "CH" is there with the goods and sure uses the motto, "no card, no favors."

Bro. Kelton has been relieving Operator Burns in "BN" for the past week.

Operator G. F. Morgan has been checked in as agent at Hartman.

Mr. Furniss and Noys exchanged positions, Furniss going to Greenwood as agent and Noys to Jenny Lind.

The east end is utterly hopeless in write-ups. I have asked three brothers at different times to try and send me a few items, but all I get is "have not the time."

Bro. Pugh, agent at Wagoner, sent me a bunch, and I know there is no operator on that end who is any busier than he is. He considers it a part of his duty, just as doing his work for the company. You can never expect to see anything from that end unless you contribute the news as I am not a mind reader.

There are some brothers on this division who have not paid up until Dec. 31. Please do this at once as it will save you money, for you know you can not stay out of the Order and draw your salary with a clear conscience, for you know some one else is paying heavy for your raise and shorter hours while you are giving nothing but "Oh, I can't spare the money as it takes all I can make to keep me going." What did you do when you were getting \$50.00 and eleven hours? Guess you borrowed from some national bank.

Operator Blakely drew Spodra nights.

Operator J. W. Mollard drew Nowata nights. Operator R. J. Farris drew Lenapah nights.

Operator Dinwiddle drew Ft. Gibson nights.

No bids made for agency at Muldrow and Denning yard. This leaves Bro. Coleman at Denning yard and Operator Kephart at Muldrow.

Conway nights is now open for bids. This is a good job in a good town.

Bro. R. H. Hayse, nights at Wagoner, took in the big show at Muskogee Oct. 20th.

Bro. C. H. Pugh, formerly agent at Muldrow, has been promoted to the agency at Wagoner. He does the four hours' wire work stunt and soothes the trainmen at this point.

G. N. Kephart is working as agent at Muldrow until it is bid in by some brother.

Bro. G. M. Reed has been transferred to Nowata agency on account of G. N. Kephart being too light for the position.

Bro. R. P. Walker, who has been in Pebronigue, Panama, for two years, formerly nights at Wagoner, visited relations at Wagoner during the month of October. He has returned to Panama, the land of milk and honey.

E. Noyes, extra agent and operator, is working as cashier for Bro. G. M. Reed at Nowata.

Boomer McKinley is working days at Nowata.

E. S. Stevenson, from Arkansas, is juggling expense bills and fussing with the ladies of Nowata nights. Do not know whether he is O. K. or not.

J. A. Smith, formerly days at Nowata, left the service to go to the Frisco.

V. C. W.

# Baltimore & Ohio Ry.

West End. Chicago Division-

C. W. Hagans, formerly operator at Indiana Harbor, has left the service of the B. & O., and is now working for the C., R. I. & P. at "RI," Rock Island Junction.

John Ansbro, an old B. & O. operator, but for the past three years a policeman at Gary, Ind., has resigned his position on the force and has accepted the position of night agent and operator at "BR," Indiana Harbor.

Operator Eugene Albright, a prospective member of the Order, has landed third trick at "S," Syracuse, on November bulletin.

Operator R. L. Phleger relieved Mr. E. Albright on first trick at "CJ," Clark Junction, until same is filled on December bulletin.

Mr. A. L. Hammond has left the service of the B. & O. and is at present working on his father's farm, near Syracuse.

Operator E. M. Pierce holds third trick at McCools, regular, on account of no bids on same on November bulletins.

Operator W. G. Marine has left the service of the B. & O. Can not say where he is now located.

Operator G. W. Woddell is filling third trick at Wellsboro temporarily until same is filled via the regular route.

Mr. N. E. Bailey, regular second trick operator at Walkerton, was off duty a few days last month on account of a severe boil on his hand. Operator Parent pulled the levers while Mr. Bailey was absent.

Operator G. L. Rex has secured third trick at Napanee, "NE," on November bid, relieving Operator E. E. Porter on third trick at Napanee, who, in turn, relieved Rex, at "S," Syracuse, and Porter was later relieved by Operator E. Albright, who secured Syracuse, third trick regular, on November bulletin. Porter is at present working days at St. Joe, extra.

Bro. H. A. Durk, regular third trick operator at "RW," Cromwell, is serving fourteen days for some cause unknown at this time, has landed second trick at "FC," Defiance, Ohio, and goes on duty there as soon as his time is up.

Bro. D. G. Matthews and family, of "AB," Albion, visited Bro. Matthews' aunt, near Zanesville, Ohio, the first week of this month. Bro. A. H. Fisher relieved Bro. Matthews on first trick, extra.

Bro. C. C. Otto, third trick operator at "AB," Albion, was off duty November 3d, returning to his home in Valparaiso to vote for Bryan; relieved by Bro. Ritter.

Bro. W. W. Gruesbeck, second trick operator at "NY," Ripley tower, off on a month's vacation, resumed duty November 11th. Bro. B. E. Kunkle relieved him.

Bro. "Bill" Baker, first trick man at "NY," Ripley tower, off duty on account of the death of his father, who died November 8th. Operator Bonnell relieving.

Our division operator, Mr. F. N. Shultz, took a two weeks' vacation in October, was visiting in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. E. H. Loomis, his assistant, handled the work while Mr. Shultz was absent.

Engineer G. Novinger has again been promoted to his old position as assistant road foreman of engines, which takes effect some time this month. This on account of business improving on the B. & O.

Chief Line Foreman G. W. Darling, located at Newark, Ohio, has resigned his position with the B. & O. Unable, at this writing, to say who will be his successor.

Understand there is a plentiful supply of extra operators on the Chicago Division, some fifteen or eighteen at the present time. We are looking for the opening of some new night offices which have been closed during the summer months on account of falling off in business.

The new time-table goes into effect Sunday, November 22d, and we understand there will be some changes in the time of a few passenger trains, also a new train will be added, No. 45, the oyster wagon, which runs between Baltimore and Chicago.

Our general chairman, Bro. E. N. Van Atta, of Newark, Ohio, was over the Chicago Division this month on O. R. T. business.

I wish to say a few words to the membership on this division in regard to making applications on the monthly advertisement of vacancies. This is not meant for all members, as a whole, but I wish to state one case in particular that has come to my notice. A certain operator in the last six months has made application on two vacancies four times, and as his seniority was such as to entitle him to them, he consequently got them. One trial on a job should convince him whether the place suited him or not, especially when both pay the same salary, and if it does not suit him be should let it alone and give some other man a chance at it who would be satisfied with it. The writer is not concerned in this case, as he did not bid on it, but I simply state this to let you know that our division operator did not approve of it, and such work grows monotonous with him, and we do not wonder at it. It will also be brought up against our committee when they go before the management for another schedule. This part of our agreement (the senority clause), which entitles the oldest employe to a vacancy, is all right, and what we have worked hard to secure, but when it comes to a man bidding in his own vacancy each month, or nearly so, it is time to DIV. COR. put a bug in ms ear.

Chicago Division, East End-

How many nons have you within talking distance of you? Have you, to the best of your ability, tried to induce these nons to join our ranks? Have you been an earnest worker for the Order? Do you attend the meetings of your local as regularly as your duties will permit, or do you take any interest in the O. R. T., more than to pay your dues and thereby keep from being classed on the wrong side of the fence?

Brothers, wake up! Get some ambition in your bones or you will be back at the old grind of working twelve hours a day, with the switch lights, sweeping the station platform, and various other attachments the company may deem beneficial to your daily exercise. I was informed recently by a member that some members seemed to have dropped all interest in the Order, evidently satisfied entirely with their present conditions, and imagining they were secure from all future attacks. This gentleman is in a position to know what he is talking about, and I want you to all understand that it is more necessary now than ever to keep close to the O. R. T., and everybody work together. Do you think for a minute that the railroad companies are laying still and are not keeping an accurate record of all that is going on, and which record will be useful in attacking our nine-hour day? If you do you are very badly mistaken. We now have the nine-hour day, and it is entirely up to us whether we keep it or not. What are you going to do? If you will answer this question fairly and squarely and without reserve to yourself, and follow out your answer. I am satisfied that we will keep our ninehour day. If you do not our nine-hour day will soon be a thing of the past.

Without a doubt you have noticed that division operators and all other men handling operators, as a general thing throughout the country, are going the limits in discipline, such as suspending, demeriting and discharging men for trivial offenses which were taken no notice of before we had the nine-hour law, and it is with this dirty bunch of evidence that they will endeavor to kill our nine-hour law. Leave it to a corporation or a greedy trust to get their employes going and then drive them as they would a slave. We do not want to run our employer's business, but we do want everything that is fair and just and what is coming to us. Now, if we lose this law, it is going to be purely our own fault. Get busy! Line up!

Bro. R. A. Zellars, having been bumped out of his regular trick at "RX," Chicago Junction, has landed third trick at "JD," Wolf Lake yards, regular.

Bro. E. A. Sigg, of this end, is expecting to take a two weeks' vacation this month, visiting along the Big Four Route. Operator Parent is billed for the extra work.

Bro. Heffelfinger, first trick at "MD," Midway, off on one week's vacation this month. Operator Stickney relieving.

Operator G. E. Foley is working third trick extra at Attica, relieving Bro. Miller.

Bro. W. O. Shaffer is relieving Bro. C. J. Spencer on second trick at "W," Galatea, while Bro. Spencer is at Mt. Clemens, Mich., taking treatment for rheumatism.

The joint telegraph office at Deshler is now sporting a new double table, same being placed in service this month. Deshler is quite a busy place, and this new arrangement will be appreciated by all concerned.

The company has at last started work on their new coal docks at Deshler, the same to be completed by July 1, 1909. The old docks were destroyed by fire some four months ago.

Operators Savage, Bates and Irwin were transferred to the Pittsburg Division on account of a shortage of men on that division. Bates is located at Bruceton, Pa., Irwin at Point Mills, W. Va. Can not say where Savage is located, as he may be going yet.

Operator H. E. Schug, from the G. R. & I., who has been working on the Chicago Division extra this fall, has resigned to go back to work on the farm.

Dispatcher G. P. Chew, of the east end, had the misfortune of losing his father and mother last month, their deaths coming close together.

Bro. Thompson, of "RX," Chicago Junction, spent a week at Fostoria the latter part of October, Operator Foley relieving.

"FC," Defiance, second trick, open for bids this month. Understand Bro. H. A. Durk, of Cromwell, was the successful bidder.

Operator G. R. Wilson, who has been doing the extra work at "FC," Defiance, was called to Rolling Prairie on account of the death of an uncle; Bro. DeBolt relieved Wilson.

Extra Operator Foley, wife and baby spent several days at Steubenville and Wheeling, Va., the first part of November.

Business on the B. & O. shows a marked improvement of late.

Wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to our division operator's assistant, Mr. E. H. Loomis, of Garrett, for the items he sent me for this write-up. Mr. Loomis is in a position to keep track of the news and has agreed to furnish us a bunch of each month.

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Chicago Division—

### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Our all-wise Ruler has seen fit to remove from our midst our worthy brother, Chas. E. Gingery, and

WHEREAS, We deeply regret the loss of our esteemed brother; be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Gingery, B. & O. System Division, No. 33, loses a faithful and loyal member, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and sent to immediate relatives, also published in The Railroad Telegrapher.

A. P. Webster,

O. J. PROUSE, C. L. QUIGG,

Committee.

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Pike and River Districts-

Address all correspondence for local chairman to W. C. Safford, 412 Ringold St., McKeesport, Pa. Use this address in preference to the one published in October number.

The meeting this month was rather poorly attended. Now let us see if we can not make this number just three times as many next meeting. In spite of the poor attendance the meeting was an interesting one and some good work was done. Remember, it is nearing the end of the year now. Do not get the understanding that you can hold back and let the others do the work. Some one is going to be disappointed soon if this "dead" feeling continues.

The canvassers recently sent out over the division report some pitiful excuses put up by some of the nons, while others seemed to regard things more favorably, and promise to come in by the first of the year. Look out for this list in the January number.

Following are some of the appointments and changes made during the last month:

Bro. B. Willings working second at Layton tower.

Bro. J. A. Hummell second at Hickman Run.

Bro. K. A. Milar second at Versailles.

Bro. A. E. Snyder, third at Bessemer, has resigned, his place being filled by F. W. Johnson, who, I "13" is a member.

J. C. Young, third at Lawton tower, has turned in his papers for membership. This makes Layton tower solid.

Bro. J. Gleisinger, first at Reduction, off for a few weeks. Understand he will start housekeeping when he returns.

Mr. T. R. Neal, regular second trick at Reduction, is at present working first in Bro. Gleisinger's place.

Bro. E. S. Dyer, who worked at Hazelwood a few weeks ago, has left the railroad business and has accepted a position as railway mail clerk near Hagerstown, Pa.

Just a word more for the "never-failing, timetested backsliders" called 'nons." Remember, "no cards, no favors." If they can not show the upto-date color, assist them with your No. 10. There are, however, exceptions in this case the same as in any other.

Have you given the "student" or B. & O. graduate" question and thought? Most of you are aware that there are about thirty of these articles on the division. Be careful. If you assist them in any way you are only mixing your own poison. If her beauty wins you over, consult a minister. Quite a few between Vista and Wheeling Junction. "13" the most of them will be ready for a position in about five years.

Hope the "Pike" brothers will not feel offended, as I did not get their notes again this month. Any one down there knowing any news send it to me and I will send them in each month.

"YERAC RELBATS.

### P. & W. District, Pittsburg Division-

Business seems to be picking up on this end. November 22d our new fall schedule went into effect. Not many changes. Two Sunday trains came off and a new second-class fast freight run has been inaugurated. If all the boys on this end keep up the good work they have been doing, I thing our superiors will have no room to kick on the service they are getting.

Bro. Korn, of second trick, Liberty Ave., of four or five days, visiting friends at Lima, 0.

Bro. S. O. Six, of third trick Sharpsburg tower, just returned to duty after enjoying a ten-day racation, visiting his brothers in Parkersburg, W. Va. Relieved by Mr. Roberts.

Bro. Dunbar, second trick at Sharpsburg tower, was suddenly called to Warren, Ohio, on account of the death of his sister. Relieved by Mr. Repnolds.

Bro. Dyer, of Elfinwild, has left us, I "13" to accept a position on the Cumberland Division.

Bro. Boyer, third trick at Wildwood, late of the Pittsburg Division Telegraphers' Base Ball team, and Callery Foot Ball Team, is now starting at basket ball with the De Haven team. You simply can not keep a good man down.

Bro. J. V. Young, third trick at Bakerstown, has bid in second trick at Laughlin Junction. When Bro. Young is transferred to "GN" he can be at home a little more.

Bro. Geo. Nelle, third trick at Downieville, has gone to visit relatives in Philadelphia and New York and then to the Sunny South. Any of our New York brothers who might see this will please be on the lookout for George. Bro. Nelle is relieved by Bro. J. A. Johnston, of Division 52.

Bro. Hostetler, second trick at Downieville, has returned to duty after touring the Hoosier State. Bro. C. J. Fisher, split trick at Callery, claims he is going to Pittsburg Thanksgiving day and get

a two-dollar dinner all for himself.

Bros. Davis and Yeager, of second and third tricks at Callery, are doing quite a little hunting since the hunting season came in.

Bro. J. P. Davidson, a new man, is holding third trick at Harmony Junction.

Bro. G. T. Smith, first trick at Gorsuch tower, was called suddenly to St. Mary's, Ky., on account of the death of his sister. Relieved by a Mr. Wood, who, I "13" has one or two students under his wing.

Bro. Grada Crites is back on the job at Gorsuch tower, third trick, after spending a week at his home in Fairmount, W. Va., on account of sickness.

Bro. Danniels is still doing the billing act for the agent at Zelienopole.

We can now call J. S. Smith, third trick man at Goehring, brother.

Bro. Schmidt, second trick at Ribolds, is taking quite a few trips to his home town, Chicora, Pa.

We have a man at Mackin, third trick, that is well supplied with the necessary—up-to-date in both the C. T. U. A. and O. R. T., Division No. 52. It is Bro. F. J. Woods.



Bro. Meyers, of Mackin, first trick, is bidding on Bakerstown third trick.

Mr. LaMar, first trick operator at Butler, is relieved by Mr. J. H. Landers, and he is now relieving the dispatchers.

Relief Agent Bro. Posteraro is relieving the regular agent at Bruin.

Bro. T. B. Stoops has taken charge of Marienville on account of the death of Mr. W. J. Austin, who has been agent and operator at that point for the past twenty-two years.

I am glad to announce that C. E. Sanford, agent at Nansen, is now a brother.

Miss M. N. Corts, "agentess" at Karns, is off, visiting relatives in the Northwest.

The dispatchers on the Butler Branch and the Northern Division, better known as the Narrow Gauge or "Snake Patch," have been out riding over their piece of track and report that business in their end is beginning to look like old times.

Remember the night, boys, third Saturday of each month. If you forget, look it up in The Telegrapher. Shortstop.

### Wheeling Division-

The last two issues of THE TELEGRAPHER looked lonesome without a note from the Wheeling Division.

There is too much activity on this little pike to let it go by unnoticed, and if our regular correspondent will pardon us, we will endeavor to sliver off a slice of the "doins'."

About all the telegraphers have had their vacations and are returning to duty filled with new vigor and higher aspirations.

Bro. B. F. Wilson, of Mannington, has returned from a flying trip to Michigan.

Bro. H. Zimmerman, of Cameron, is back at the key after a two weeks' sojourn in the southern part of the State, visiting friends and relatives.

Bro. Arlie F. Ice took a thirty days' vacation down the Valley River with his wife, fishing, hunting and enjoying the beautiful scenery, which is not surpassed on the famous B. & O.

Bro. C. E. Miller and wife have returned home after a pleasant visit in the famous Shenandoah Valley, visiting Bro. Miller's mother and old associates.

Bro. A. G. Youst and wife are visiting Bro. Youst's friends in Chicago at the present time. We wish them a pleasant vacation.

Bro. W. M. Queen has bid in second trick at Wheeling depot "WR."

Bro. R. A. Fitzgerald has taken second trick at Glen Easton. This gives first trick at Roseby Rock to Bro. E. C. Shewbridge and third trick at Denver to Bro. M. Jones.

Bro. J. F. Boyce has taken second trick at Denver in preference to first trick and agency. Bro. A. M. Garrison takes the first trick and agency and says he has the job of his life.

The opening of Barrackville, day and night and Glen Easton and Burton nights necessitated the hiring of more operators, which were readily gathered up. We are glad to note that most of the new comers have an up-to-date in their vest pockets.

Bro. C. L. Allender has returned to the B. & O. after an absence of three years with the A. C. L.

Our old stand-by, Bro. E. C. Deegan, has left "WR" tower and taken up his abode in "FY" office, Wheeling, first trick.

Notwithstanding the fact that a few members got cold feet the past six months, Wheeling Division is in splendid condition. It is up to us to keep an up-to-date in our pocket, attend strictly to our own business as well as that of the company, and our troubles will be few and far between.

With only eight hours on duty, we have no excuse to sleep or neglect our duties, we must get our rest while off duty so as to be in good working condition while on duty. If we can not do this, the next best thing we can do is to tender our resignation and get out of the way of some good man; go out on the farm or some place where there would be no harm come from our neglect of duty.

Bro. E. E. Holloway has bid in third trick at "WR" office, Wheeling, and will go on duty at that place in the near future.

G. A. White, second trick man at Maynard, is the proud possessor of a new O. R. T. card, a step which he will never regret. This leaves P. B. France out in the cold by himself.

W. P. Shivlin, third trick man, has been working for the B. & O. for nine months and yet he can not see the necessity for him to become a member and help pay the fiddler. He thinks an eight-hour day is not worth \$10.00 per year to him.

Bro. J. E. Holloway and wife are on a trip through the West and is open for a good position should it come his way.

Bro. F. H. Henderson, first trick man at Fairpoint, who was erecting a fine new house, had the misfortune to have it burned down before it was fnished.

Bro. J. H. Sutton, of Maynard, is on the sick list and we understand that he has symptoms of typhoid fever.

Operators on the Wheeling Division do not seem to be as plentiful as they were last spring.

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New Castle Division-

Mr. V. P. McLaughlin, second trick at Akron Junction, is undergoing a thirty days' vacation; relieved by Bro. Etter.

Bro. Ault, first trick at "XN" tower, off a few days on account of the death of a brother; relieved by Mr. Cobb, who will be Bro. Cobb soon.

Bro. Pennell, first trick at "TF" tower, off a couple of days on account of the death of his father-in-law; relieved by Bro. Pfeil, from New Castle side wires.

Bro. Quay, second trick at Ravenna, off on account of the death of an uncle; relieved by Bro. Pfeil.

Bro. Brown, third trick at Ravenna, is still enjoying his vacation; Bro. Barrett relieving.

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Bro. Russell, second trick at Niles Junction, relieved by Bro. Fearer.

Bro. Kline, third trick at Niles Junction, relieved by Mr. J. C. Johnston.

Bro. O. Connor, third trick at "XN" tower, fell off the block pole, a drop of about thirty feet, but was not seriously injured; off duty a few days; relieved by Mr. Johnston.

It is reported that State Road, which is only a day office, will be closed soon. This will put Bro. French on the extra list for the winter, unless he bids in a job.

No news reported from the Snake this month, and not much doing except for men to lay off, mostly on account of sickness. A couple of first-class telegraphers ought to find jobs just now.

Bro. Robinson, first trick at New Castle Junction, and Bro. P. W. Adams, first trick at Sterling, are waiting for their vacations on account of no men to relieve them. It takes first-class men for these jobs and all the extra men are busy.

Mr. B. O. Mohn, second trick at "OD" tower, Lodi, Ohio, was called to Beaver Falls, Pa., November 24th, on account of the death of his mother-in-law. Bros. Milburn and Adams doubled on the job.

Bro. Lane, first trick at "MR" tower, Homer, Ohio, is taking a vacation; relieved by Bro. E. R. Post.

We still have a few desirable nons that we would like to see line up, and have the promise of some of them, but there are a couple who do not seem disposed to do the right thing.

A student has been placed with the third trick man at New Castle Junction by orders of the division operator. This, in addition to the ham factory operated at "TF" tower by Professor W. A. Russell, makes two students on the division, which is a bad showing. We hope for improvements.

DIV. COR.

# Newark Division-

An interesting and profitable meeting was held at Newark on the evening of November 23d. General Chairman Van Atta was present and discussed the outlook for our division and furnished much valuable information pertaining to our fraternal welfare. The absentees certainly missed a fraternal treat. A full set of local officers were elected and future meetings will be held in accordance with the ritual.

Future meetings will be held in the afternoon and evening, alternately, in order that both day and night operators may attend. The next meeting will be held on the evening of December 21st, and I trust that every day operator employed on the division will attend. It is the consensus of opinion among our leaders that only through the fraternal spirit that is cultivated chiefly by personal contact, may we achieve signal success in our efforts to lighten our industrial burdens and elevate the moral and intellectual standard of our craft.

- J. P. Welsh, who was seriously injured in a runaway several months ago, recently underwent another painful operation in a Columbus hospital, and for a few days his condition was extremely critical, but he is now improving, and it is believed that he will finally recover the normal use of his arm.
- M. B. Stowell recently spent a brief vacation with friends in Columbus.

Murray Moore, the well-known and popular wire chief of the general office at Newark, is seriously ill.

Extra Dispatcher Kerr made a trip over the east end of the C. O. Division last week for the purpose of locating new landmarks.

Dispatcher Kennison has resigned and gone west and Extra Dispatcher Mendenhall is now worrying over the problems of long blocks and advance sidings on the east end.

The other night a Zanesville policeman overheard a plot to hold up the B. & O. night operator at the depot. When Clarence Lowery left his office at 11 o'clock five stalwart policemen surrounded him and escorted him safely to his home.

- P. L. Hahaffey was the successful applicant for the third trick at Mineral Siding.
- C. J. Tatham, of Mineral Siding, was recently relieved for a vacation by Mr. Kerrigan.

Chief Dispatcher Fordyce, of the Newark force, who fell recently and sustained a broken leg, will soon be able for duty.

- C. V. Graham, the big chief of the Cambridge force, is again at the key, after an illness of fifteen days. The "dry" atmosphere at "CB" does not seem to agree with Charlie.
- L. F. Solt is temporarily filling the Lore City vacancy.
- W. C. Starlin, of Cambridge, is spending a brief vacation with friends at Barlow, Ohio.

Extra Operator Reynolds was summoned to Nashville, Tenn., as a witness in a lawsuit concerning the L. & N. R. R.

Operator Woods was ordered to Mineral Siding for duty by the division operator, but he failed to materialize at the appointed time and place. He is still missing, but as he had no card and can not be identified without one, and his loss will not be keenly felt in the O. R. T. family, no strenuous efforts to recover his remains will be made.

F. R. Thomas was assigned to the third trick at Lore City.

Two complaints of student teaching were recently filed. One case has been investigated and the accused brother has been found blameles. The other case will soon be investigated and, if the member is proved guilty beyond a doubt, he will be expelled from the Order.

Bro. Cunningham is still struggling with the complexities of the transportation problem. In his quest of knowledge he has worn out four bicycles, three hand cars and one jinrikisha, and his college course is not yet half completed.

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#### Columbus and Newark Division-

Bro. Townsmeyer is filling a vacancy at "VA."

Bro. Smith is working extra in the trainmaster's office.

Bro. Page, third trick at "VA," has gone to Seattle, hunting more gold. Bro. Powers is holding down this vacancy.

Bro. Lamneck was assigned the third trick at Big Walnut.

Bro. Powliss is now holding down the third trick at Summit, and says the atmosphere is fine in town.

Bro. Grutch, of Black Lick, is taking a vacation. Bro. Seeds is working that trick.

Bro. Gaines, at Black Lick, is reported on the sick list.

Bro. Rennelds is working second trick at "BK."
Operator Boblit, third trick at Outville, has
come into our ranks. Shake his hand and call
him brother.

At our last regular monthly meeting, held at Summit, Bro. McClurg gave us quite an interesting talk, which, if taken to heart by every member of the C. & N. Division, would do a great deal of good. We urge the presence of every member who possibly can be there at these meetings.

Bro. Dildine and Bro. Marsh, of "BR" tower, have changed trick for a few weeks.

Bro. Watson and wife were visiting relatives in Trinway, Ohio, a few days, eating mother's turkeys.

Brothers and nons, by the time this news reaches you it will be high time for you to have your dues paid for the next half, commencing January 1, 1908. If you have not sent them in, get busy quick. We will try to publish the names of all nons on this division in the future. Don't let your name appear on that list.

# Philadelphia Division-

At the meeting at Cowenton, in October, our local chairman made an address and gave the boys some good advice. While quite a number are taking advantage of the monthly meetings now being held on this division, it is hoped that each individual member on the division will attend at least one meeting in three months. In this way you can learn what is taking place, and it is to your advantage.

The boys between Aikin and Wilmington are urged to use No. 135 and come to the Cowenton meeting the third Wednesday in December, February and April, and they can get No. 516 back home.

Our general chairman has been visiting on this division of late. He has been in Baltimore and Wilmington and some other places. CERT. 421.

# Baltimore Local-

On Thursday, November 12th, the firt regular monthly meeting on the Local Division ritual plan was held at the Hotel Caswell, Baltimore, by Division No. 33, and was largely attended.

While the Baltimore Division boys have always been faithful in attending meetings, it is very

encouraging to note the large number present from "GO" office, and I trust that at our next meeting we will have even a greater number present.

For the benefit of those that were not present at the special meeting held at the above place on October 20th, I desire to say that arrangements were made for regular monthly meetings on the local division ritual plan and Bro. E. E. Hurdle was elected local secretary and treasurer, and Bros. Day and Latchford appointed to look after a permanent meeting place. The report of this committee was read at the meeting on November 12th, and the members present decided on Bro. Watkin's Hall at 609 N. Tremont street, at which place future meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month.

The regular business of the meeting was transacted in the usual manner and the following officers elected for one year: A. Shipley, first vice-chief telegrapher; F. S. Day, second vice-chief telegrapher; C. H. Berry, marshal; J. V. O'Mailley, inside sentinel; W. M. Showen, outside sentinel.

It is understood that the local chairman shall preside at all meetings.

H. V. Pemberton was appointed "acting past chief telegrapher," whose term will expire after the election of the next local chairman.

It is hoped that Bro. Richardson, who has obtained a furlough for the good of his health, will soon be with us again.

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#### Baltimore Division-

Bro. D. M. Wright, Jr., local chairman, called a meeting at Washington Junction on November 19th, 11 a. m., for the benefit of the night owls. We had a very nice little meeting. Bro. John W. Williams, of Boyds, acting as secretary, called the meeting to order at 11:15 a. m.

Many important subjects were brought up, discussed and passed after all business matters were settled. Bro. Williams made a very flowery address to the ones present. Every one seemed to be in good spirits and much interested in our meeting.

Those not present do not know what they missed. Just try one of our meetings and you will not regret it. Attend once, you will attend always.

Bro. J. W. Williams asked for a special meeting to be held at Boyds, Md., his home, on December 10th, 7:30 p. m., which was granted. Bro. Williams promised a great feast for all O. R. T. members, a large oyster supper and all kinds of "soft" drinks. This is very kind of Bro. "JN," and I hope I will not be sick on December 10th, for I would like to visit the little town of Boyds and enjoy myself for once since I have been in the State of old Maryland.

We are just about to enter a new year, 1909, and a promising one. Fall in line and all work together. Work hard towards unbuilding our union. Do not sit idle, but talk to the non, the ones who have failed to keep up their dues. Let the mem-

bers converse with each other daily and attend all meetings.

Last, but not least, do not fail to give your employer your best services. We are at this time in great danger, the railway companies are fighting the nine-hour national law, after amendments, which, if successful, will probably place you on a twelve-hour basis once more, which would be a hard blow to the telegraphers of this country. So wake up, get busy and fight for your rights. We now have the eight- and nine-hour work-day; let's hold it.

Have you sent in your dues for a new 1909 card? If not, send today. Do not wait until tomorrow, for tomorrow never comes.

Bro. Crump, of Barnesville, is spending Christmas with his father, down in old Virginia.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.

DIV. COR.

### Cleveland Division-

It is getting to be a very serious matter to get a decent write-up in The Telegrapher, as the boys fail to show up with items and I can not cover the whole division. We must insist on some of you getting us some items. If you know of any changes being made at your stations, or at neighboring stations, do not wait on some other brother to write to us about it, but get busy and write us of it. Even though it does not interest you there are many brothers it will interest.

The following are a few items picked up by Bro. Blank and the scribe:

Bro. B. H. Betton, Bridge No. 80, third trick, is laying off sick, and has gone to his home at Wheeling, W. Va.; relieved by Bro. Luth.

Bro. F. R. Landis, first trick at Columbia, took his annual vacation and spent it at Buckeye Lake, fishing, and visiting relatives in the Southern part of the State.

J. L. Sharick, agent and operator at South hark, off three days on account of the death of his father; relieved by Relief Agent M. T. Hill.

Bro. Tope, second trick at Belt Line Crossing, off two days, visiting his folks at Bowerstown, Ohio.

Bro. Goodrich, second trick at South Park, spent a day in Cleveland last week.

Mr. Harry Marlow, operator and clerk, at Aultman, is still out in the cold.

The position as operator and clerk at Medina is being advertised. W. A. Wilmot is working there until all bids are in.

Mr. M. T. Hill, relief agent, at Canton ticket office relieving Mr. C. O. McDonald until the 1st of the month.

The new time card makes quite a few changes in trains, and changes the office hours at Aultman and Canton Scales.

Bro. Welsh, operator and clerk at Sandyville, while fighting a fire in a trestle south of his office one evening last week, slipped and fell from the bridge a distance of about twenty-five feet and when found was unconscious, and was put on No.

8 and taken to his home in Mineral City. Upon examination it was found that no bones were broken and he expects to be ready for duty in a week or ten days. Operator Riley, from Peninsula, is relieving him.

Agent Brecksville is off for a few days to eat turkey. Operator Riley is relieving him. Bro. Hoover, agent at Sandyville, is working single handed during Riley's absence.

Did you ever stop to think why it is that agencies scheduled are not bulletined, the same as straight telegraph points, and are filled by appointments? Would like to hear from some of our able brothers in the next meeting on this subject.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

DIV. COR.

# Pere Marquette Ry.

Petoskey Division-

Boardman dispatchers' office has been twisted so much lately that it is nearly impossible to keep up with its many changes.

Former first trick dispatcher, D. L. McDermott, resigned to accept a position as chief dispatcher on the Grand Trunk Pacific at some point in Northwestern Canada.

Operator G. Muschott was promoted to a trick dispatcher and is now working the second trick, vice Mr. Kane, who is working first.

Operator H. C. Cunningham is back at the side wires days at Boardman, after putting in the summer as ticket agent at Petoskey. This places Operator Johnson back to his old position on the side wire nights. Operator C. W. Adams, who has been working nights, goes to Kaleva nights.

Mr. Udell, our friendly third trick dispatcher, has had his temper sorely tried lately, and we are very thankful that he does his own "calling down" and puts the threatened "write-up" off until the next time. He is the oldest dispatcher at Boardman, and the night men would be very sorry if he should decide to take the first trick, as it is not often we find a dispatcher as accommodating as this same man who calls us down so thoroughly when he thinks we need it.

Mr. Ackerman, formerly of the K. C. S. Ry., worked at Boardman a few nights and is now in the relay office at Grand Rapids. Am unable to find out whether he is a member or not.

Mr. Cross has been acting as Northern Passenger Agent during the summer resort season, but has now returned to Petoskey as ticket agent and day operator.

The third trick men were not sorry to see the last of the "hay fever specials" as the 19 order business has almost disappeared with them.

Operator Adams relieved Bro. Kehne at Thompsonville for a few days while the latter was taking an involuntary vacation, caused by a very serious illness.

Bro. Milne, third trick at Kaleva, is off for a month's vacation, part of which he intends to put in hunting,

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Bro. Todd, at Peacock, spends his time running from his boxcar station on one side to the interlocking levers on the other.

At White Cloud we now have Bro. Hopper as agent, Bro. Bird second trick, and Bro. Henderson third. Should think that Mr. Ross would feel rather out of place there. He is one of those men that says he can not see that the O. R. T. has been of any benefit to him. He does not realize that it was through the direct efforts of the O. R. T. that he is now working nine instead of twelve hours a day.

Bro. Henderson has secured the applications from Operators W. F. Murray and J. Christensen, of Muskegon, and they should have their cards by the time this is printed. These men are both of the sort that we extend the welcome hand to and consider valuable to our Order.

The wires were again cut in at Bailey, where they were cut out to save expenses the 4th of last March. Bro. Van Vleet now feels that he is in touch with the outside world again.

Bro. Gifford, formerly of Rapid City, resigned to accept a position with the G. R. & I. Ry., but ould not remain away from the P. M. altogether, and is now working third trick at Comstock Park for both roads.

Bro. Davis, of Grand Rapids relay office, resigned some time ago to accept a position in the West. He was relieved by Bro. Bartin, from Wyoming Yard, who, in turn, answered "the call of the wild" and departed for the West.

As I am about to mail this I learn that Operator Johnson, of Boardman nights, has been called to Canada. Relieved by Operator Adams, from Kaleva, who was relieved by Operator Harrison, from Bitely, with third trick at Bitely closed for a few nights on account of the scarcity of men.

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Ludington Division-

Mr. J. E. Pomeroy was transferred from third trick at Ludington yard to ticket clerk at Manistee, being relieved by Bro. E. J. Pearson, formerly of Port Huron. Mr. Pomeroy is not yet a brother, but we may soon call him such as he is busy filling out 'the necessary papers and we will be glad to see him in the fold.

Bro. F. L. Boughner, of Manistee, was recently checked in as cashier at that point.

Mr. H. L. Harrington, formerly of Port Huron, has bid in the agency at Walhalla.

Operator C. D. Larson, third trick at Ludington yards, is off duty on account of the death of his father.

Bro. F. C. Lee, second at Midland, is taking a two weeks' vacation, being relieved by Operator McDonald. Bro. Lee is spending his vacation at Home, helping "Pa" in general on the farm, and in his leisure moments he can be seen with a gun over his shoulder hot on the trail of deer.

"13" Evart will soon be opened again as a night office, which, owing to the nine-hour law, has been closed up all summer.

Bro. G. L. Knight, agent at Evart, is going to leave us to engage in the meat business at Far-

well, and any one wishing to patronize him will always find him with an ample supply of various meats on hand, such as "dog" sausage, etc. We are all sorry to see Bro. Knight leave us, and we wish him success in his future prospect.

Bro. A. L. Comins, of Lake, is at Bay City, testifying in the Mellish case. Relieved by Bro. G. C. Campbell, who in turn is relieved by Operator Singletary.

Our worthy chief dispatcher, Mr. J. E. Church, is taking a run over the line, visiting and shaking hands with the boys.

Mr. B. D. Fox, second trick at Reed City, has bid in the agency at Carleton.

Bro. J. E. Clark is back from Montana, resuming his old standby as owl at Galdwin.

CRRT. 206.

# Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

Lexington District-

The Lexington district is almost solid O. R. T. As, many eight and nine-hour jobs as there are on the Lexington district we should have a write-up every month from some of those eight-hour men, as they have plenty of time to look after this work. The twelve-hour men have plenty of agency work to look after and it is hard for them to keep posted up on all that is going on and we think that some eight-hour man should look after this every month and see that Lexington district gets a write-up.

Bro. Marcum has accepted the agency at Salt Lick and advises that he is well satisfied with his new location.

Night office at Mt. Savage has been reopened after being closed for several months. Bro, Gray has accepted the position and is now located there.

Bro. Riggle has accepted the agency at Soldier, which was made vacant by Bro. Marcum, who went to Salt Lick.

Bro. Roberts has accepted the agency at Aden.

Bro. J. D. Sewell, agent at Olive Hill, has resumed work after several days' illness.

Bro. J. C. Hatcher, agent at Kilgore, who has been off on account of sickness, is able to be back at work again. Relieved by Bro. W. H. Riggle, who, we understand, has accepted the agency at Richardson.

Bro. Northcut has accepted the agency at L. & E. Junction.

Bro. Hudgins has accepted the agency at Farmers. We are unable to say who got the agency at White House, which was made vacant by Bro. Hudgins.

First trick at Midland has been filled by Bro. Stewart and second trick by Bro. Freil.

Bro. Berry has accepted second trick at Olive Hill, which was made vacant by Bro. Gray.

Bro. Venters has resumed work at Peach Orchard after several months' absence on account of ill health, being relieved by Bro. C. L. Greene, who has accepted second trick at Mt. Sterling.

The agency at Enterprise is now vacant on account of Bro. Riggle going to Soldier. We are



unable to say who goes to Enterprise. At present Bro. Spratt is filling the position temporarily.

The position of operator and clerk at Buchanau is vacant; also the agency at White House.

CERT. 401.

## Erie Ry.

If this meets the eye of any who are eligible to membership in the Order of Railroad Telegraphers who are not now members, it may be considered an invitation to become a member.

If you are a member, but have not paid your dues or insurance assessments to December 31, 1908, consider this a personal request to make good before the end of the year.

If a member in good standing, don't forget that the general committee gives a solid gold O. R. T. button to every member who secures the application of a new member before December 31st.

There are special reasons why a large membership and full representation are desirable at this time, and the local chairman on your division will gladly explain them to you.

In this connection, every member should read Section 69 of the Constitution, and consider himself a committee of one to nominate a desirable brother, and one that will accept if elected, for chairman of the local board of adjustment on his respective division. Remember, you can not vote for any one for this position unless he has been regularly placed in nomination, as provided in this section. Three names on the nomination are as good as a hundred, so if you wish to serve your division as chairman, or know of some one else who will, write Secretary C. L. Bridge, Deposit, N. Y., to this effect, and get two more members in good standing to sign it with you, and the name will go on the official ballot. As it is an immense job to get out the ballots and mail them to every member, it is desired that the nominations for local chairman, as well as representative and alternate to the next session of the Grand Division, be made as early in January as possible. As these committeemen will serve for two years, it is hoped that every member will take a personal interest in this matter and help to make the committee as completely a representative committee as possible.

Fraternally yours,
FRANK N. HALL, General Chairman.

Allegheny Division-

Our first meeting after a temporary suspension during the summer months, was held in Wellsville, N. Y., Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1908. Not as large a crowd was present as was expected, but most of the old faithful were very much in evidence.

We urge you to remember your duty and turn out better next time, for on the interest taken in your organization depends its success in more ways than one. Don't leave all the work for a few, but get out and do something yourself. Take everything into consideration, things are going nicely on our division at present and in general are in good shape. We ask you to do what you

can in helping to get new members into the Order. Look around a bit and see if there is not a non or backslider working near you who, with a little effort, you might induce to join our noble Order. Blanks and other information can be had from your local chairman on application.

I understand there are a few members who have not paid up their dues, July 1 to Dec. 31, 1908. Now, brothers, this ought not be. I ask you to review the work done by the O. R. T. the past year and the benefits and snorter hours you are enjoying and then ask yourself the question, "am I doing the square thing by my brother telegraphers in dropping out? Is it the act of a man?" No! most decidedly no! And I hope before you read this that you will have paid up in full. I wish to call your attention to the fact that a local chairman will be elected soon after January 1, 1909, and I think the brothers will agree with me that the business of the division can be handled and better results obtained by keeping the present local chairman in office.

In my opinion it is a very poor plan to put a new man in that position every year, as it takes at least one year to become accustomed to the work. Please keep this in mind when voting.

Nothing in the line of news to write up this month. If one or two of the brothers from east of Summit will kindly send me something in the line of news, about the 18th of each month, we can have something in the journal each month.

DIV. COR.

Mahoning Division-

The joint meeting of Meadville and Mahoning Divisions, held at Warren Saturday night, November 21st, was not well attended. The meeting was called to order at 8K. p. m. by Chairman Lawril, who requested Bro. Mike McMann, of Meadville Division, to act as chairman of the meeting for the evening, as in this way Lowrie believed he could to better advantage go into the doings of the General Committee in its recent session at Jamestown, N. Y., when that matter came before the meeting.

It was decided that at the meeting in January, which will be on the night of January 16th, the nominations be made for local chairmen for the coming term, also for delegates and alternates to the Grand Division Convention to be held at Atlanta, Ga. So don't forget the time and place, Warren, Ohio, Saturday night, January 16, 1909, corner Market street and Park avenue, over the Union National Bank. The hall is on the third floor, and as this is a matter every one is interested in, all should make an effort to come to the meeting that night.

The daily papers of today, just the same as those of the past, keep in print the article of telephones taking the place of the telegraph. It is news, you know.

Third trick at "YO" office, Youngstown, advertised.

First trick at "NK" office, Youngstown, advertised.



Your scribe has been unable to learn why the vacancies at these positions.

C. W. Mitchell is back to work at Niles after thirty days' absence on account of the illness of his father.

G. W. Taylor, of "CB" tower, bid in Aurora. J. J. Ryan, of "VG" office, Youngstown, bid in trick at "CB" tower, vacated by Taylor.

An electric interlocker has been put in operation at "VY" office, Youngstown.

Ray Caslor, second trick at De Forest tower, off a couple of days; relieved by F. E. Brooks.

Quite a number would like to have gotten off to attend Bro. White's funeral on Meadville Division, but no relief. Drv. Cor.

### Meadville Division-

News is hard to get this month, nothing received from the boys along the line, so I will have to do the best I can alone.

Bro. F. E. Johnson is at home again at Steamburg. He is kept busy chasing up and down the road trying to find a place to suit him better than "SG," but before he gets settled down they will open Steamburg again, and he will go back home only to have it closed up and chase him out again in a few weeks.

The operators at Waterboro have been doubling lately on account of no available men to send there.

Bro. C. N. Dickinson is back at Falconer Junction again, after a long siege of sickness.

There are so many changes in the tracks at Lakewood that the boys there need a pilot to get around lately. They are promised a new station complete, with a big interlocking plant some time in the future.

Everything is going fine between Meadville and Kent I suppose, any way it is next to impossible to get any one to write anything to the contrary. Would be glad to hear from some of the boys down there, if they only feel like writing.

CERT. 508.

### Lima Division-

Bro. Sutton is back at "MJ" tower. W. D. Drake, of "long ago," is back on second trick, and Bro. J. D. Krautter, who has just returned from his wedding tour, makes "MJ" sound natural again. Mr. E. A. Abbott worked third trick during his absence.

Moran's Switch is open twenty-four hours per day now. Bro. C. D. Smith, first trick; D. L. Brady, second; E. D. Harvey, third.

Mr. Pummel, extra operator, bid in agency at Bass Lake Junction.

Bro. Rudy, of Alger, is working for a prize, and has sent in five new members in the past five weeks—with more to follow.

The agency at McGuffey advertised recently, and Mr. E. L. Sisson has been installed as regular agent, after Mr. Geddes and Mr. E. C. Thompson had tried it to their satisfaction.

We have over one hundred up-to-date O. R. T. members on the Lima and Chicago Divisions now

and quite a number of eligible operators among us who need only a little kind soliciting to win them over. Brothers, let us each do our share.

A few brothers have negletced to pay their dues for the present term because they feel they have been neglected in some instances. But, remember, we send the General Committee East once each year to get the low spots raised up, and it will soon be time for another trip.

Remember O. R. T. dues are cheaper by half than any of the other railroad brotherhoods, and we must keep solid to get good results. The average in Ohio and "Hoosierdom" at least show 80 per cent increase in wages per hour for telegraphers in the period in which O. R. T. has been securing schedules.

Those six-hour tricks pay 22 cents per hour. That would be fine for the twelve-hour agents, too. We'll keep after it.

We must stay solid and use every effort to hold what we have and secure more eight-hour tricks, in place of the lopsided arrangement of two nines and a six, as we have in so many places.

Bro. E. D. Oglesbee, third trick at Kingsland, is taking a few days' vacation, hunting rabbits around his old home, Foraker. He was relieved by Bro. Davis, extra operator, from Alger.

Bro. Best bid in third trick at Simpson, and has moved there.

Bro. Kreigh, at Tocsin, now has two lady operators working second and third tricks in his office.

Bro. A. L. Strode bid in his old love, Glenmore nights, but could not find board convenient, so remained at State Line.

Understand the C., B. & C. will soon install telegraph service. There will be a demand for a few more knights of the key.

CERT. 9.

### Susquehanna Division-

For the past three months news from the Susquehanna Division has been rather brief.

Bros. Hesser and Beach, at "MJ" tower, have been appointed as division correspondents and will endeavor to write up something for the journal each month. It is necessary that it be in Bro. Stevens' hands by the 20th of each month. Any brother having any items of interest to the division will please send them to Bro. Beach or Bro. Hesser. We all ilke to see a write-up of our own division each month, and we feel disappointed if we do not find it there when we get our TRLEGRAPHER. Brothers on the west end will please send in items, as the brothers at "MJ" have no way of getting on to what is going on on the west end.

Glad to note that business is improving on the pike, necessitating the opening of "HQ" tower. Bro. Tom Creagh went back to his old stamping ground, "HQ" first trick. Do not know who the other two men are.

"13" "UJ" was also opened up with telephone men.



Bro. Condon is back with us again. He has been working second trick at "UR" for some time.

"13" Bro. Ira Brooks, from "VO," is going to take "UR," second trick. It will make it better for him to get home.

We were indeed glad to welcome Operators Coddington and Jones into the fold as brothers, both good, desirable men.

"13" Bro. Jim Malloy is going back to "VO," first trick. Glad to see Jim get his old job back.

Tioga Division --

We hope soon to see "RA" office, Elmira, enjoying the smiles of Bro. Palmer, now working extra at Blossburg, and the first and third tricks held down by those entitled to them.

Bro. Healey, of Blossburg, held the position of operator, made vacant by Bro. McEntee's sickness during Bro. Palmer's stay in Elmira, and his sickness thereafter.

We are all glad to see business reviving and with it the interest of our many faithful brothers, who are helping to make the O. R. T. what it never was before.

DIV. COR.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Creator to remove from our midst our esteemed brother, Frank P. McEntee, and while we humbly submit to Him "whose will be done," and realize that our brother has received an inestimable promotion, we can but feel a deep sense of personal loss; and

WHEREAS, We desire to show our respect for, and appreciation of, the high character and thorough honorable principles attained by the departed; and be it

Resolved, That Eric System Division, No. 42, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, tender the bereaved relatives our sincere sympathy in this their sorrow, which is truly our own; and be it further

Resolved. That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our next stated meeting, a copy sent relatives of the deceased brother, and a copy submitted to THE RAILROAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

ADRIAN E. MARSH.

LYLLE G. SEEGLER, J. S. STEVENS, S. H. MITCHELL,

Committee.

## Central of Georgia Ry.

Chattanooga Division-

Well, the third of November has come and gone and the result is known to all. Let us hope that the incoming administration will be more liberal to us in their actions than they were in their promises at Chicago.

The meeting at Lafayette Nov. 15 was not so well attended as we could have wished, but those present enjoyed the occasion very much, and some matters of vital importance to the Order were discussed.

. We were indeed glad to have with us Bros. Conyers from Newman and Bledsoe from Sargent. This is the first time we have had any members from the South end at our meetings. We hope they will come again and often, bringing with them any of the others who can possibly come. If all the members would realize the importance of these meetings we would have better attendance and our Order would prosper more. We have several very important matters on the table now. simply because it has been impossible to get the members together to discuss them and our local chairman, though willing and anxious to get them disposed of, does not feel free to go ahead and dispose of them on his own initiative. Right now, at the beginning of this new year, let's make up our minds to be better Order men and work harder for the company's interest than ever before. Remember that the company pays us for our time and is entitled to the best we have in the shop. Anything less than our best service is less than our duty and unworthy of us as men.

Bro. Househ, regular man at Chickamauga, but who is working extra for the present, relieved Bro. Brantley while off, Househ going from there to Lindale, where he is working for the agent, Mr. Sammons, pending the investigation of the alleged bulling of a train order by Mr. Sammous.

Bro. Murphy, of Whitesburg, off for a week or ten days, relieved by Operator Battles. Understand Bro. Murphy will visit friends and relatives in South Georgia and take a hunting trip down there, going from there to Savannah, where he will take in the automobile races Thanksgiving day.

Our first trick dispatcher, Mr. Williams, has been off ten days on a hunting trip. Second trick man worked first during his absence and Bro. Bolton worked second. Bro. W. O. Parsons, tormerly with the Western Union in Atlanta, did the copying.

Now, remember to pay your dues promptly, answer the wires promptly, and don't forget the meeting at Lafayette the third Sunday in January.

CERT. 265.

Savannah Division-

Bro. C. T. Futrall, formerly of Scarboro, has been assigned the McBean agency.

Bro. D. M. Rogers was compelled to give up the Tennille agency and return to Register on account of being unable to secure a suitable house in Tennille.

Bro. W. H. Williams, formerly third trick at M. & A. Junction, transferred to third trick at Ocmulgee Bridge by request.

Mr. McCarty, formerly third trick at Ocmulgee Bridge, is now in search of a position, on account of sleeping on duty.

N. C. Arnett, formerly second trick at Millen, transferred to third trick at M. & A. Junction, to fill the place made vacant by transfer of Browilliams. Operator Morris relieved Arnett at Millen. We have not been able to find out whether Arnett and Morris have the proper colors

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or not, but if they have not, we are going after them with the intention of landing both.

We have not had a regular meeting on this division in some little time and it is time we were up and doing. Suppose each member on the Savannah division write our local chairman a postal card stating where he thinks would be the most convenient place to hold a meeting, and let the place that is selected by the majority be the place of meeting. Your local chairman will be glad to do this, even if he has to make some sacrifices to be present.

There are several delinquent members who are so indifferent that they will not even reply to a letter concerning the payment of their dues or inviting them to join over. To this class I wish to say that the present schedule is not the end of the usefulness of the O. R. T. to you, neither is it the end of your usefulness to the O. R. T. Therefore, knowing this, we should all strive to help build up the Order and not wait tor one or two others to do what we should be doing for ourselves.

If each brother on the line will get after that non next to him or in the office with him and get his application, it would only be a very short time before we would be solid on the Savannah division. Let's try our very best to secure at least one application each before Jan. 1, 1909, and also induce every delinquent to pay up or join over, and then figure up and see how we stand.

We are told that Mr. Winburn, of Ocmulgee Bridge, second trick, has lost his peg-leg student, but has another in the shape of the Clerk at the Southern Ry. restaurant in Macon. Seems like Mr. Winburn would at least consider matters before becoming a professor of telegraphy, and if he does not expect to continue in the telegraph business he could at least discontinue trying to make conditions worse than they are for those of us who are compelled to remain in it for a time at least.

It would be very much appreciated if all the brothers on the line would drop our local chairman a line each month, to reach him by the 23d. This would add very much to our write-up in the fraternal columns of The Treegrapher each month, as one man can not get in touch with the entire division sufficiently to get all the news. Even a postal card with such news as can be had will be a big help, if each brother who knows of anything of interest will be so kind as to do this, and we can have a first-class write-up every month. Can't some of you wake up and send a line or two to your local chairman about the 23d of each month?

### Ann Arbor Ry.

Business has been picking up considerable on this road during the last few months, and there has been a shortage of power and consequently there were several of the largest yards blockaded for a while, but they are getting things straightened out again. It is rumored that the Ann Arbor R. R. is to go back to the old management and then better times are looked for. I understand that there are several big engines to be delivered to the company in the near future and there ought to be no trouble in moving the winter business with them.

I understand that Bro. Carland, formerly of Frankfort, is now located at Spokane, Wash. Can not say what he is doing.

The telegraph school at Beulah, I understand, has been closed on account of too much work at the station, and I suppose that "Professor" Reemsten has noticed that some other schools are not prospering and he thought he would close before some of his students brought suit against him. Any way, the school is closed, and it is a good thing, whatever has caused it.

Bros. Werkman and Potter, at Frankfort, are holding down first and third tricks, and Operator Harmon has promised his application before the first of the year, so we will soon be solid at that point.

We expect to see Bro. Leahy, formerly of Clare, third trick, back at work in the near future.

Bro. Grover, first trick at Clare, who has been working at commercial work for some time past, but still carries anup-to-date, says he will transfer to this division when he pays his next semi-annual dues.

Bro. G. E. Nevison, of Division No. 49, who but still carries an up-to-date, says he will transfer to this division, doing third and Bro. Axford agent at that point, makes that place solid.

Telegrapher Briggs, formerly first trick at Clare, now doing second trick at Mt. Pleasant, says that he will be ready by the first of the year, so that point will be added to the list of solid stations.

Bro. Carr, agent at Shepherd, still carries an up-to-date, and Operator Carr (no relation of Bro. Carr) ought to see that it pays to be in line and get in out of the cold. He has been promising for a long time, and the plan that is being adopted by a great many might show him the right side of things. "No card, no favors."

Bros. Kirkpatrick and Genung, of Division 39, are working first and third tricks at Alma. Mr. Winchell, ticket agent, doing second, still out of the fold.

Bro. Mattis, formerly second trick at Mt. Pleasant, now working a twelve-hour job at Ann Pere. His wife was taken sick while at Mt. Pleasant and he was compelled to take her to her home at Howell, and he made arrangements to change with Bro. Bailey, who was located at that place, who then went to Shepherd to fill the vacancy made by Bro. Schofield bidding in the agency at Ann Pere. Bro. Bailey then changed with Operator Carr at Cadillac.

How many of you have had your names on the roll of honor for securing new members, or how many of you have been working for a prize that is being offered for securing new members? Let us each make a resolution to start the coming new year off that we will each secure at least one new member during the year. If each member will



make that resolution it will only be a short time until every eligible telegrapher becomes a member.

Some of the Ann Arbor boys attended a meeting of the members of Division No. 21 and report a very nice time. These meetings are a benefit to all who attend them and we should have them frequently.

A special assessment may be made on the members of the division working on the Ann Arbor to clear up the indebtedness of the division incurred during the schedule negotiations which resulted in our present schedule. It will probably amount to about four dollars each. Let us all respond promptly, as this will leave a neat little sum in the treasury for use in secure cases, besides cleaning up the old debt. "RA."

# Denver & Rio Grande Ry.

First Division-Denver to Pueblo, Inclusive-

"DN" Union Depot, Denver, Walther, second trick extra; Gordon, third, now regular, second telegrapher having recently received "CT" on bid, leaving third open for bids.

Bro. Lively, regular agent at Sedalia, is spending a sixty-day vacation in his old Kentucky home. Bro. C. E. Lorton relieving.

The second and third trick telegraphers have been put on at Larkspur. Bro. Eaton, of Division 130, second trick, extra, and Mr. Elliott, a new arrival and up-to-date, we hope, third trick, extra.

Bro. Wilson, agent at Monument, recently returned from a sixty-day vacation.

Manitou Branch-

Bro. Nichols, agent at Colorado City, enjoyed a real vacation this summer, the first in several years. "Brownie."

Salida to New Castle-

There have been so many changes on this division lately it is hard for one to keep up, but with the help of several of the boys, I believe I have a few of the latest moves.

Bro. Larmee, third trick operater at Salida, also Bro. Campbell, second trick at Salida, have been doing the extra stunt in train dispatching of late. Bro. Larmee "sat in" at Glenwood a few days, relieving the third trick dispatcher there, who was off on account of sickness.

We have heard a few new "signs" in "S" office lately, such as "R," "D," and "BU," but am unable to say whether they have the necessary or not. Hope so.

Riverside closed and Granite opened nights with three operators, Bro. R. H. Hargadine and Bro. J. J. Brennan holding second and third tricks respectively. Bro. Drake from Minturn second trick to Granite agency.

Several changes being made at Nathrop lately, the latest resident being R. H. Nevitt. Am unable to say if he is O. K. or not.

Second and third tricks at Buena Vista open for bids. Who's the lucky ones?

Bro. C. D. Barton, from agency at Malta to Agency at Eagle. Relieved by Mr. W. W. Spivy, a new man on the road. Malta agency bulletined. Bro. B. Fordy, a new man, at Walcott third, to Malta third. No one seemed to respond when Malta third was bulletined.

Bro. Hickey, third trick Tenn. Pass to Grand Junction on bulletin, relieved by Bro. Howe from Rock Island.

Bro. L. Coffey from Red Cliff second trick to Tenn. Pass third trick, relieving Bro. Howe, who went home on account of sickness.

Bro. Williams from Tenn. Pass second trick to Delta second trick on bulletin, being relieved at Tenn. Pass by Bro. O'Connor from the Boston & Maine.

A Mr. King was sent to Tenn. Pass as third operator extra, but found the altitude too high, so went to Granite.

Bro. Morris is still holding down the agency at the Pass. He reports over a hundred thousand head of sheep being shipped out of there.

An extra man was put on at Pando for a few nights to help Bro. Homan herd the sheep and ice cars. Guess Bro. Homan thinks he is the busiest man on the pike now.

Bro. F. G. Halstenberg, recently from the Mo. Pac., is holding Red Cliff second trick, with a Mr. R. F. Bracy holding third trick.

Bro. Wilkins from Walcott third trick to Minturn first trick on bulletin. Relieved at Walcott by Bro. Bair, who held Minturn third trick a while as extra. Bro. Bair did not like this road as well as some so he has quit us and gone to the Sunny land of California. He was relieved at Walcott by a Mr. White from the C. & A.

Bro. Crosno, from the Wabash, held Minturn third trick extra a few nights, then took second trick there on bulletin, being relieved by Mr. Albert, a new man from the Penn. Lines.

Mr. Whipple from Minturn to Eagle nights on hulletin. Mr. Whipple wears the big button but carries no card. He's too busy signing "H" now to fill out an application, but presume he will come across when business drops off some. The button should be laid away in the meantime.

Bro. Cole, agent at Avon, was off for a few days on account of the death of a cousin in Omaha. Relieved by Bro. J. T. Coffey, who was on his way to fill Tenn. Pass second trick, which he captured on bulletin.

Bro. M. C. McClellan from Shoshone nights to Glenwood third trick on bulletin.

Bro. J. J. Brennan from Dotsero to second trick at Granite on bulletin. Relieved by Mr. J. H. Cooke. Mr. Cooke says he will fill out the papers. Dotsero now open on bulletin. Please don't all ask for it.

'Tis now time to get the new card and I hope all the boys will start the new year in the right way; in other words, with an up-to-date.

There are a few nons on this division, though I am glad to say not many, and I hope the boys will all help to get them in line, especially those who are working with nons. Always remember, "no card, no favors." If this rule is always followed there will be fewer nons among us.

I would like to call your attention to the fact that the nine-hour law was passed with a view to giving the telegraphers shorter working hours, and that the local officers of the O. R. T. do not approve of any doubling or sleeping on duty. The law is very plain in regard to the length of time telegraphers shall work, and when we exceed the nine hours for the accommodation of another, we are breeding trouble.

I just want to add that if the boys will mail me any and all news items which they can gather, this division will at least be heard from each month. I received items from several of the boys this month, for which I thank them. "73" to all.

CORRESPONDENT.

# B. & L. E. Ry.

Bro. M. C. Hahn was on the sick list the last of October, but is back at his old stand, first trick at "NA" tower.

Bro. H. C. Walters was also on the sick list a few days, with rheumatism. He was relieved by Bro. R. Lake, days, changing from second trick to first trick, and Telegrapher C. A. Callahan, a new man, worked third trick.

Telegrapher Davis, who worked third trick at "SA," Pardee, left the service; relieved by Telegrapher H. L. Hicks. Hicks went to "VE" tower, third trick, in the absence of Bro. J. H. Brooks; relieved by man by name of Campbell. Campbell is just out of the Signal Corps.

Telegrapher Williams, of "HX" tower, took a vacation last month; relieved by C. A. Callahan.

The company is building a new office at Culmerville. Understand that it will have living quarters, gas, etc.

A new tower is being erected at North Bessemer, opposite "XB" office. Understand that interlocking plant is being installed and that the switch at the other end of the bridge at Plum Creek will be thrown from "XB." That will be a big proposition for Mr. Wadsworth.

Everybody was very much shocked to hear of the unfortunate death of Conductor Rheingans at Wallace Junction, November 16th. He was struck by a Nickel Plate engine about 10 o'clock. Mr. Rheingans had a multitude of friends among the operators and he will be greatly missed.

Bro. E. R. Smith was noticed going south on No. 1 recently. Can't say how far he went?

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# Southern Pacific Ry.

Shasia Division-

With the assistance of the brothers at Kennet, I am able to give a complete line-up of the south end.

Understand Mr. Bundy is back at his old stand at Red Bluff, second trick. Mrs. Bundy is relieving Sister Joy, who is sick with the measles. Hope to see her back soon. Bro. Rudolph is still holding down the owl stunt.

Bro. Henrichsen, at Anderson, is kept pretty husy now-a-days with the handling of fruit, and numerous carloads of stock. Bro. Watts, the old reliable at Anderson, received the second trick at Redding on the last bulletin, which he now holds.

Mr. Martin, the agent at Redding, has, as yet, failed to come to the front. We wonder what he did with the back pay he received.

Bro. Miller, first trick at Redding, has, as yet, failed to convert the nons he is working with, and show them that they are on the wrong side of the fence.

Bro. McAllister formerly held down the second trick at Redding. I am unable to state his whereabouts at present.

Bro. R. H. Nichols is doing the S., V. & E. Ry. for what there is in the agency at Winthrop. Understand it beats the S. P.

Bro. Croney, at Keswick, has to do the whole thing alone now, being reduced one man by the recent reduction.

Mr. Anderson, agent at Coram, the new promising smelter town, has had the force increased with a baggageman.

Bro. J. F. Corby, agent at Kennet, is taking his vacation, visiting the bay cities and also Los Angeles. Bro. J. E. Beale is relieving Corby as agent during the latter's absence. We are afraid we will lose Bro. Beale, as he is very much interested in Uncle Sam's postoffice department.

Bro. A. C. Kallstead, second trick at Kennet, is working first trick during Corby's absence. He will soon take his assigned position as agent at Castella.

Bro. W. R. Long is working second trick at Kennet. He has just received his true blue and he is tickled like a school boy. He says it beats anything he ever invested in.

Bro. H. W. Wood, third trick at Kennet, was on the sick list for a couple of days, but we are glad to see Harry back at his stand again. Bro. Wood has experienced some exciting happenings at the Kennet depot. Not long ago he was heid up by two masked men, who rifled the ticket drawer, relieving it of all available cash, and took him down the track a mile and a half to avoid detection. Harry says he had a very unpleasant feeling and I believe it.

Bro. G. E. Alvord, agent at Pitt, from the P. R. R. but recently, has more to do there than one man can handle. He has resigned and I think he is going back to Chicago to take a position offered him in the general office of the P. R. R.

Bro. C. B. Mills, agent at Delta, is doing fine. Understand he is in a good mining district. A branch road is to be built there soon to one of the mines, which means more business for the S. P. and the community.

Bro. Shutt, at Smithson, is awaiting the arrival of his card, and in the meantime hunting bear, which are plentiful in that vicinity.

Bro. A. F. Howard is holding down the agency at Castella, but will soon be relieved by Bro. Kallstead. Howard is going to Mt. Hebron as agent, which he received on the last bulletin.

Bro. Howard could not find accommodations for his family at Castella.

Bro. J. A. Taylor is now agent at Sisson; received this on last bulletin.

Bro. L. B. Brown will go to Weed as agent; assigned this position on last bulletin.

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#### El Paso District-

Sister C. P. Frink, agent at Dryden, has returned from a ninety days' leave of absence.

Bro. R. B. Trent, agent at Alpine, Iowa, now on sixty days' leave. Bro. J. F. Hiseler is relieving him.

Mr. A. W. Lawrence, second trick at Sanderson, has returned from a vacation.

Bro. H. M. Ash, third trick at Valentine, on sick list. Bro. W. H. Taylor is relieving him.

Valentine, first trick, on bulletin this month.

Bro. I. F. Gardner now in "RK." El Paso or

Bro. J. F. Gardner now in "RK," El Paso on extra list; relieving Bro. Burling.

Bro. J. M. Morgan, agent at Langtry, has returned from a few days' leave.

Bro. Ragin, first trick at Alpine, has returned after a few days' absence in the West.

Bro. T. A. Spencer, second trick at Marfa, is back after a two weeks' deer hunt in the mountains.

Bro. J. L. Haintz has bid in Valentine, first trick, and taken assignment.

Valentine, second trick, now on bulletin.

Bro. E. R. Carter relieved Bro. Spencer at Marfa and Bro. W. H. Taylor relieved Bro. Morgan at Langtry.

Bro. R. G. Murphy, second trick at Sierra Blanca, off duty for a few days; Bro. Tryon relieving him.

Let's all start the new year right, by keeping up this division in the future as in the past. I think we have about as good a record now (if not better) than any other district in Division No. 53. There are only two nons left, and during this year these were the only two we have had. Let us all try to "fill in," and make this district solid.

Here's hoping all have a happy and prosperous new year. Cert. 2154.

## Northern Pacific Ry.

## Rocky Mountain Division-

Bro. Nason, agent at White Pine, off on a month's vacation; relieved by Bro. V. N. Weber, second trick operator at Bearmouth.

Operator M. A. Murphy is back at Bearmouth, after a month's leave of absence.

Bro. Wilcoxson, days at Bonita, assigned to McDonald, on the west end; Operator Carter relieving him. Carter is a new man on the road. Hope he is up-to-date.

Bro. McIver, third trick at Drummond to second trick, same place. Bro. Snyder is taking the grave-yard shift.

Bro. Marshall, second trick at Drummond, to second trick at Paradise.

Agent C. N. Brady, of Drummond, is taking a lay-off this month. "13" he has bid in the agency at Deer Lodge.

Bro. Glaze, third trick operator at Bonita, has left the service, going back to his home in Oklahoma to spend the winter.

C. T. U. of A. Operator Gunderson, second trick at DeSmet, has left the service; relieved by Operator McGill, who was formerly stationed at Tunnel No. 2 on the Coeur D'Alene branch.

Bro. King, second trick at Blossburg, to third trick at Reid; later, Reid to first trick at M. C. Crossing, which be drew on bulletin.

Bro. Sorrels, third trick at Missoula double track junction, to third trick at Missoula west yard.

Bro. Showalter, Missoula message room to Olive, first trick. Operator Malone, Missoula west yard to Olive, second trick. They report hunting very good.

Operator Williams, of Missoula message room, returned from his home in Omaha, where he has been for the last two months on a visit with relatives.

General Chairman Sam Johnson spent a week visiting on his division. He visited all the offices on the division and reports good success in getting transfers and new members.

It is reported that the new line between St. Regis and Paradise will be in operation soon.

"13" four new offices will be opened on this line.

Operator Krebs has resigned and left for Southern California, for his health.

Bro. J. E. Broom, who has been on a sick leave for the past thirty days, returned to Paradise, relieving Acting Agent W. A. Marshall, who goes to Weeksville as agent.

Bro. C. M. McCollough, from the C., B. & Q. Ry., is working second trick at DeSmet.

Application blanks have been sent to Mr. McGill, of DeSmet, and Mr. King, of Nagos. We can soon call these two gentlemen brothers. Any one wanting application blanks call on me, as I have an unlimited supply.

Drv. Cor.

#### Dakota Division-

The membership has been brought up to about 90 per cent on the main line of the Dakota Division, which is very gratifying, indeed, as this division was for a long time the weakest on the N. P. Individual effort in this direction has been the principal factor in this work, and it is to be hoped that the brothers will keep it up.

Bros. Leach, at McKenzie, and Reichard, at Windsor, have each secured a new member the last month.

Bro. Hopkins, of McKenzie, transferred to second trick at Steele, relieving Bro. Long, who went to Jamestown, "J" office. The vacancy in "J" office was caused by Mr. C. L. Guinn taking the car job.

Bro. Leach and his helper are the whole thing at McKenzie since Bro. Hopkins went to Steele.

Burleigh and Crystal Springs are two-men jobs

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The brothers at Sterling have enjoyed a few dances and turkey raffles of late.

Bro. J. W. McCarty, of Sterling, was down to see the brass pounders at McKenzie the other day and reports a pleasant visit with them.

We are indebted to Bro. J. W. McCarthy, of Sterling, for the most of these items. Wish the rest of the bunch on this division would get busy and send in a few. Two or three from each one would make a good, big write-up every month, and would take but a few moments to do it. Every one surely knows of a few changes, etc., that would be interesting.

#### Pasco Division-

Operator Questard is back from a five weeks' lay off; now first trick at Providence.

Bro. Fanning Bind has lost his happy home for two weeks on account of his family being shut up with a light form of small-pox. They will be out soon.

Bro. Johnson is back at Ritzville, first trick.

Bro. Ide Connell lost his case and cards, but thanks to the coal-dock man at Lind finding same and returned to Bro. Ide by Bro. Fanning.

Bro. Oliver, at Hatton, off for fifteen days; some trouble with block system. Hope he gets back soon.

Bro. Murray is back to his old place, second trick at Hatton. "13" he is staying with old folks now for want of a home.

Everybody busy with A B C.

Bro. Hansen came up from Sprague to take Paha nights, but on account of having to batch would not stay. Bro. Hansen bumped Bro. Farrell at Lind.

Bro. Taylor, agent at Paha, back from hospital again O. K. He went to the hospital to get fractured leg bone scraped.

Bro. Farrell, third trick at Paha for a while. Think he has since transferred to Hatton.

Bro. Lippold, from second at Lind to first trick at Glade.

Bro. Oliver, from agency at Hatton to second trick at Lind. He does not like to batch.

Mr. Bonnell now agent at Hatton.

Saw a bunch of worthy brothers from Cunningham and Providence, taking in the sights and talking election at Lind. They say they must have one good feed each month, at least.

Mr. Helmer, acting agent at Paha during Bro. Taylor's absence, has been teaming so long that he has lost out with the O. R. T., but promises to come in line January 1st.

Bro. Schillings is now doing the third trick at Paha.

A B C working a lot better since cut down the tonnage on trains on First District, but heard of a case where No. 3 was stopped five times, Pasco to Ellenburg, on account of cards not properly made out. Get next to the system. It is fine business.

Bro. Langlois, second trick at Ritzville, to Marshall as relief agent for about six weeks. Bros. Voigt and Shoemaker have again traded, Bro. Shoemaker going to Marshall, third trick, and Bro. Voight to S. P. and S. Junction.

Bro. Bunge has returned from the East, and has resumed work at Concord. Operator Wilkinson sent to Eltopia.

Bro. Creviston, from second trick at North Yakima, to first trick at Pamona (Selah) three men there now. Bro. Stevens, who had been doing the owl stunt there, is now working second trick and grubbing sage brush to drive away the blues. Bro. Urbine, from the Iowa Central, is working third trick.

Bro. Vauder, at Wenas, has been trying to persuade some one to take his job for some time, but no one seems to want a good thing.

Sister Ellsworth takes first trick at North Yakima, Bro. Ellsworth second, and Bro. Henry still living high and working third.

J. A. Campbell, agent at Yakima City, is now working nine hours, instead of thirteen. Bro. Donlon is working nights from 11 p. m. to 8 a. m.

Bro. McKay is doing things at Toppenish, first trick.

The general chairman is now covering the Pasco Division. Hope he is able to gather in all the strays and nons. He reports good success all along the line.

#### Pacific Division-

It does not look good to lay back and say there is nothing more to do, seeing that we have the nine-hour day, and that we do not wish for anything more. Keep after that non next to you, or perhaps working in the same office with you. Bro. Johnson has said the "Pacific Division is the backbone of Division No. 54." So let us keep up to the mark. Business has been pretty good on this division for the last three months. Several new men have been hired, and glad to note that most of them are brothers. Several offices have been reopened.

Same force at Ellensburg, two brothers, Baker and Waters, and Ballard, a non.

Bro. R. F. Graham, who was working second at Cleelum, bid in Thorp when Miss Kingsley left the service.

Bristol was recently opened as continuous office. Bro. Schmirler first and two new men on second and third until regular men are assigned.

Bro. S. N. Moore from third at Ravensdale to second at Martin. Bro. J. O. Divens from extra list to third.

At Nelson, Bro. Garriopy from extra list to second and Bro. Ira Barr from extra list to third.

Upham opened as continuous office. Bro. and Sister Fischer first and third. Mr. How first.

Stampede, Bro. Parker from Martin to second trick, Bro. Shisler and wife first and third.

Borup. Account Bro. Kenny taking new job, which was opened at North Portland, Bro. and Mrs. Arnold working first and second, Bayer third. Think he is a brother, but can not say.



Bro. Bassett from Borup second to Weston first. Bro. Mazur, who left the service last spring is back at work at second.

Lemolo. Bro. Carr off for a few days. Relieved by a youth named Floberg, who signed "J" in "W" during the C. T. U. A. trouble.

Palmer Junction. Bro. Pangle from second at Kanaskat to second. J. C. Stiles takes second at Prescott, caused by Bro. Benoit taking a ninety-day leave and not returning, losing his rights.

Bro. Commander, formerly second trick "JC," to Wynaco nights.

First Street, Auburn. Bro. Oom Paul Kruger relieving in "WR" Tacoma for a few nights. New man relieving him. Do not know his name.

Auburn. Bro. D. W. Williams, third, expects to leave shortly for a month's vacation.

Kanaskat. Bro. O. R. Rockway, the fat boy who worked here a few years ago, has just come back to his old stamping ground.

Bro. Handerson, who worked at Ravensdale and Kanaskat, then went to Nelsons, has bid in third at Palmer Junction.

Bro. Bingham, a new man from the Northwestern, worked a few nights at Palmer Junction, third trick, stopped at the Mountain View House at Kanaskat with Bro. Pangle, proprietor, then went to Easton to relieve the operator there, while Bro. Calvert, agent, takes a vacation.

Bro. Greybeal, from first at Weston to Covington as agent, relieving Bro. Mickel, who goes to "WR" Tacoma as night operator.

Bro. Boruff, third at Prescott, had the misfortune to lose two suits of clothes and a valuable kodak recently. Some one broke into his room.

Bro. Gillespie from Goble first to first at Portland. Goble first not yet assigned. Bro. Shinn as third from Holbrook nights. Mr. Edward Johnston gets Holbrook nights.

Bro. J. O. Phares from Hoquiam as day operator to an agency. Can not say at what point.

Patterson days, Winlock to new station, Wabash,

Patterson days, Winlock to new station, Wabash, just opened.

Bro. Ax is relieving Operator Gress at Kalama. while Gress looks at his business block in Seattle. Bro. Eddy, who bid in Ravensdale second, does

not like it there.

Bro. Mike O'Connor, from "BY," back to the

dispatchers' table in "Q."

This is my first attempt at a write-up and I may have called some one Mr. that should have been Bro., but I am not very well acquainted.

There are a great many changes that have not been mentioned, but with everybody's help will try and give a good line-up next month.

We should have some more meetings on the road at some point and keep things booming on the Pacific Division.

#### Montana Division-

Our general chairman, Bro. Johnson, has just passed over our division, and has brought several new members in and a few transfers to our "fighting 54."

Brothers, when you know of any changes, send them to me before the 12th, and with your help I will endeavor to have a good write-up every month.

#### East End-

The telegraph office at Yegen was burned, Bro. Preston losing his household belongings.

Foster now open on account of G. N. trains running into Billings. Do not know who is there. Bro. Hannan, Laurel, had a little touch of first trick on account of first trick man laying off. Bro. Woodruff third trick, lately transferred to 54.

Bro. Nelson now holds the lines at Park City. Columbus bunch solid. Mr. R. R. Brown, who worked "CO" a while, seems to have run up against a tough proposition in the shape of an eight-year sentence in the penitentiary. He went to the G. N. and forged money orders to the amount of \$2,200. Do not get nim mixed with Bro. R. R. Brown, lately of Lomoard.

Bro. Lamb was appointed agent at Reed Point. Bro. Hannold, from South, on second, and Operator Morrow, from Dakota Division, on third.

C. T. Van Ness, agent at Springdale, and F. J. Ball, second trick, can now be called brothers. Do not get Bro. Ball mixed up with the F. J. Ball who "scabbed" on the "Katy."

Bro. Winterstein from "SX" to Central Park.

#### West End-

Bro. Vose, from Livingston relay office, has resigned on account of his health. Bro. Meadows is back, relieving in Livingston relay. Bro. Meadows has of late been with the 1. C. Ry. in Kentucky.

Bro. Little resigned at Chestnut and has a position in a cigar factory at Miles City.

Brothers, with a little work on our part we might make a few more stations solid.

Agent at Central Park was relieved by Bro. Winterstein.

Operator Burnett from Welch nights to third at Manhattan.

Business into Butte now in the freight line is as heavy as it was before the depression came last fall. The freight house force in "BY" has been consolidated with the "Old Montana Union." all business being handled by the "BY" office, making it more satisfactory all around for the N. P. employes.

Bro. C. A. Whitlock, who was local chairman on the Ashland Division of the Burlington, is on third. Bro. Hemmerly, who has returned from his vacation in Ohio, is on second.

Bro. Phelps, from the G. N., has been successful in securing the "BN" city ticket position.

General Chairman Johnson, who is going over the line east to west, was in Butte the 31st. Bro. Whitlock and Bro. Strunk had the pleasure of escorting him about the city, doing a little missionary work among the nons.

E. W. Carr, of the Grand, who is being transferred to the old 54, goes to Welch nights. He was with the commercial men last summer and

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carried a card with them until he entered the railway service.

Bro. Fred King, from the Big Four, is on third at Sappington. Mr. Boyd, at that place, has just re-entered railroad service after being away from it for two years.

Mrs. Carpenter, third at West End, is off on a thirty-day leave of 'absence, visiting relatives in Michigan. Mrs. Carpenter holds an up-to-date C. T. U. A. card. Relieved by Mr. J. P. Millikin, from the St. Paul Division, who has filled out his papers and will be a brother by the time this is in print.

Bro. Corrigan, of Livingston, has returned from a trip in the South.

Yeakle, or Yeagle, and wife, at Welch, have resigned and were relieved by Operators Carr and Burnett.

C. T. U. A. Bro. Miller has been transferred from third at Butte to third at Winston.

Mr. M. L. Rigby, late night trick at Livingston, who enjoys the benefits paid for by others, is blowing himself to a vacation, spent in Iowa. Robinson is relieving him.

Bro. Earp, second trick man at Lombard, who has been in the Missoula hospital for the last two months, on account of being accidentally shot in the leg, is now improving very fast and we hope to see him back at work in the near future.

Mr. W. A. Lidd, first trick at West End, says the O. R. T. is all right, etc., but he would not join it for any maney. He thinks he is from Missouri, and says certain parties (O. R. T. men, of course) are trying to freeze him out of his job, and he as much as says they will have to show him. Queer, but no one has yet asked him to join; no one has offered to sign papers for him. I wonder why?

Bro. Lively, at Logan, was off a few days. Unable to say who relieved him.

Cert 1,479: By the item you sent in for the October journal, the item about scabs at Townsend, I hardly think needs explaining. I do not think the brother who sent me this item was trying to knock on Mr. Anderson at all. It does not necessarily mean that if Mr. Anderson is a non he is a scab. All who are acquainted with the force at Townsend ought to know what it means. If the brother was here that gave me the item I would ask him what he meant, but I think the above will explain sufficiently for Mr. Anderson to take it to heart.

Thanks to Bros. Van Ness, Carpenter and Strunk for the items sent me.

Yours for the best division in 54,

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

### Southern Ry.

### Louisville Division-

It is a great pleasure to note that the boys are again taking an interest in the work of organizing, and if the good work is kept up we can not help but realize great benefits.

The boys on the Louisville Division, who have never thought over the matter seriously, must bear in mind that up until two years ago the O. R. T. was practically unheard of over here, and you must not expect too much We can not expect to have minimums like roads that have been organized fifteen and twenty years. It takes time for all things.

I do not believe there is a single man among us who does not want a card. If you have not got an up-to-date you should be ashamed of it.

If you go to a foreign road and drop in some office for a chat, that is the first thing they ask you—"Got a card?" If you have, then you are all right, and if you have not, then you are not all right.

The first appeal we made through the O. R. T. for better conditions was listened to, and while we did not accomplish any great feat, some of the boys are drawing five and some two fifty per month more than they were previously.

We have a better set of men now than we have had for several years. They are more business-like, and it stands to reason that we should be able to do much more now than we have ever had an opportunity to do before. Every member should make it a point to get in a good word whenever he gets the chance. If you are the agent at your station and a new operator comes in, or if you are the operator and a new agent comes in, who has no up-to-date, get right after him, and keep after him. He will give in that you are right, if you go at him in the right way.

The biggest mistake is made when the chairman is expected to do it all. He needs the help of every man to keep things in good shape.

Mr. Watson called the roll a few days ago, and we note that not only the new ones, but some of the old heads are not present on the roll. That will not do. Come across.

Among those present were Mr. Baker, of Tyrone. Although Mr. Baker is not an operator, he appreciates the Order enough to hold an up-to-date.

Several shifts in agencies have taken place lately, our former brother, Martin, landing at Lawrenceburg.

Business is picking up and it is time for us to get busy. Everybody, now, all together. The roll will be called again soon.

DIV. COR.

## Birmingham Division-

Doubtless before this appears in our journal we shall have buried the year 1908 as history, and launched out upon the new year 1909, which we hope will be far better, in a great many respects, than the year 1908 has been; indeed, let us try to make it better in our Order.

For the past year on the Birmingham Division of the Southern Railway everything has had the graveyard look on its face, except the fact that we have brought many strangers into the corral and landed them into the Order. We are very glad to see things picking up some now. Nearly all the men that were cut off during the historical hard times are back on the line, except those that left the service of the division entirely, and who are now employed on other oads.



We have had some little trouble on the division, and some of the boys were in doubt as to what course to pursue in the future, but we are glad to know that everything has about come clear again. We have the membership nearly to the desired point, the 100 per cent mark. All during the period when we, or part of us, only had a position a few days in a month, we stood steadfastly to our organization, and now that we believe that we can see the mist of returning prosperity, let's stand firmly on the plank, and work harder this coming year than ever before to solidly organize our craft.

Let us put every energy to working to show to those who are now in doubt as to our true meaning of being an organized body of workmen, that, as a body, we can better help others as well as ourselves. We can be of better service to the employers, employes and the public at large.

Now let every telegrapher throughout the country get for himself a New Year's present, an O. R. T. card for 1909. How much better we would all feel if every telegrapher that we should meet in our daily walks carried an up-to-date card. Let's all take out a card sure this new year. Do not be later than February 1st before you are in line to show if you should be called upon. Be fair to your fellow workers. Every one aid in keeping up a steady pace for the high mark in our vocation. It is an evident fact that to work in unity we can accomplish more and give better service, and we will, in due season, be favored with better working conditions brought about during the year. Though dark and doubtful as the year was with a great many of us, we have, as a body, been successful in a few things. It really takes trying times to bring about a reformation, such as was accomplished on behalf of the telegraphers in the year 1908. In order to succeed we must all work with one accord and let strife and discord be unknown among us.

While with other problems we are busied, do not forget the bond issue. Though some of us do not stand at present in urgent need of a bond company, such as has been so earnestly advised through the pages of THE TELEGRAPHER, for the reason that they have never been up against it, as the saying goes, with the present bond companies which the railroads patronize. It is to be hoped that those of us who have never had the misfortune to be turned down by a bond company, when you were really unjustly dealt with, that you will ever play in this good fortune; while on the other hand there are thousands who do need this fraternal bond company, and in behalf of these I urge that each telegrapher take out as much as their financial ability will permit, take out at least one share. There are many telegraphers who are well worth \$100 per, but on account of the bond companies they are compelled to work nights at even half their worth or go in search of some other field of labor. I, personally, know many in this condition that should be holding good positions and were holding good-paying places before their rights to bonded positions were snatched away from them with no chance to prove the case, which they tried to, but could never get a civil answer from the bond company. Just take out a few shares in the bond company gotten up by the O. R. T., for the sake of others among our craft. If you should never need it, you can contribute a few dollars to the aid of some other brother.

One great trouble I find why a great many telegraphers do not take out shares in the bond company is that they are all thinking that they will not long be in the telegraph service, and that they will save this small amount and invest in some business of their own. While there are many leaving the service of the key (we see this almost daily), I'll acknowledge it is a very good thing to leave off this slaving and enter a business of our own. But this fever we have for the key and sounder is like a deadly malady, it takes a long time and plenty of good fortune in other lines of business to get it out of our system, though we ever have that tendency to wish we were back at the key for just a short while to review our old and hard-learned lessons that we had to pound out on the brass during our palmy days in the telegraph service. While we are men of the telegraph service, be union men.

We are glad to hear that Mr. W. A. Hanlin, now working third trick at Leeds, Ala., has signed up with us. He has been a non-member for a long time, but I believe from his action now in taking out membership with us that his grievance has been satisfactorily adjusted.

There have been several offices opened up on this division within the last two months, and trains are running more freely now than some months ago. Business is gradually picking up all the time, and the bulletins are continually coming out showing new offices that have been put back into service. This looks very encouraging. After we have had a few months of steady work we will forget the hardships that we have recently endured and we will lay aside the year 1908 and its happenings as history, and continue our journey onward to develop the new year with, we hope much grander and nobler works than we did the preceding years.

Let every one work now with the one aim in view, to make our organization the ideal. This only can be accomplished by the steady and untiring efforts of the entire membership.

COTTON TOP.

Washington Division-

There was quite a conflagration in the town of Orange, Sunday, two weeks ago, which destroyed the business part of the town. There would have been a much greater loss but for a fire engine and firemen who were shipped from Charlotteville on a flat car, which got the flames under control, after a hard fight, by using water from railroad engines that were tied up at this point. The interlocker was also destroyed. The boys are now located in a six by eight box, but I think the

company expects to construct an improved plant in the near future.

Bro. J. W. Mays, third trick at Charlottesville, has been very sick for some time, but am glad to say he is improving now. His wife was also sick with the fever, which resulted fatally, casting a gloom over the troubled home of our brother.

Bro. Shelhorse, of Declare, who has been sick for some time, has been to the hospital and returned much improved, but is not able to resume work yet. Bro. Berry is working his trick now.

Brandy, second trick, was bulletined for bids last week. Bro. Jacobs, first trick at Calverton, bid it in, making first trick vacant, which was bid in by Bro. J. L. Sullivan, of second trick.

The poultry and express cars are crowded with turkeys for Thanksgiving, some of the old gobblers looking very serious.

Bro. McConchie allowed a certain operator to room with him while working a few nights at Orange, and when he left Bro. McConchie's \$3.50 plug hat left also. Guess he thought he needed something to cover that slick spot on top of his cranium.

Atlanta Division-

Everything on the move now, boys, waking up very fast.

Bro. P. O. Parker, on the north end, appointed assistant local chairman, and glad to say he has called a meeting and gotten things started off right at once. We want to see you boys get busy now and help Bro. Parker all you can. We all know he has a level head and by your assistance will soon have the north end on a boom.

Our local chairman made a call for funds to have some stationery printed and received about \$3.75, the secretary of the L. B. of A. finally made up enough to finish the amount of \$7.00. We want to thank all you brothers that were kind enough to help us, as you know we have to have stationery if we do any writing, and if we do not do any writing we will not do much of anything else.

We called a meeting at Juliette Sunday, October 25th. About twelve or fifteen of the boys were present. All that attended report a nice time. The object of the meeting was to settle a difficulty with two of our brothers for recommending inexperienced men to the Order of Railroad Telegraphers for cards. I am more than glad to say these brothers came clear. Bro. O. B. Ingham prepared dinner for the crowd, and you can bet all the boys took a part in that. We also had a called meeting at Locust Grove, Sunday, November 22d. I was talking to some of the boys Saturday and they said they were sure going. I guess they meant they were going to see their "bestest," for they sure did not come to the meeting. The local chairman had dinners ordered for about fifteen at the Pitts House. Mr. Womble and myself tried to eat dinner for the crowd, but, of course, we failed, but it was not our fault.

We wish to thank Bro. L. L. Pitts, also Mr. and Mrs. Pitts for the kindness shown us, also their nice dinner, and hope to be able to return the favor some day.

There is no use in talking, we can attend the meetings better than that. At least one from each station can go easily, and if you ever expect to get solid you will have to get a better move on than that.

Let us remember that fifty cents that is to be remitted to Bro. McDaniel. It should be sent at once, as this is for convention funds. Of course we want to show the boys a good time when they come; so do not let this slip your mind.

We want everybody to use all the blanks on hand, and if you have more than you can use send them to your L. B. of A., and let us land all the nons by the last of January. Several of the boys have promised to get a new card payday for the last six months, and have not done so yet. Boys, if they don't come across with the new card for 1909, run them off.

Bro. Needham, third trick man at Ellenwood, was called to the chief's office lately on account of a switch light being out at that station. I am glad to say everything worked out all right and Bro. Needham was only off for two days and was paid for lost time. Bro. A. W. Graves relieved him while off.

Boys, let's look after the switch lights, as it is very little trouble and, as a rule, the operator is the only employe around the station at night. It is to the interest of the people that we should do this, as well as the company's.

Third trick operator at Flovilla cut out, the agent doing the telegraph stunt for six hours. The regular third man, Bro. Merritt, gone home on vacation.

Bro. P. O. Parker transferred from Seney to Cohutta agency.

Mr. H. N. Edmondson, third trick at Roseland, off for a few days; relieved by Mr. Oubree.

Bro. Persinger, third trick at Macon yard, off on vacation. "13" he went to Chattanooga. Bro. C. H. Gheesling is relieving him.

Mr. F. M. Reed, third trick at Lumber City, called to Marietta, Ga., on account of his wife being sick; relieved by Bro. L. L. Peacock, who only worked two nights as he and the dispatcher did not get along very well. Bro. Peacock relieved by Mr. Chnton Bowman. Some of the "town" boys lifted him with a rosin string and he gets cold-footed and leaves also, he being relieved by Mr. J. C. Oubre. "13" that he worked a few nights at Baxley on account of the agent being off.

I wish to thank Bro. Brannan, at Lumber City, for the notes sent me, and hope he will continue to send me the news. Would thank some of the boys on the north end to send me a "bit" of news, as you know "every little bit helps."

DIV. COR.



CHARLESTON, TENN.

Members of Knoxville Division:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS-Commencing October 1. 1908, I was requested by the general chairman to act as local chairman of the Knoxville Division to succeed Bro. Stafford, resigned. I agreed to accept the place and handle, to the best of my ability, until February, 1909, when there will be an election of officers, and the membership of the division will then have an opportunity to elect some one more fitted for the place. We have some good material on the division to select a local chairman from: Bros. L. C. Berlin, Vaughan, Fisher, Keen, Whittaker, and several others could be put up for the place. If we can get either of these brothers to accept the place I feel sure that we will have a good man to represent the Knoxville Division. However, we can vote for our choice in February next, and until that time I am at the service of the membership on the division, and will willingly and gladly do anything I can for the brothers in matters pertaining to the organization, and all you have to do is to call upon me. For the benefit of some who have had some kicks coming recently, I wish to state that my relationship with our superintendent, Mr. C. L. Harris, has been of the most pleasant nature, and he has never failed to show me the utmost courtesy and fair treatment in my dealings with him in handling matters pertaining to the organization and, furthermore, I feel safe in saying that whenever you have a grievance and same can not be adjusted any other way, you may call on me to handle it with the superintendent, and you will have the matter adjusted to your satisfaction.

I feel sure that our superintendent wants the telegraphers of the Knoxville Division to have fair treatment, and will see that it is given them when deserved. The thing for us all to do is to give the very best service possible, and when we do have to go to the superintendent with a grievance he will be glad to adjust it.

Of course, it can not be expected that when a man becomes indifferent toward the service and is constantly giving trouble and poor service that the superintendent will stand by him and, rightly, he should not, but when you show a disposition to do the right thing you can safely appeal to him if you get into trouble. Now let every man get down to business. Answer calls promptly. Don't run off from your office without permission. Be sober and attentive to business and endeavor to improve the service, and you will have no trouble in obtaining what is justly due you. This is the kind of service the management wants, and if you expect the General Committee to negotiate successfully for you it will be necessary to keep this in mind and not only give good service yourself, but get after the other fellow.

Now, as a rule, we have some as good operators and agents here as any place and, take them as a whole, they are trying to give good service, but there is room for improvement in others, and we hope to see everybody get next and help to better the service, and in this way we will better the condition of ourselves.

It is a daily comment among the telegraphers on the west end of the division regarding the fair and courteous manner in which they are treated by Mr. D. O. Hahn. I do not believe this dispatcher has an enemy on the division, and in return for his good treatment the boys should give the very best service that they can. Don't impose upon good nature and let this dispatcher call his arm off. Show your appreciation of his fair treatment by rendering good service. Let us help all of the dispatchers all we can in making this division the best on the system. If an operator does his best and shows to the dispatcher that he is anxious to give good service he will resp his reward later. I do not believe in constant abuse of any operator by a dispatcher, but there are not many that will do this and there are times when a dispatcher has heavy burdens upon him, and with the road full of trains, heavy tonnage and some official behind him for an explanation of delays, etc., and will lose his good disposition for the time being and rattle off something pretty hot to some operator, and the operator will take exception to it and return it. This is wrong and should not be resented in this way. Oftentimes the dispatcher says little off-handed things that he means nothing by at all, and should you meet him on the street in Knoxville he is all right and friendly as can be. So do not take these things to heart, pass it by until such time as the dispatcher cools down, and he will be all right.

We have some disadvantages, it is true, and will continue to have them, but as time rolls on, if we do the right thing and give good service, some of the stumbling blocks now in our way will be removed, and we can look back and see where we made gains by doing the right thing.

Give good service, be loyal to your company and your organization, and before long you will see the fruits of your labor.

In conclusion, I wish to say that I have a good many friends on the Knoxville Division among the telegraphers, to whom I am indebted for their loyalty and friendship, and I have endeavored to show my appreciation of same by working to their interest. A local chairman, if he is the right kind, is compelled to make a good many sacrifices and receives many little hurts by the nature of his business, but after all or this I am glad that I have been able to render some service to my fellow-workers, and no matter where I go I will always feel a better man for having done my duty.

Thanking you for your loyalty in the past and hoping that each brother will give the future chairman of the Knoxville Division his co-operation and loyal support.

With best wishes,

WADE H. CORD, L. C.

Knoxville Division, West End-

Have you noticed how the membership is growing on the Knoxville Division? Now that we are coming along it is only up to the brothers to heep



it that way. United effort will keep things O. K. Let us hold to what we have and get things on the move by the time the general committee meets the management and your efforts will be rewarded by a good schedule.

We have the promise of several who have dropped out to renew the first of the year.

Brothers, remember the telegraphers' convention to be held in Atlanta, Ga., next May. We must have a representative from this division, but in order to have one we must show up 100 members on the Knoxville Division, therefore, let every brother get in one non by the first of the year so that we will not lose a representative to this convention. Also, I presume, you remember that in February, next, the local chairmen of the system are elected. What you want to do is to support the man you think will make the best man for the place. Your ballot will be sent to you, and do not fail to vote for the nominee. There may be two or three nominated and there may be but one. However, you will have plenty of time to decide. If the membership on Division 59 will just get busy now they may expect something coming their way about the first of the year. It depends, however, upon the interest each member takes in the work. Don't wait on the other fellow to do the work. Get busy yourself and see what changes will be brought about. You need not expect to reap rewards unless you put forth some effort to bring it about.

The boys on the Knoxville Division must come together. Co-operation will do the work, and we expect to see things moving as never before.

Most of the members who dropped out renewed their membership when the organizer went over the division last month. We have some few still out but hope to have their names on the roll by the time the committee meets the management, and if they can see ahead of them a little way, they will see that it is to their interest to get right before that time.

Boys, what are you doing about the student question? We hear of several offices having students. What can a man promise himself who teaches this profession. We can not see any good coming from it and we hope it may be cut out. We understand there are several student joints on the east end. We are glad to say there are none on the west end, and no prospects of any.

If you have any grievances that you are not able to settle with the Chief Dispatcher or Superintendent, refer the same to Jake Vaughan, assistant local chairman, Knoxville, or W. H. Cord, local chairman, Charleston, and the same will be adjusted for you.

If you change your address, do not fail to notify your G. S. & T. about it in order that you may not miss your card, journal and other important mail.

Bro. J. C. Anderson is relieving Bro. Stanberry at Charleston for a few days.

I understand there is some kicking among the boys on the west end regarding some matters they disapprove of. Now, the only way to register your kicks is through the local chairman, who will handle it with the superintendent for you, and failing to adjust satisfactorily, will turn it over to the general chairman, who will handle it with the general manager. Talk don't do any good. Don't tell your troubles to the trainmen, but if you have a kick, handle it in the proper way. If you will do the right thing—give good service and put forth your efforts to help the service, get the nons lined up, your schedule will contain concessions next year that will being you relief.

I hope you will resolve that you will assist the local chairman in making the division the best on the Southern. United effort on the part of the members will bring in every non, and this will help you in many ways.

Read your journal and see how things are going on on other roads, and use your influence to bring about the same on your own road. Don't get the idea in your head to leave the service just because things are not what you think they should be here, but get in the harness and help to bring about things to your liking on your own road where you have some seniority.

The Southern System has 7,000 miles of railroad and 3,000 or more operators, and once they are organized, it will be a power, and your own road will outclass many of the others that have been getting good things so long.

Bro. Fred Wetmore, of Riceville, went to "K" for a few days, relieving Operator Brooks.

Understand that Bro. Vaughan, at Knoxville, expects to go into other business soon.

Nothing doing at "X." Hard luck story. Where is that \$30.00 increase gotten last year. Better fix it up and probably you'll have more next year. It is ten to one you won't if you don't help yourself.

Brothers, we have been very lenient to the nons and paid their freight long enough. After the first of the year let your motto be "no card, no favors."

I. C. S.

## Knoxville Division-

Who said the Knoxville Division was on the bum? We understand that a certain railroad official, while riding over the division some time ago, met an operator on the train, and he remarked, "Oh, you fellows are not as strong as you once was." On the west end of Knoxville Division, between Chattanooga and Knoxville we are glad to say we are 85 per cent; and there is an organizer going over the east end and the Asheville end of the division now.

Bro. Cord started over the division, but for reasons we can not explain here, he was called back to work after three weeks on the division. However, during that time he secured forty new members, and as he was called back before he had completed the division, our national organizer was sent here by President Perham, and by the time this comes off the press, the Knoxville Division will be 90 per cent.

It may be interesting to tell you that from now on we are to have a man on salary to go over the system every few months and keep things in shape.



This is what we have long needed and hope to make good headway now.

I wish to say to the membership. Now don't allow your dues to lapse. Keep yourself up-to-date and you will be amply repaid by securing a good schedule next year. Business is now on the go and we hope to get a fair schedule next year, but if you want this you must help get it. That is, you must keep the pasteboard in your pocket. A man out of the Order is no help to it, but on the other hand is a drawback to the Order as well as to himself.

The remark often made "Oh, I am with you fellows, and I hope you will have good luck," is no good. That kind of talk means nothing to the organization. This kind of a man seems to understand that there is no use for him to join the union that represents his interest, as he gets what the Order men get. This man is like the razor-back hog—he don't seem to belong to any one, yet he is always at the trough. Now, boys, that is no way to do. How can you go on taking the benefits of the schedule month after month, knowing all the time the brotherhood men are paying the freight for you? Most assuredly you are not so selfish as this?

I can't see how you can have peace of mind and work with men at your office as well as on each side of you who are union men and paying your way through. If you only would wake up and join the union that represents you instead of hanging back and pulling against yourself as well as the others, you would soon be repaid by better wages, better rules in the contract, etc. Now, won't you take a turn and see if you don't see a difference. Make the start the first of the year. Supply yourself with an up-to-date card and get in the push with the 45,000 telegraphers and fellow workers who are striving to better the conditions for themselves and families. A word to the members: Resolve that you will get at least one member by the first of the year. You can do it. Let the membership get busy. Co-operate with each other, and you will see what united effort will amount to. The nons can not remain out if you go after them in a body. Don't give him a chance to back down and you will land him.

Bro. Cord, while going over the division, had a talk with the boys regarding better service and he reports that he met some mighty good men on the east end. Men who have been in the service several years and seem to have the right idea. These are the kind of men we want in the union, and most of them on the east end have lined up and they have given their promise that they will get busy and help make things solid on the Knoxville The boys on the Knoxville Division Division. have seen that to organize is their only protection. and they certainly did show this by filling out the necessary papers when the organizer made the trip over the division. The Birmingham Division is 99 per cent and we can do the same here by united efforts.

There are several matters of importance to be handled and we hope to see your face at the meet-

ings to be held in Knoxville and Morristown each month commencing the first of the year.

The writer is personally acquainted with most of the men on the east end of the Knoxville Division, and they are made of the right kind of stuff. Or course, we have some who are weak-kneed, but as a whole, we have good men, and we must get together and come up to other divisions of the system. We have for some time been working at some disadvantage on this division. There has been some very antagonistic work on the part of some, but we will just take the medicine until such time as the general committee meets the management, when we will present the facts and you will hear something fall.

Just so long as you allow yourself to be deprived of your rights of the contract, just so long it will be done, and unless you handle the matter with the local chairman in accordance with the contract, these conditions will continue to exist. Your local chairman will be glad to take up cases for you if presented to him, but he can not handle your grievances unless you put the matter up to him in writing.

Try this and you will see that nine cases out of ten will be adjusted to your satisfaction, provided your case is just.

Now that we have the division in good shape, do your duty. Keep your dues paid up. Get after the man next to you and have him fix up the papers. Attend the meetings when possible. Post yourself as to the contract, and read your journal. The local chairman must have your support. You must not leave it all for him, but assist him in the work and help him to make the division what it should be. If you don't do this, don't be disappointed if things don't go right.

Now that business is picking up and the railroads prosperous and doing good business, we will expect a good schedule next year.

The pass question should be handled when the committee meets the management, and there are several other things of importance to be brought up, so you who are expecting to reap the benefits get busy and fix up the papers yourself first and then help fix the other fellow up. This will come back to you many times more than what you pay in to belong to the organization that represents you. How blind some of us are. If the boys will just open their eyes they can not help but see that their only salvation lies in the representation by the O. R. T. You can not do anything as an individual. But you can get concessions through your general committee. So join the union and let them legislate with the management for you. The management of the Southern Railway are fair men and willing to give us that which is in reason, and you are just hurting yourself when you hang back through fear of losing your position, or afraid that you won't stand in with some chief How is it on other roads? Why dispatcher. don't they lose out? What would the N. & W., B. & O., C. & O. and other roads be getting today if they were taking the same view as this? Stand up for your rights. Be man enough to say "I will not procrastinate any longer, but I will

affiliate with my fellow workers and march with them, hand in hand, for justice and right against oppression and wrong." This privilege is granted you by the Constitution of the United States. You have the same rights to organize as the railroad officials. You owe it to yourself and family, and to organize is the only means by which you may better the condition of yourself and them.

You can hear trainmen boast of the salary they receive and the amount they give to their wives each month after the grocery bills are paid. How did they get this salary? Not because they are any more worth it than the telegrapher, but because they organize and stand together for right and justice against oppression and wrong. trainmen are also better recognized than the telegraphers. They have better contracts. Why? Because they are marching together in a body, and instead of pulling back against themselves, like some operators, they are pulling forward and helping their organization to intelligently represent them.

Now, how much spending money can the telegrapher give to his wife after the little bills are paid? I mean the bills for the necessaries of life. not the luxuries, because the telegraphers have none of the latter.

I only ask that you take the conditions on wellorganized roads for an answer. The dispatcher or the official on your respective divisions can not harm you so long as you give service and the most of them are not looking for trouble. They have enough to keep them busy without looking for a hole to throw you in. They are working for a salary, just like you and me, and they can not harm you without just cause; but should it be done, you have a general committee to handle the matter for you. We want good service. We want to establish harmony and work together for the betterment of the service, giving officials and dispatchers all due courtesy and fair treatment, but if you find that notwithstanding this some are so little as to endeavor to lay some trap to get you out because of some prejudice, remember that you have the same chance, and when you are done an injustice, always have the necessary evidence and you need not fear but what the higher authority will adjust the matter to your entire satisfaction. Of course, it is understood that a man that has a bad record and gives poor service can not expect to be protected, but when he gives the best that is in him and is sober and attentive to business, he can always get justice, if not from the lower official, from the higher ones, to whom he has the right to appeal.

Be loyal to your organization. Keep your dues paid up and help to bring about thorough organization, and don't forget to keep your eye on the student teacher.

If the boys on the Southern System will organize and send the general committee to Washington with a backing of 90 per cent, I predict that next year we will have as good a schedule as any road in the country.

The matter is all left with you. The remedy is in your own hands, and I leave it with you. DIV. COR.

East End, St. Louis and Louisville Lines -

Bro. V. W. Gibson, our second trick man at Milltown, is off on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. Adam Tyler.

Bro. B. B. Melton, the agent at Taswell, was off a few days during election.

Bro. A. W. Stroud, second trick man at Taswell, was off a few days recently on account of sickness; relieved by Mr. F. H. Munzer.

Bro. Logan Miller, the first trick man at English, is doing the third trick at Huntingburg; relieved at English by Bro. J. Ellis.

Bro. Fouts, third trick man at English, is off on a vacation; relieved by Mr. Munzer.

Bro. R. Range, third man, is doing second trick at New Albany; relieved at Duncan by Mr. Nich-

Three of our brothers, Burton, second man at New Albany; C. Melton and J. C. Thomas, second and third men at Huntingburg, left recently for parts unknown.

Mr. B. Head is doing second trick at Huntingburg for a few days.

The new French Lick extension is doing a good business now.

The Southern has put Nos. 23 and 24 back as fast trains, also put Nos. 3 and 4 back as local trains. This makes some more passenger trains for the second trick men. COR.

# Great Northern Ry.

It is a curious thing in human nature how so many of us are willing to profit through the endeavors of others. Some of us, believing in the principle that it is only through organized effort among the telegraphers and station agents, and, in fact, in any other branch of service on the railroads of the United States, that the good things are accomplished, retain our membership in our respective organizations, pay our dues in such. and at any and all times use our influence, be it great or small, towards pushing for the ends in view, viz., shorter hours, better working conditions and better rate of pay.

On the other hand, there are some of us, thank the Lord, a small minority, who realize these things, know from personal experience that individual efforts accomplish nothing only in isolated cases that can be counted on one's fingers, but still sit back, take all results accomplished through hard work and sacrifices of others, look pleased, feel good and congratulate themselves that they are geting something at no cost or risk to them-

To you who are members and delinquents: Do you consider that you are giving the balance of us a square deal?

Seems to me that conditions on the Great Northern, which we all know are not of the best, could be bettered a great deal if those of us who are deriving benefits from past and present endeavors of our organization, would shake off this selfishness and get in and help.

We all realize, non and member alike, that present conditions could stand for a little improve-



ment. No doubt but what we all would like to see it accomplished, but a part of us hang back in hopes that the other fellow will do it for us. Why not put your shoulder to the wheel and not wait for the other fellow? The cost is absolutely nothing, compared to results, if thorough organization is accomplished. Think it over and see if you do not come to the conclusion that it is a mighty good investment.

P. M. Abbott,

G. S. & T. No. 70, Logan, Montana.

#### S. F. and N. Divisson -

We are glad to be able to report a new member for November. Oscar Trummell, the third trick man at Valley, now holds an up-to-date card, and this makes Valley a solid O. R. T. joint.

A new man at Marcus, working the third trick, vice Mr. Moe, who accepted Salmo station, Bro. Davis taking the second trick.

H. E. Durkee is the agent at Addy; relieving Mr. E. R. Cottle.

Mr. Snyder, second trick at Deer Park, has returned to work after about two months off. He bumped E. S. Durkee back to helper at Springdale.

It is in order for every operator and agent to ask themselves what they can do to be ready to take advantage of anything that will benefit us. It is certain that the only thing that will win is concerted action. Then why not start right with an up-to-date O. R. T. card. Don't stop there, but get some one else to join. It is almost a certainty that conditions are going to improve. This will mean increased business for the company, more revenue and, of course, more work for all concerned. It is then that we should make a demand for better working conditions and better salary. Our General Committee is ready to put this matter before the management the minute we get 85 per cent strong. You will ail agree that the time to do this is in the next few months. Therefore, I ask that every member make a special effort to increase our membership on this division. A long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together will do the work. Come on in, the water is fine.

CERT. 1038.

# Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Ry.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God, in His infinite goodness, to call from labor on earth to heavenly reward, our worthy comrade and brother, Harry Chickedantz, and

WHEREAS, We bow in humble submission to the
Divine will, we nevertheless mourn the early passing away of one whose life was so full of hope and promise; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of his sterling worth and excellent qualities of manhood, which endeared him to every knight of the key, and to all who formed his acquaintance, and, be it further Resolved, By the members of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Division, No. 74, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the parents and brothers our sincere and heartfelt sympathy, in their bereavement and great sorrow, taking comfort from the faith, "that we know all things work together for good to them that love God; to them who are called according to His purpose."

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the family of our deceased brother, a copy spread on the minutes of Division No. 74, and a copy sent to The Telegrapher for publication.

C. M. PIPER, W. C. WEBSTER, M. J. MADIGAN,

Committee.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

To the Members of the O. R. T., Division No. 74: I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the O. R. T. who contributed the beautiful floral offerings to my beloved brother, Harry, whose death occurred October 28, 1908. Yours fraternally,

R. A. CHICKEDANTZ, Cert. 313.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call to the Great Beyond our loyal brother and co-worker, Harley Burton; be it

Resolved, That B. & O. S. W. Division, No. 74. Order of Railroad Telegraphers, extend to the family our heartfelt sympathy, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the records of our division, a copy sent to the deceased brother's family, and one to THE RAILEDAD TELEGRAPHER for publication.

> J. G. MATHER, E. L. CARRICO, W. J. GORMAN,

> > Committee.

### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has removed from our midst our chief dispatcher, Mr. J. E. Pollock, in manifestation of our grief and fraternal sympathy, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern System, Division No. 74, Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved widow and family our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, and a copy be sent to our official organ for publication.

C. H. CHRISTOPHER.
O. F. KECK,
H. F. HOWARD,

Committee.



## Chicago & Northwestern Ry.

Minnesota Division-

Business has been pretty good the last month or so and your correspondent has been somewhat husy throwing levers for an average of about twenty-five trains on his eight-hour trick, therefore, the news side of the house has suffered somewhat, and if it was not through the help of Bro. Mahoney I do not know where I would land.

Will Zepp, third man at Minnesota City, is working at the Milwaukee ticket office at Winona, for a short time.

J. J. Schlekaw, agent at Meriden, off a few days with sore eyes. He was relieved by C. H. Riebe. Upon Schlekaw's return, Riebe returned to his regular position as second man at Lewiston.

Third tricks at Eyota and Dodge Center opened again. A. F. McCarty and Telegrapher Green working these positions until hulletin expires.

Upon Hiffernan's return to Janesville Ellert did a few days' relief work at Smith's Mill, while Agent Jones took a run down home.

- J. E. Lundahl secured Kasson days by bulletin.

  Mankato Junction opened nights again, with
  Telegrapher Maxfield in the cushions.
- G. E. Black is back at Mankato, third trick, being relieved at Tracy by G. B. Zepp, formerly third trick at Sleepy Eye.

Telegrapher Kohlhase, second trick at Sleepy Eye, is now working second in the dispatcher's office at Winona. A good man in the right place. J. C. Rice is working first and Roach is holding the third trick while the boys take a little lay-off.

J. J. Jordon, second trick east end dispatcher, is laying off at this writing. Understand he has gone to Madison, Wis., on very important business.

Telegrapher Middaugh is working second trick at Sleepy Eye. He is a new man on this division, sent here by Mr. G. W. Dailey, from Chicago.

Now, brothers, you can not expect to see your name in print unless you let me know that you are alive. It is impossible to keep track of all of you, and by dropping me a short line you will assist me greatly.

DIV. Cor.

#### Ashland Division --

Your local correspondent wishes to apologize for his failure to have a write-up in the November TELEGRAPHER, due to a press of other business about the time to send it in, and also owing to the fact that no notes were sent in by the sub-correspondents out on the line. Business, which has been good up to two weeks following the election, has recently taken a slump. Most of the ore trains have been pulled off and the operators who were put on during the rush have been laid off. Nevertheless we look for things to take a decided turn for the better after the holidays, and trust we will not be disappointed. We ought to have a good log and lumbering business this winter, and we look forward to lots of snow and cold weather with pleasure.

If the weather prophets are right, we are going to be kept busy hustling enough coal to keep our volcanoes hot.

We again wish to admonish our brothers to keep constantly after non-members and endeavor to line them up in the Order, especially agents at non-telegraph stations and telephone operators. The initiation fee is low just now, and it ought to be comparatively easy to induce them to join the O. R. T.

There are a few who have not, as yet, paid their dues for this semi-annual period. We beseech them to pay up at once and remain good up-to-date brothers.

Bro. F. R. Bessey relieved Bro. I. D. Flansburg at Appleton for a few days in October, while he was off on business.

Bro. L. E. Smith, of Monico Junction, was awarded third trick at Clintonville on bulletin, and Bro. Hines second trick at the same place.

Bro. Tyler, formerly at Bear Creek, where his job was discontinued, is now located at Marion, third trick.

Bro. Bessey is at present relieving C. Eva at Antigo yard office, while Mr. Eva is holding down the clip job in the Antigo dispatcher's office.

Mr. C. Fuchs is relieving Bro. Jones at Wittenberg. Bro. Jones is relieving Bro. Hickok, the agent, while he, in turn, is relieving Mr. Scott, the agent at Rhinelander.

Several brothers have written me regarding mistakes in their seniority rights on our present seniority list. I would advise these brothers to write the superintendent in matters of this kind and endeavor to have him correct the mistakes. Any brother who is not in possession of the seniority list is invited to write me for a copy of same, and it will be furnished without delay.

Some of our brothers were quite successful during the recent hunting season in the northern woods. Bro. P. Rasmussen shot a deer near Summit Lake. Bros. Kilsdonk, Paull and Garvey were also successful, getting a couple of deer a piece. These three brothers just mentioned were also very successful in getting lost. They were hunting near Saxon, Wis., some ten miles out in the woods, and after chasing a wounded deer for a long while finally realized that they were lost, a good many miles from home, with night coming on. They were compelled to stay in the woods all night, with a camp fire for warmth, and with the shouts and howls of the wild cats and wolves in their ears, which made them feel a long ways from being comfortable. When morning finally came, which they say seemed to be an awful long time, they were able to get their bearings and, after a long tramp, found their way safely home. J. W. Lacy relieved J. H. Carmany, at Rhine-

lander, while he was off sick.

Br. R. Seyler was off for a few days attending a lawsuit over the action brought against the company by a Mr. Kunze, who lost a leg in the wreck near Pelican last winter.

Bro. J. B. Duvall, formerly at Hurley, days, has left the road after being with us for some



two years. We regret his leaving us and wish him success in his new field.

Bro. D. S. Greenway, agent at Birnamwood, was off on account of sickness for a while, being relieved by Bro. E. Leurquin.

Our superintendent, Mr. Quigley and chief train dispatcher, Mr. Coughlin, are members of an indoor baseball term at Antigo, and are said to be quite proficient at the game.

Mr. Daily, our superintendent of telegraph, has had some very interesting and instructive articles in the Northwestern Bulletin of interest to telegraphers. We would like to have him put these articles all together, in pamphlet form, and send them out to the operators on the system, to keep in their offices for future reference.

Bro. J. L. Burgar, formerly agent at Mercer, is now working in the Milwaukee passenger depot as a ticket agent.

Bro. Jones was off a few days, visiting his relatives in Milwaukee. Local Chairman.

#### Lake Shore Division-

There has been quite a few changes in past month. The following positions have been bulletined:

Mequon station secured by Bro. Sedlock.

Second trick at Port Washington assignment not out yet.

Belgium station secured by Mr. Kondeldo, who promises to be with us again scon.

Second trick at South Yards on the bulletin board; assignment not out as yet.

Second trick Calumet yards secured by Bro. Wellard.

Second trick at Manito.voc secured by Bro. Wall.

Agency at Showano secured by Bro. Mershwa. Cecil still on the bulletin board, as no assignment yet sent in.

Bro. Rindt is taking a much-needed rest and visiting relatives.

By time this goes into print we will be able to add Bro, to the name of A. A. Bloerden. Wish we could say as much for all the rest of the nons who have been invited to join in past eight months.

Brothers, we have a non among us who refuses to talk to any one who invites him to join us, and it is a shame, too, as he knocked out a good brother when the s'at'on he now helds was built-tined, and under the circumstances it would have been better to have left him in the non-telegraph station that he come from. Remember, brothers, no card, no favors, where he is concerned.

It is distressing to hear the way some of the nons talk. They will, some of them, wear a button (where they got it is a mystery) and talk to the train men as if they were the whole organization alone; but when some one comes around to line them up who knows that they are nons, they will not talk to you, while the train men are surprised to learn they are nons.

There are a number of brothers who, up to date, have not paid their dues, and are liable to sus pension for it. Do not let that happen, brothers, as it is just as easy to pay first pay-day before your card runs out as to let it drag for three or four months.

We understand that there are to be several night offices opened up soon, which will give work to a few more men, as business is picking up and there are bright prospects of a good winter.

This helper question is bothering us a great deal. There are offices where the work is much too heavy for one man and these men are overworked, but we have been promited relief by Mr. Andrews, our superintendent.

I wonder what has become of our regular correspondents; nothing in THE TELECRAPHER for months. There should be a write-up each month.

Say, brothers, while you are not busy with anything else, try and line up that non next to you. You will find it will pay by making us that much more solid. Don't tell what you would do under other circumstances, but do your duty now. It is your duty to get them in as much as it is anyone e'se. There are lot of people who can tell what they would do under certain circumstances, but when it is put up to them direct they back water. Be game and get the credit yourself; you may be sure it will not be forgotten.

Div. Cor.

#### Ashland Division, North End-

Bros. Paull and Killsdonk, at Saxon, had a rather exciting experience a short time ago. Bro. Paull started out early one morning to go derhunting; he was to return to take his trick at 4:00 p. m. Along in the evening, as he had not shown up, Bro. Killsdonk volunteered to go in search of him. He went, and, it seems, found him, and both became lost and could not find their way home. About noon the next day searching parties were organized to look for the lost brothers, but about 4:00 p. m. they found their way home, they having come across the D. S. S. & A. Ry. tracks and followed them into Saxon. They both seemed none the worse for their night in the woods.

The sudden increase in the ore business has again subsided. During the rush, which lasted about two weeks, an enormous amount of ore was hauled from the Iron Range to Ore Dock yards. New telegraph offices were opened at Cedar and Kimball, with a Mr. Rindt from the W. C. Ry. and a Mr. Brehmer from the south end in charge at Cedar, and Bro. Rasmussen and an unknown party in charge at Kimball. A night office was also established in the side wire job in the train dispatcher's office at Ashland, Bro. Lamon, the regular day man, being put on nights and Mr. Eva, of the dispatcher's office at Antigo, being on days. The offices at Cedar and Kimball have both been closed and Bro. Lamon is again working days at "W."

Bro. Fiker, second trick at Ironwood, has been away on his vacation, but was called back on



account of heavy business. We understand Bro. Fiker will take the balance of his vacation during the hunting season.

A number of our worthy brothers have taken unto themselves a better half during the past few months, and, we understand, some others have serious intentions.

Bros. Gill and Blodgett were, relieved during their vacation and honeymoon by a Mr. Brady, from the Wisconsin Division. They spent their honeymoon at their old homes. Bro. Meredith was relieved by Bro. Matz, and, we understand, Percy spent his honeymoon exploring the wild West. Bro. Smith visited old friends in southern Michigan, and Bro. Semmelhack just spent the time living in the estacy of a seventh heaven.

Bro. Manthey, first trick at Ironwood, has returned from a thirty days' vacation. He was relieved by a Mr. Thomas, who has been doing relief work on this division.

Bro. Gehr, night man at Mercer, has just resumed duty; he has been laid off for some time with the diphtheria. He was relieved by a Mr. Thompson, from Woodruff.

Mr. Early, the agent at Manitowish, non-telegraph, has also been away on a vacation, being relieved by Bro. Matz.

Bro. Phillips, night man at Woodruff, is in St. Paul acting as witness for the company in a lawsuit. It seems a lumber jack carrying to much of what made Milwaukee famous attempted to board No. 17 one day after she had started and fell and was injured, and is suing the company for damages.

We understand Bro. Fred Atchison, at Tomahawk Lake, holds the first prize as champion deer hunter.

Bros. Kneister and Bigford, of Rhinelander, have both been away enjoying other scenes. Bro. Kneister took a trip through Canada and Bro. Bigford went to Hot Springs, Ark., for his health. Bro. Carmany, also of Rhinclander, has been laid up on account of illness, but is again able for duty.

Bro. Smith, of Monico Jct., has bid in a trick at Clintonville, and we will soon lose him. The south end is securing a good man.

Bro. Bruss, at Three Lakes, has again resumed duty after an extended tour of the Pacific Coast.

Bro. Ziebell, of Eagle River, has just returned from a flying trip to some of the cities of the southern portion of the State.

Bro. Carey, operator and cashier at Bessemer, is away on an extended vacation on account of poor health.

CERT. 1078.

## Madison Division-

In January it will be a year since our committee convened with the officials in Chicago. Conditions were such that our committee could only get some of the grievances that had been referred to them adjusted. They did not think it was a good time to ask for an increase in wages, as several States wherein this company operated had just passed laws that cut the passenger rate nearly one-third,

also the general depression in business had reduced the freight earnings, so they decided to put it off until more favorable conditions prevailed.

According to reports, the C. & N. W. Ry. managed to pay eight per cent on its preferred stock and seven per cent on the common stock, and also lay by a surplus of nearly five million dollars in the last fiscal year. Not so very bad.

There is a chance that we may be called upon to invest in the C. & N. W. Ry., even if we have no money to spare, and in this way:

This company has, at an expense of many thousands of dollars, installed the telephone system, and where the dispatchers' 'phones have been put in, the cost per office, with instruments and work, will be nearly \$100.00.

These 'phones must be paid for, and we know that if it does not come out of the patrons it must come out of the employes. It is a sure thing that the management figures that there will be an increase in the company's earnings, otherwise they would not have gone to the expense and trouble.

We did not know just who was to foot the bill, but the daily newspapers came out with the statement from the railway association that the telephones are to supersede the telegraph on railroads. That the action of the O. R. T. in refusing to teach any one telegraphy, and the passage of the federal nine-hour law makes this change necessary. That with the 'phones they can use girls, old and incapacitated employes to fill the telephone positions at lower wages, and if the telegraphers wish to remain in the service, they would have to accept lower wages."

Now, there you are. It looks good in print, and is intended to be read by the telegraphers. Why? This is one of the moves in the game, but, like playing checkers, we must block it, and if possible, make a better move, ever remembering that the game is "shall we, the telegraphers and telephone operators pay for these telephones?"

Possibly, if we could get the few nons and telephone operators to invest a little in the O. R. T., the officials might stop a while before deciding definitely, as the managing of a railroad is a business proposition; the net result looked for is dividends. Which will leave the larger dividends—to go up against organized labor and have a lot of discontented employes, or co-operation between the officials and employes, such as made possible the payment of the aforementioned dividends when many of the other railroads were on the verge of bankruptcy.

We appreciate the fact that the railroads are going to take care of their old and incapacitated employes, and as the Northwestern is first and lest in everything, they might set this example, viz., pension old employes (they are doing so now). Pay the injured employes to the extent of their incapacity so their misfortune will not compel them to become scabs, and instead of putting the girls in a telegrapher's position, let them pay the telegrapher or telephone operator enough salary so they can afford to take the girls as wives and build homes for themselves and become a greater Lenefit to the country.

We have made some good gains in this direction and we can make more. Do not set anything you read or hear give you cold feet, as we have a tried and true committee. They have been up against it and have learned a thing or two. One of them is to have the good, hearty support of the membership and a well-filled treasury. They have these things and then some. They have the Interstate Commerce Commission to see that the people at large have fair play, and either side must certainly have a good case before they will go too far.

The telegraphers have a good case this year, as the reports from stations show the receipts much increased. The telephone blocking has added to the work in the stations, to say nothing about the transferring of messages to telephone stations, the increased cost of living, etc., and men who are in a position to know tell us that within six months we will have prosperous times again.

Our local chairman, Bro. Schneider, is up against a stiff proposition, as they are building a new railroad out of Dousman, thereby making a lot more work for him. He is giving as much time as he can to the O. R. T., but we can make it lots easier for him if we will get after the nons and telephone men and get them in fine.

Bro. J. E. Lang has resumed duty as agent at Ipswich. While off he visited Kansas City and Wichita, Kansas. He likes Kansas first rate, but does not speak very highly of the Santa Fe Ry., but thinks the Mo. Pac. is O. K. with their O. R. T. operators. Apparently the Santa Fe is obliged to run ham factories to supply them with operators. The Mo. Pac. brothers, he found, have had their schedule revised lately to conform with the new conditions, and it is an improvement over the old one. Bro. Humers, who relieved him, is back at Baraboo on the tracer job.

The mines on the west end are doing a big business, the company have put in track scales at Ipswich.

Bro. F. E. Lynn is holding down the telegraph job at Galena. Bro. R. R. Grim, the regular man, has been checked in as agent at Benton, vice Bro. D. C. Babcock, who is at his home at Mt. Horeh at present.

We understand that Bro. Lippolt, at Cuba City, had the misfortune to fall from the signal pole while taking care of signal lamps and broke his leg. G. C. Stephens, brother of Bro. S. W. Stephens, the agent, is relieving Henry.

Bro. Bonnell, agent at Edmunds, was off enjoying a short vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Brown's son, from Cobb.

Bro. Elsner, who has been working at South Baraboo "BY," is laying off and is at his home at Sullivan on account of his father's sickness. Bro. Collentine, who comes from the St. Paul Ry., is relieving him third trick.

Bro. W. F. Westphal, agent at Helenville, and wife, have been visiting friends and relatives at Ashley, N. Dakota, and also taking in a good part of the West on their trip. Mr. Ben Samson relieved him,

Mr. Riney, who held down the 'phone trick at Mendota, is now holding down one of the tricks at Devils Lake. Mr. Elkington, who held this position, is now relieving Bro. Webster, third trick at Dane.

Bro. M. M. Zechs also relieved Bro. Webster while he was gone on his honeymoon trip.

Mr. O. C. Evans is now regular third trick man at Mendota.

Bro. E. L. Gross, third trick at Merrimac "BR," is now in the northern wilderness in search of deer. Telegrapher Canney is relieving him.

Bro. R. H. Pigg, first trick at Merrimac "BR." has returned from his trip to the Black Hills, S. Dak. He took in Deadwood and Leads, where some of the largest gold mines in the world are operated; also stopped off at Hot Springs, S. Dak., and visited the windy cave, one of the finest of Nature's curiosities.

Bro. Tisher, who relieved Bro. Pigg, took a two weeks' vacation and visited his parents at Oconto before resuming his second trick at Merrimac "BR."

Bro. W. A. Browne, agent at Cobb, made Omaha, Neb., a visit. He was relieved by his son. F. E. Warner is back dispatching trains on the Cross Line, and V. R. Harding is working the

quad in "B" office, Baraboo.

H. R. Kock was working the south end third trick while J. H. Hill was up North after deer.

Bro. C. G. Stephens, first trick at Waukesha. spent Sunday, Nov. 29th, at Lake Mills. His parents gave him a blow-out in honor of his thirty-first birthday anniversary.

Bro. M. M. Zechs relieved Bro. T. A. Corcoran at Caledonia second trick for a few days.

Bro. P. C. Avery, second trick at Waukesha, visited relatives at Elroy while he was laying off. Bro. F. H. Main relieved him.

Bro. Main is acting agent at Lodi while Mr. M. J. Roberts is enjoying a vacation.

Our next meeting is Saturday, Nov. 28th, and our general chairman, Bro. Jas. Troy, has promised to try and be with us. We look forward to a very good time and a big turnout.

We wish you all a merry Xmas.

Dry. Cox.

Albion Branch-

Bro. J. M. Friend has had a very bard time the past three or four months with a broken arm and blood poisoning.

Bro. N. Kennedy has been on the sick list on account of losing part of one foot. "13" he is now improving and has bid in Mo. Valley shops and will soon resume duty.

The following assignments have been made since last report: J. D. Ballinger to agency at Nickerson, Bro. A. J. Hurst to agency at Howells, A. J. Kelly to agency at Bristow, Bro. W. E. Browne to agency at Pilger, Bro. H. W. Bartlett to agency at Bassett, Bro. M. K. Wicks to agency at Cedar Bluffs, Bro. J. J. Arnold to agency at Lindsay.

G. K. Todd, from agency at Bassett, is back 25 operator at Arlington. Evidently the "Katy" was

not up to the standard. He should have been contented down there among the nons.

Bro. J. W. Skeen drew Elgin,

Bro. Anderson from agency at Petersburg to operator at Albion.

It is reported that Bro. J. N. Recroft, agent at Neligh, has resigned to enter the bank at that point.

All brothers get interested and see that every man at your station is a member in good standing, and also your next-door neighbor. Don't wait for some one else. If you find a non, give him a talk, and if that does no good, call the Board of Insanity. We ought to have all the nons by January 1, 1909.

It is reported that some of our members are slack as to keeping offices and freight houses clean. We should start out right now and clean up and keep that way and make a record for 1909 so our officers will have a chance to compliment us instead of complaining. Another thing: Do not be so slack in answering the dispatcher's wire. Do this and let the rest follow.

Bro. M. K. Wicks was off three days, sick. Relieved by Extra Agent Groff.

Since the new steel bridge has been put across the Platte River at Tremont, they are running letters "A" engines on the Lincoln Line.

Understand Operator Wieland has gone West, to be with his brother, who did the commercial boys a lot of dirt a year ago. CERT. 1916.

### Dakota Division-

Bro. R. J. Holmes is now night telegrapher in "A" office, Huron, and 6 a. m. now finds everything clear.

Bro. T. K. Barber was called home on account of his father being seriously sick. Bro. G. I. House relieved him at Manchester, House Icing relieved by G. J. Johnson, a new man, who was later transferred to Centerville, Bro. W. A. Newkirk taking Cavour until House's return.

Bro. G. L. Olsen, who was formerly a telegrapher on this division, is now located at Loyalton, N. D., and is managing a store for the Star Grocery Co.

Bro. P. G. Estee, who is an old-timer on this division, and who has been with the N. P. Ry. for some time, is now editor of the B'akənda Monitar, at Wakonda, S. D.

Bro. R. E. Holbrook was checked in as agent at Crandon November 1st, temporarily.

Bro. V. Postal relieved Mr. Taylor at Hendricks a few days.

Bro. A. N. Spradling had the misfortune to break his wrist while skating during the cold spell in November. As soon as transportation could be arranged he went to his home in Sparta, Wis. Mr. Nelson, a new man, from the Omaha road, relieved him.

Redfield is now a one-trick station, R. S. Carpenter holding that position. Mr. Mattis, who had the second trick has left the service.

No, Bro. Zollar, at Northville, is not practicing for the Marathon race, he is simply getting along without a helper, as the helper was taken off at that station November 16.

Mr. Fuller, of Oakes, attended court a week ago at Mankato, being relieved by Bro. V. O. Mock.

Bro. Rundquist, of Monroe, was laid on the shelf for a short time on account of sickness. He was relieved by Bert Laity, who has returned from his vacation.

Operator Rosenstahl, second trick at Centerville, was relieved by Mr. G. J. Johnson, who in turn was relieved by Bro. W. A. Neikirk. Mr. Johnson has accepted a position as relay operator on the O. R. & N.

Five new members have been added to the list on this division since the last write-up. We are coming, slow, but sure, and it is expected that we will be stronger for 1909 than we have ever been at any time.

The write-up for the division this month is not as long as it generally is, but it must pass for this time and we will try to make up for it next time. Most of the fime has been spent in arranging lists of nons, delinquents, etc., in order to find just where we stand. A great many things are expected to happen before this appears, but I can not make a prophecy as I am no prophet.

The semi-annual dues will soon be due and it is earnestly hoped that every member will have them raid up by the first of the year, as it is more essential that this be done, this time in particular, than at any time that I can remember of. Extraordinary efforts are being made to get the few remaining nons, and if we can but hold the present membership we have nothing to fear. A few of our best members were a little late about remitting for this half but this list has been nearly closed and most of the names on it are of memters who have left the service. If any one is in doubt as to whether it pays to keep the Order going, just reflect on the recent panic and the nine-hour law; both of them have come and the worst is over, yet there has been no reduction in wages. When you made your application you did not do it to help the Order, you did it to help yourself. The Order can exist without getting every telegrapher, but a telegrapher can not advance his wages on a certain job without the Order. That has been proven time and time again. A 50 per cent membership means a 50 per cent schedule. A 59 per cent membership is the only way to get a (9 per cent schedule.

#### Galena Division-

Bro. Rigby, of Dundee, has been sick; relieved by Bro. Merrick.

Operators at "GS," Elgin, are now ticket-sellers

Bro. P. L. Chronister took Belvidere second trick on bid.

Bro. Blair and Bro. Winn, agent and operator at Lake Geneva while these positions are bulletined.

No, Mr. Moon was not a brother; we shall not grieve that his light want out.



The telegraph positions at Williams Bay and McHenry discontinued account end of the resort season.

Bro. Simpson working third trick at north yard. The C., M. & St. P. Ry. installed the telephone service for dispatching trains on their divisions, Galewood to Savanna, November 14. Don't get too close to the thing during a storm, brothers; this is a pretty good world, even if it is sometimes hard work to make \$50 cover a \$60 hole.

As usual we have to thank Bro. Larson, of Elgin, for items. Do you dead ones think you can make me believe you are as busy as he is? Yet he always makes good. Wake up, brothers, before the undertaker comes along and hauls you to the boneyard.

Bro. F. H. Manton, of Maywood, has been having hard luck lately, and is deserving of the sympathy and financial aid of all brothers. He has been in the hospital for some time with typhoid fever, and now his wife has been taken sick with the same disease and is in the hospital, while their two children aged twb years and six months are being cared for by relatives and neighbors. You have only to think of how such trouble would fix you to realize the situation fully, and I am sure every brother will want to help this good brother in his time of trouble.

Bro. Emmert, of Ashton, has resigned from the service to work for a real estate firm in Dixon. We wish him success,

The agency at Rock Island Jct. will probably be bulletined again.

We had a very interesting meeting at Dixon November 21st. If you want to know what we done, come out to next meeting to hear the minutes read. Chairman Bro. Webster and several brothers attended the joint meeting at Cedar Rapids on the 20th, and report a very profitable session.

Bro. Webster is out on a non hunt and somebody will have to dig up or think of a new excuse. Better be sure it's a new one, as he has quite a collection of the stale variety, and says they are no longer legal tender with him.

We know it is almost Christmas, but don't you think an up-to-date card would be a good Christmas present for yourself? You could start the new year feeling like a man. Try it, it will do you good.

Don't worry about the telephone putting you out of business. Telegraphy is a small part of your duties and skill. Don't play ostrich and refuse to believe that the telephone is coming. Face the facts and if it comes be able to show the company you are still necessary in the business by making good on your other duties. If you are doing good work they will hardly be foolish enough to try to replace you by a cheaper man, and they know you will not submit to a reduction, for the competent man don't have to take less if he has the backing of a live organization.

We must face the fact that business is not what it should be, and while the railroads are

feeling the effects of this industrial depression our organization can not increase wages or try to run the road and always have all we might wish in rules: but if there was ever a time when your organization was absolutely necessary to your individual and collective welfare it is right now. A show of organized strength and moral courage now will save us many a grievance. It is up to the management to put the burden of this depression upon the backs of the employes, if potsible. No matter how much they may personally dislike the job, they must trim somewhere to make good themselves. I don't blame them a bit for whatever means they take to save expense; that is what they get paid for as I get paid for services in my line. But I blame you employes that are so blind to your own interests that you don't resist the attempt to make you the victim by solid organization, prompt payment of dues, attendance at all meetings, and last, but not least, the giving of first-class service.

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North Wisconsin Division-

Bro. P. F. Kohler, who has been holding the day trick at Watertown, has been promoted to the agency at that point.

Bro. Heinzelman, of Plymouth, enjoyed a month's vacation in the West, being relieved by Mr. Burn.

When the word was received along the line that Thos. Butler, one of our passenger conductors, had passed away in St. Mary's Hospital, Chicago, every one felt he had lost a dear friend.

Business is improving with great rapidity. Not an extra man on the division, a fact that, taking the closing of a number of telegraph positions, is very gratifying, as it shows that those whose positions were closed have found positions better or equally as good.

Now is the time, however. Each member must take upon himself the work of extending organization and get after the non-members, agents at non-telegraph stations and the telephone block men. Also those that are delinquent in their dues. We have a good deal of work to be done before our committee is called in for revision of our present schedule. Do not leave it all to Bro. Hackbert, the local chairman, but when you have anything of interest communicate with him; call his attention to new men on the division. Get after them until you see they have filled out blanks. By doing this we can not help but succeed. As it is at present, Bro. Hackbert is doing all he can but is unable to keep in touch with everything. Let us all lend a helping hand and see what an improvement we will have.

Another matter that is very detrimental to our success and work of our committee is the class of men allowing themselves to become delinquent in dues and be suspended for non-payment. This makes a great deal of work for the general chairman, general secretary and treasurer and local chairman, also the postage is quite an item. It is a shame that a man has to be dunned for eighty

cents a month for his own protection. A change back to the old condition of \$70 per and fourteen to eighteen hours, with all the other fringes, such as no meal hour, overtime, cleaning switch lights, etc., would be an education to the younger men and a good reminder to the older heads. Some feel that the organization is launched on such a solid footing that it is not necessary to do anything but reap the benefits and kick if the committee does not get everything asked for. This feeling has put many an organization on the "hummer." We do not want such conditions to exist on this division.

The meetings have not been attended as they should be, and this is very discouraging to our local chairman. Boys, if you do not take enough interest in your own welfare to help the organization, who do you expect will do this? Do you want to go back to the old conditions as stated above, also the old pay check of \$40 per? Take a few minutes and go into this thoroughly, and you can see very readily how soon we can drift there if we allow the present conditions to exist.

We have several new men on the division who need looking after. Also bear in mind unless we have the authority to represent the man at a non-telegraph station we can not legislate for him. That means these men should be included in the membership. Read these lines carefully and give them a little consideration and improve the service in every way possible.

Send all items of interest to J. B. Cook, Nemot, our present correspondent.

Bro. Woodward receives first trick at Watertown. Bro. Heirihby has been holding same until bulletin run out.

Everyone make themselves a Xmas present of an "up-to-date card."

"A Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to All."

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## CARD OF THANKS.

FOND DU LAC, WIS., Nov. 18, 1908. To O. R. T., North Wisconsin Division:

DEAR FRIENDS—Your tribute to the memory of our dear papa is received with deepest gratitude. Accept, then, such thanks that lie nearest our hearts.

Sincerely,

MISS AGNES AND DOLL AND TOM BUTLER, JR.

## C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.

Wisconsin Division, Northern District-

I wish to thank the entire membership for the interest they are taking in this work. On some of the divisions a number of the boys are sending in notes which are a great help to the division correspondents, and enables them to give each division a nice write-up each month.

We want each member to feel that he has a personal interest in his journal, and do what he can to make it interesting; also give his views on the different subjects that affect us most, and in this way we can keep in touch with conditions and wants of the membership on our divisions.

The journal is not for the correspondents or for the General Committee, but it belongs to each and every individual member, and you will find that you will enjoy it a great deal more if you do your part of the work.

"What's the matter with the Northern District?"
Twelve new members received during the month
of November.

We received a pleasant call from Bro. Marquette, our local chairman, who was making a trip over the division looking after the interests of the Order. He visited nearly every station on the north end.

All the boys think there is nothing like the good old O. R. T. There are a few who do not keep up the interest they should. Every member should keep in touch with the doings around him and keep his local chairman and correspondent posted on all new men. Every little individual effort from each member helps to the welfare of all.

The following new members were received since our last write-up, and the telephoners on the north end are now solid:

Bro. H. J. Means and Bro. F. A. LaVell, Shell Lake.

Bro. F. R. Devine and Bro. F. J. Brandl, Clear Lake.

Bro. W. I. Stafford, Bro. F. F. Sours, Bro. Conrad Peterson, Sarona

Bro. B. H. Lindberg, Bro. A. W. Lundberg, South Range.

Bro. H. J. Holverson, Koll.

New telegrapher received: Bros S. L. Kraut, River Falls; J. A. McElroy, Bayfield.

Only a few nons left now, boys; every member lend a helping hand and we should have a solid road by January 1st.

Bro. Hart has left the Omaha and gone to the N. P. Ry. west of Missoula. (We lose and the N. P. gains a good member.)

Herewith result of October bulletin:
Tunnell, second trick, H. H. Adams.
Rice Lake, first trick, T. F. Hurst.
Rice Lake, third trick, W. J. Badgley.
Minong, agent telegrapher, A. L. Razelle.
Fall Creek, agent-telegrapher, N. A. Cowing.
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year, I am, as ever, your

### Eastern District, Wisconsin Division-

On October 29th a dastardly crime was committed at Kempton, Wis., on this division. Some fiend removed a rail on the west-bound track, causing No. 11, the Duluth Limited, to leave the track. It was one of the worst wrecks in years on this road, and it took two days and two nights to pick up the wreckage. The big steam derrick from East St. Paul, as well as a steam wrecking outfit from the C. & N. W. at Baraboo, were used. Several passengers were injured, but none seriously. Engineer Washburn was also bruised up rather severely, but is recovering nicely. That a number of people were not killed outright is

considered a miracle. This piece of track is the race-track of the east end, and the trains "turn a nasty wheel" from Fairch'ld to Augusta. The engine of No. 11 was turned completely around, the front end of the engine telescoping the baggage car. The miscreants broke into the tool-house at Fairchild and stol: the tools with which they tore up the rails. The Omaha Company has offered a reward of one thousand dollars for the capture and conviction of the perpetrators of the crime, and we all hope they will be caught and given the full limit of the law. Hanging seems rather a mild punishment for a crime like this.

The telephoners are coming in gradually, and before long we expect to have them lined up as well as the telegraphers. This is a matter of selfpreservation to the telegraphers, as, according to the trend of the times, the telegrapher of today may be the telephoner of tomorrow, and we must be in a position to insist that the salaries and working conditions be left alone should the telephone be substituted for the telegraph. Our duties will be exactly the same, our responsibilities will not be lessened and there is no reason why we should be expected to relinquish any of the privileges we now enjoy merely because the means of transmission has been changed. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that the telephoners be made members of our organization in order that we may be able to legislate for them and to have their positions shown on our schedule, thereby giving us the right to resist any attempt to change the rates of pay on account of a change from telegraph to telephone. This is equally important to those who are now acting as telephoners, as a glance at the difference between the working conditions of the telegraphers and telephoners will show. The telegraphers' positions are scheduled, the telephoners' are not.

It is up to the members to put their shoulders to the wheel and make a supreme effort to line up every agent, telegrapher and telephoner before the committee convenes again. No one but the individual members can do this, as they are located with the non-members and have the opportunity to expound the gospel of unionism to them night and day. Every member who has a non in his office or in the next office to him must get busy at once. This is no time for side stepping, and the member who sits back with arms folded and allows the non to rest in peace is no credit to the Order. He is not doing his duty. Those members should under tand that the nons were never as great a menace to us as they are now.

The following are the assignments on the October bulletin:

Tunnel, second trick, H. H. Adams. Rice Lake, first trick, T. F. Hurst. Rice Lake, third trick, D. Kanar. Minong, agent, A. L. Rozelle. Fall Creek, agent, N. A. Cowing.

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Minnesota Division-

A great number of changes have taken place since we framed the last items, and if we do not mention all of them it will be because we have not heard of them, or because we have forgot some of them, not because any of the boys have made us aware of them and we overlooked them. This is not the case, for as we compile these so far not a single item has reached us, and anything that appears in these columns outside of what comes under our personal knowledge will be purely our own manufacture, and we warn those who are looking for a patent to beware, as we hold the government patent.

Bro. Wm. Fredricks has taken up his assignment at Blue Earth.

Bro. Westbrook is doing the day stunt at Madelia for a short while, or until the regularly assigned man takes up his position. That official cap sets well on Bro. Janzen's head during Bro. Burdick's absence.

Mr. Ray Slaker, of the general office, visited at St. James the 22d inst.

Castles "in the air" are being built by the boys in anticipation of the report being true that the C. & N. W. absorbs the Northern Pacific road the first of the year. Business on the Omaha would indeed be on the "hummer" if this report was true. A brakeman from the N. P. was telling us a few days since that nothing else is talked on the N. P. now but these facts, even so far that the C. & N. W. officials have been on a tour of inspection for the past two weeks, checking up the terminals and yards. He said when he obtained his leave of alsence that the trainmaster told him to be back by the first of the year as the C. & N. W. absorbed the N. P. then. Let's hope for the best.

A letter received from our old friend and brother, C. G. Knapp, now of Atlanta, Ga., extends his "73" to all the boys.

Bro. G. R. McGinty has taken up his new duties at St. Paul shops.

Bro. Sullivan is doing the third trick at Western Avenue pending the assignments.

Bro. C. M. Bowen, of Lake Crystal, was called to Bethel, Vt., by the death of his father. Mr. Griffith, of Blue Earth, relieved during Bro. Bowen's absence.

Bro. Siemek, of Jordan, was called to Blue Earth one day last week by the death of a friend. Bro. Crandall, of Savage, relieved him.

Bro. Janzen, of Madelia, transacted business at Mankato one evening last week.

Electric lights have been placed in the passenger station at Lake Crystal, and it is rumored that each employe has been contemplating the wearing of a new uniform, with brass buttons, to properly celebrate the occasion.

Bro. Hendricks, on account of an over supply of telegraphers, has, by request of Chief Train Dispatcher Hickey, accepted temporary service with the C. & N. W. road until such a time as his services may be needed on the Omaha.

We are indeed sorry to learn that Bro. E. L. Klinge!hofer, owing to a misfortune over which he had no control, was released from service on the division the 22d inst. We understand that Conductor Waterfield and Engineer Gurney were dismissed at the same time.

On account of the death of Bro. J. L. Farmer's father in New York, Bro. Farmer was relieved a few days by Bro. G. H. Schneiderhan. Upon the return of Bro. Farmer Bro. Schneiderhan enabled Bro. F. F. Stolte at Mendota an opportunity to transact business at the Twin Cities one day, after which the former relieved Bro. Levering at Windom.

The result of the November assignments are as follows:

Kasota, third trick, W. W. Jones. Western Ave., third trick, L. F. Stuart. Blakeley, night trick, G. II. Schneiderhan. Brewster, night trick, E. T. Brady. Pipestone, day trick, W. F. Determan. Le Sueur, third trick, E. T. Ziebarth. Madelia, first trick, no assignment.

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## Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City Ry.

Mobile and Louisville Divisions-

On account of the division correspondent not having received any notes from the various brothers, we had no write-up from this division last month, and it is to be hoped that some of the boys will wake up and let us hear from them, as we are about as busy as the average. We can't very well hear everything that is going on. Please send all the news items that come your way to me and we will try and have something each month.

Merrill agency successfully bid in by Bro. J. W. Spivey, from Stratton agency, heing relieved by a new man, Mr. Moffett, from Hattiesburg, Miss., we understand.

Effective the first, Bro. Robt. Henley leaves us from Stringer, Miss., agency, where he has delivered the goods for so long, being relieved by an extra man, Mr. L. G. Sellers, from Lucedale.

Effective the first, Miss Ella Tucker is installed at Burnside agency, vice Mr. Gordon. As Miss Tucker is not an operator, we do not know where she is from.

Bro. Taylor promoted from Merrill agency to timekeeper in the superintendent's office at Laurel.

In the changes of operators at our relay offices, we note with regret Bro. Shoemette, of "X" office, leaves us to engage in other business, being relieved by a Mr. Glenn. Also Bro. Lindsey, the old timer at "KI," Louisville, another staunch brother in the right cause, who was relieved by a Mr. Burden, who is, unfortunately, out in the cold. Bro. Lindsey is now selling fancy groceries, while Bro. Shoemette is engaged in contracting.

Speaking of hams eating from the O. R. T. trough, this division has its share, the largest of which is on the south end just now. 'Course the Order hasn't done much, except get him a helper, have his salary raised \$15.00 and secured a good,

fair schedule and overtime. But then, boys, life would be too nice without this kind, I guess.

Through the efforts of the boys on the Mobile and Louisville division, we are now working under a new schedule. While not very much different from the former one, it is better in some respects, especially in regard to the new appointments of agents, which is very encouraging to us, and there is no reason why we should not enjoy better things in the future, so now, let's all get together and show a solid front and some good solid work to show the officials that we are the right kind of men to appreciate a fair deal.

So far the writer has been unable to get any notes from the north end, although one of the assistant correspondents is located on that division. What's the matter, boys, are you not interested in the betterment of your condition, the raising of your salary, or the shortening of your long hours of monotonous daily drill?

We understand changes have been made at Houston and Ackerman, but as yet do not know who the new comers are. Please let us hear from you men on that division.

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### Western Maryland Railroad.

Bro. Dictz, first trick at Hanover, off one day. Relieved by Bro. Mummert.

Bro. Flickinger, third trick at "DI," spent one day with relatives at Jefferson. Relieved by Bro. Mummert.

Bro. Hamm, at Hampstead, off one day. Re lieved by Mr. Sterner.

Bro. Mummert relieved Bro. Strine, third trick at York, one night.

Mr. Hurtt, second trick at "XS," relieved by Mr. McCoy for several nights.

Bro. Birley, agent and operator at Highfield, has resigned. Bro. Barnes appointed agent there. Effective at 8 a. m. October 28th, Greendale

day and night office opened, and same date Culbertson also opened day only.

This being the Christmas number, we should have a nice write-up, but as all the boys seem to be dead, I am unable to give you a big write-up this month, although I hope you all enjoy a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. DIV. Cor.

### Illinois Central Ry.

Louisiana Division-

There has been a wonderful improvement on the Louisiana Division within the past three months—a general cleaning up of the nons. Several of these selfish, hide-bound creatures have decamped for parts unknown, without any regret from any one, not even the company. Others have come across, and, in fine, we are in excellent shape, thanks to individual effort, and we propose to stay this way in the future, too. There is no doubt our regular monthly meetings serve as an excellent tonic to some of our "Doubting Thomases;" also a write-up of the nons in The Telegrapher monthly has a good effect and keeps the "money takers" guessing. There are quite a number of



our members who are unable to attend our meetings and some who could, but will not; but by mentioning the names of the nons in The Telegrapher, the entire membership is in a position to know who are the "money takers" and treat them accordingly.

There are a few of our boys who are not living up to the "no card, no favors," principle, and are securing employment for nons and extending other favors. This is to be regretted. These "undesirable" are traveling around, enjoying the benefits secured by our Order and are too selfish and narrow-minded to show their appreciation by getting a card and helping pay the freight, and when an O. R. T. man extends to them the courtesy and favors shown an O. R. T. man, he is cutting his own throat. 'For heaven's sake, cut this out and treat them as they deserve.

Our regular monthly meeting was held at McComb on Sunday evening, Nov. 8. A large and enthusiastic crowd was present, in fact, it was the largest crowd we have ever had, and it was very gratifying from the fact that our general chairman, Bro. Mulhall, was present and treated us to a splendid talk, giving us much information, besides some valuable advice. A letter of regret was read from Bro. Shannon, our general secretary and treasurer, who was unable to be present. Bro. Rehorst, local chairman, presided, and Bro. Miller acted as local secretary.

Bro. J. L. Bentz, who was agent at Chatawa, Miss., for a number of years, but now with the Stevens Lumber Co., has been promoted from chief bookkeeper to secretary and treasurer for that company. "BN" still carries an up-to-date card in the "banner division" just the same.

Increases in pay and shorter hours cuts no ice with Stewart Gant, "V" nights at Canton, Miss., and J. H. Benbrook, third trick at Hammond, Lalt's the same old hard-luck stories when you ask them about that card. They smoke good cigars, attend theaters, etc., though.

J. B. Magee (non), agent at Osyka, Miss., has entered a strenuous kick on account of his name being omitted last month on the "honor list" for a leather medal. Jim deserves one and should have a square deal.

Second trick at Brookhaven, Miss., made vacant by Sister Rea getting married, has been assigned to Bro. Bee, formerly at Madison, Miss., the vacancy at Madison being filled by Bro. Boddie, from Eden, Miss., nights.

C. S. Kleppinger, "KR" at "BD" New Orleans, and G. N. Arnold, at Kenner Junction, are disgusted with railroad work and will return to that dear old W. U. as soon as they can get a sign.

Two new members last pay-day, which helps some; J. L. Phillips, third trick at Harahan Junction, and S. N. West, second trick at Hammond, La., doing the necessary. Get busy, boys, and help close the already narrow gap.

Ed Dunning, first trick at Harahan Junction, and Jno. J. Ott, at Yazoo City, have expressed themselves as hoping the boys will get another raise in a few months. The nerve of some people is wonderful. If we were all like them we would be

getting that \$45.00 per and working from twelve to fifteen hours per day.

Bro. D. L. Pope, night manager and extra dispatcher at McComb for the past two years, has accepted a trick of dispatching with the New Orleans & Great Northern R. R.

A merry Xmas and a happy and prosperous New Year to all. Div. Cor.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the All-Wise Providence to call away the beloved father of our local chairman and brother, F. E. Rehorst, and while we bow in humble submission to the will of the Most High, who doeth all things well; be it

Resolved, That in his death the brother has lost a faithful and devoted father; and be it further

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing son, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our division, a copy be published in THE TELEGRAPHER, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

D. D. HUNGATE,

C. GALVANI,

S. C. TURNER,

J. W. MILLER,

O. R. T. Committee.

Peoria Division-

Bro. J. B. Weems, agent at Lincoln, spent Sunday, October 25, with his family at Newton.

Bro. Swille, of the Indianapolis Southern, was seen on his way home a few days ago, where he will visit friends before returning to work.

Bro. C. J. Walker, who, with his wife, has been on an extended tour of the West, has now returned to work as first trick operator at "NE."

Bro. Roy Short is working extra at Browns, vice Bro. R. E. Bayles, who bid in Newton on permanent bulletin and was checked in Nov. 4th.

Bro. Wilson, who has been working in 'N' office at Mattoon for a few days, is now working as relief operator on the Indianapotis Southern.

Bro. H. A. Bollinger, second trick operator at Newton, spent a few hours in Mattoon Nov. 5. while there he met his wife and daughter, who were on an extended visit in Carlinville.

Bro. D. E. Kennet, third trick operator at Newton, is back on his regular trick after an extended tour of the West.

Bro. Harry Rothrock, agent at West Salem, is taking an extended vacation, but did not learn where he went. Bro. Steffens, of West Liberty, is relieving him.

Bro. Ben Knight, on the extra board, is relieving Bro. Steffens at West Liberty.

Bro. Gallagher, second trick operator at Oney, spent a few hours in Toledo a few days ago, shaking hands with old friends.

Bro. W. R. Phillips, ticket agent at Newton, went home to vote.

Bro, Leeds, agent at Emden, Ill., is off on a vacation. Did not learn who is working as relief.

CORRESPONDENT.

Freeport Division-

Among the recent bulletins we have C. G. W. Crossing, third trick, Lostant nights, Haldane nights, Kerrick acency, Rockford second trick and Parkway third trick.

Bro. J. Neidigh was successful applicant for position as second trick operator at Rockford, but upon receiving notice of the same he withdrew his application. This gave the position to the next oldest applicant, Bro. E. E. Harrington, third trick South Elmhurst.

C. G. Garner, formerly on this division, is at present doing a little extra work on the Chicago terminal among the armstrong plants.

During the past thirty days Bro. Kelly and I have been doing a little weeding work trying to get the backsliders back into line. We wrote several of the delinquents and nons on the division and had very good success in getting life into a few of them, but yet there are a few that have let their dues fall behind; but we took it into consideration and decided that probably you were waiting for the new term and then would come around with your application for a new card. Let us hope that this is your intention, for after this month I will put a list of every non on the division in the journal.

At 11:50 p. m., November 20th, I. C. extra 746 east collided head on with W. C. No. 123 engine 243 one-half mile east of Parkway in a dense fog. Extra 746 stopped at Parkway; engineer checked register but overlooked the fact that No. 123 had not arrived and started out. Conductor was on the rear end of train and started over ahead to register; he was about ten cars from caboose; when passed the depot he got off and found that No. 123 had not arrived. He then boarded caboose and told the rear brakeman to apply the air; he then got off and returned to the office. Rear brakeman claims he turned angle cock slowly and had it open in full, but did not reduce the speed more than five or eight miles per hour when they struck W. C. No. 123 going at the speed of about fifteen miles per hour at the time of the accident. The fireman on the W. C. engine 243 was killed and several other members of the crew on the W. C. train were injured, and considerable damage done to rolling stock and engines.

The above is a copy of bulletin on the wreck, the names of trainmen left out, and this is about the same as appeared in all of the papers in regard to the matter. Any one can see that stress need not be added to this statement to fix the blame on the employe. But what protection did the company furnish to these employes? Only a train register. Perhaps some of these outside patrons and business men think that a train register is some sort of block protection, and did not stop to think of the meaning; but no, it's simply a book where the conductor register his arrival at specified stations. Mistakes too numerous to mention here have been made by this one

thing, train registers. It is an actual fact that if this overlooking of the fact that No. 123 had not arrived on the night of this dense fog should have occurred one year ago under exactly the same conditions named above, there would not have been a wreck. Why? Because then the company had in operation a controlled manual block system. It was impossible for two trains to enter the same block at one time, but in April last the company discontinued the use of the above system of blocking trains and now has no system whatever for protecting opposing trains, as they think it is cheaper taking their chances. This above system was in operation on this division for over two years, and not a single accident of this nature happened in the whole time. Just six months since the discontinuance of the block and the above accident to show for it. Yet it's cheaper. Let the engineer take the blame, not the railroad.

Bro. Haynes, at Wenona, received a four-carload shipment of horses from New York by express recently. The smile that Bro. Haynes wears now won't wear off. "Heap big money through O. R. T."

Bro. Collins, formerly at Bloomington, was successful applicant for Panola agency.

The most successful meeting of the season was held at Freeport November 20th. There was a neat little crowd there and a great deal of enthusiasm was manifested. These meetings are what puts vigor into the organization. Now let us see if we can't have a larger crowd at the next meeting, which will be held about December 18. Bros. Mulhall and Shannon will be there, and you all know that that means a cracking good meeting, so let us have at least fifty on deck. Notices will reach you in ample time to get transportation, etc.

After repeated efforts by the members of this division to induce the few remaining non-members to join with us in our endeavors to better conditions. we still find there are a few who are enjoying the benefits but are steadfast in their refusal to assist in the work for their benefit. We propose to publish their names, station at which they are employed, total amount of increase in salary secured by the Order, and the excuse or excuses offered by themselves. It was at first thought we would have this list published in the December issue of the journal, letting it serve as a Xmas present, but on second thought and in justice to those whose names will appear in the list, it has been decided to withhold its publication until the January issue, i. e., we intend to start the new year right.

With the consent of Bro. Quick this list will positively appear in the January issue of the journal. There will be no exceptions; every non's name will be included. It has come to the point when every telegrapher is either with us or against us, and in the latter case it is no more than right and proper that every member should know "whose who."

SHORTY.



Dubuque Division-

If you want a write-up each month it will be necessary for the brothers to furnish our local chairman with the "dope," and I hope that hereafter all of you will do your part. Whenever a change occurs, or some one takes a vacation, gets married or receives a visit from the stork, why, get busy and drop us a card. The brothers like to know what is going on over the division.

Effective November 4th Myrtle, Minn., station was re-opened as a telegraph and train order office, with Bro. O. O. Kilgore in charge until bulletin bid is filled.

Bro. A. Pfeiffer has returned from his vacation and resumed work as agent at Floyd, Ia. He was relieved by Bro. M. S. Resor.

Miss Ethel Resor, formerly Sister Ethel Resor, has been appointed manager of the Western Union office at Charles City, Iowa.

Mrs. F. E. Conca, wife of Bro. F. E. Conca, Waverly, Ia., has been in the hospital for some time.

Bro R. D. Brown, of Independence, is laying off and is relieved by Mr. M. B. Norman.

Bro. C. C. Yoder, who relieved Bro. Cleveland at Central City, Ia., while he took several weeks' vacation, has returned to second trick at Winthrop.

Bro. D. E. Rogers, agent Ryan, is off on two weeks' vacation. Mr. Rowe, relief.

Myrtle station and Dyersville third trick are the latest positions on bulletin.

Bro. M. S. Resor worked at Winthrop a few nights account shortage of extra men. He returned to Charles City nights when relieved by Bro. Yoder. Bro. Yoder has been doing the relief agent act for past six months.

Bro. O. O. Kilgore gets Center Grove on bulle-

Bro. F. E. Kilbrith, agent Julian, gets Jesup nights on bulletin. Unable to state who gets Julian.

Agent G. F. Barker was in Dubuque several days recently as a witness in a company lawsuit.

Bro. J. P. Gafney is working for the C. M. & St. P. at Cattese nights.

No changes in force at Dubuque or East Dubuque since last write-up. There are over thirty telegraphers employed by the four roads that enter Dubuque and East Dubuque and these men are all located at Dubuque and East Dubuque. What's the matter with having a "Key City Telegraphers' Club?"

Bro. B. C. Harrison, of the C., B. & Q. city ticket office, has been transferred to St. Paul. "Highpockets," as he is familiarly called by the boys, will be missed by the brothers of Dubuque.

Bro. J. J. Ivory has returned from his vacation and resumed work at Galena nights.

Bro. H. C. Kelly, of the Great Western, has been transferred to Farley nights.

Bro. Fred Lawrence, of the Great Western Fair Grounds Dubuque yard office, has returned after an extended vacation. He was relieved by Bro. Kelly.

Bro. Bert Laity, who did the relief act at Manchester, has returned to the C. N. W. at Parker, S. D.

Bro. C. O. Butler is relieving Mr. A. P. Glenn on second trick at Scales Mound.

Mr. M. A. Peck acted as relief at Co. Hill for a few days.

Bro. E. L. Hamblin, agent Glenville, Minn., is off on a six weeks' vacation, and accompanied by his wife is visiting relatives in Michigan. Relieved by Bro. H. G. Farley, who in turn is relieved by a Mr. F. Davis.

Bro. W. G. Orsterndorf is working third at Dyersville temporarily.

Bro. Art Fitz, of the C., B. & Q. at East Dubuque, was the unfortunate victim of a sneak-thief recently. Some unprincipled scoundrel touched the station money-drawer for thirty dollars and Fitz had to make good.

The proposed meeting which was to have been held on the evening of November 15th at Dubuque, was postponed until November 28th. Bro. J. A. Newman, first vice-president, and Bros. Mulhall and Shannon expect to be present, and the C. G. W., C., B. & Q. and C., M. & St. P. brothers have been invited, and we expect to have a pleasant time.

The division is now in very good shape, and all members are paid up with a very few exceptions, and these few plead poverty as their excuse for not having paid up before this. We have two or three sore-heads who say "the nine-hour law did not benefit us," and they are using this for an excuse for not paying up their dues. Now, my opinion of a man who will try to slide out of paying his dues with such an excuse as that is such that it would not look well in print.

After all that the O. R. T. has done in the question of salaries, rights, overtime and hours for the telegraphers in the past five years, and then to have a man who has accepted all of these benefits get up and make such a talk as this is enough to make a good, loyal brother feel like taking off his coat to inflict physical punishment on the curmudgeon. There is only one opinion we can form of such a man, and that is that he is a cheap skate. He is after all he can get for nothing, and when he has got all that he thinks that he can get at a small expense, he is ready to sneak out and let the rest pay the balance. There are three or four brothers on the division who have had bad luck, etc., and who are O. K. and will pay their dues as soon as possible, but there are two, and possibly three, on the division who, judging from the talk that they put up to our local chairman, will have to be classed as backsliders. J. G. Houts, agent at Plainfield, who received a \$60 per annum increase on our last schedule, says "the O. R. T. is no good to me. because the 'nine-hour-law' did not benefit me."

There is one other man at Waterloo who has not given us an excuse yet, and we are waiting to hear from him before mentioning his name, as we do not wish to do anyone an injustice. Next month a complete list of the nons and backsliders will be given, as this is the only way the brothers have of knowing who the "razor-backs" are. Such individuals should be treated accordingly.

#### Tennessee Division-

The fact that a number of our members on this division are behind in their dues is to be regretted. I do not see how any one can feel justified in dropping out of the Order, especially Division No. 0.3. the banner division of our organization. We should one and all realize what great progress our committee has made in the past towards increases of wages, reducing hours of labor and defining the duties of agents and operators-something we would never have had if it were not for the grand old Order of Railroad Telegraphers. 1 would like to ask those who do not pay their dues what the result would be if we all dropped behind. The future in that case can easily be seen. We would soon be without a committee, which would soon leave; no schedule, and \$25.00, \$30.00 and \$40.00 jobs would very soon be as plentiful as a few years ago. The Order has, without a doubt, brought the wage scale and working conditions to where they are today, and no member should begrudge the small amount he pays in dues towards protecting and uplifting his fellow craftsmen. Every one should recognize the fact that it takes money to maintain a division, and the more members the more financial backing for the committee. They also need individual help from every member in the way of better service, etc., for the better the service the easier it is to gain what we ask from the management.

Bro. Wm. Shore to "JC" Jackson on bulletin.

Bro. V. A. McClure to Abbeville as agent.

Bro. H. O. Rogers to Curve as agent.

Bro. W. H. Whites to Giggs first trick.

Bro. L. L. Murphy to Dyersburg first trick.

Bro. T. G. Marlin to Woodstock third trick.

Bro. Mulhall, general chairman, and Local Chairman Bro. Cosgrove, went over the division a few days ago, looking up division work.

Bro. Thos. Allen, at Fulton, bears the distinction, according to reports from Bro. Shannon, of being the first member on the system to pay dues for the term ending June 30, 1909. When it comes to money, Tom always was there with the goods. So much for "Sunny Tennessee" Division, which averages the second highest percentage of membership on the system.

A meeting has been called at Fulton for Monday night, Nov. 30, 1908;

Notes for the monthly write-up should be sent to Local Chairman Bro. E. Cosgrove, at Fulton. Same will be appreciated by the division correspondent.

CERT. 550.

## Chicago Great Western Ry.

Southwest Division-

After being disappointed so many times in not finding a write-up from the Southwest Division in The Telegrapher, I decided to "butt in" and try to scrape up a few items.

Guess we are still working for the C. G. W., in spite of their being sold to other roads so many times by the newspapers. The old C. G. W. has had pretty hard luck the last year, and we hope business will pick up so she will not have to change her name. We should all give her our best service and help out as much as possible and at the same time look out for our own interests and try to get some of our nons to change their title from "Mr." to "Bro." There are entirely too many operators and agents along the line that we have to call "Mr." and will be until we all wake up and get busy.

Bro. W. A. Gibson, of the dispatchers' office, has taken a sixty-day leave of absence and has gone with his family to Guadalajara, Mexico, to visit his brother. He was relieved by Bro. McIlhon, who has been laid up for the past three or four months with inflammatory rheumatism in his left hand, and is just able to work again.

The closing of Berwick station and opening of the new station of Norwoodville threw one of our old-timers, Mr. M. M. Sullivan, out of a job. Understand he will go to California and may not return. Mr. H. A. Rice was appointed agent at Norwoodville.

Bro. C. V. Falkner, who has been agent at Bondurant for several years, drew first trick at Shops and was relieved by a new man, Mr. A. C. Crabtree.

Mr. S. C. Love, who was agent at Wyeth, Mo., but lost out on account of his station being closed, drew Bondurant on bulletin 41. The agent at Bondurant has to meet No. 6 at 3 a. m. now and gets \$10.00 a month extra for it.

Bro. J. B. Brecht, formerly agent at Faucett, Mo., drew Dunkerton on bulletin. His station was also closed as a telegraph office.

Bro, Rex Redlingshafer, third trick man at Valeria, got third trick at Leavenworth on bulletin and was relieved by Miss M. E. McIlhon.

A night operator has been put on at Baxter and Cummings, with Bro. Latimer in charge at Baxter and Bro. Scarborough at Cummings.

Operator N. C. Iles drew third trick at Conception on bulletin 41.

Bro. F. E. Bellus, agent at Rea, is off on a vacation and is being relieved by a Mr. J. L. Smith, who is doing some extra work.

Mr. J. J. Fields, second trick man at Reinbeck, is on the sick list and Bro. Bellus was pressed into service to relieve him for a few days.

Several of the boys, including Bro. Falkner, of Shops; Bros. Boyce and Judd, of Marshalltown, and myself, tried their luck in the land drawing contest in South Dakota, but I failed to notice any of our names in the list of winners.

Bro. A. R. Riley, formerly of this office, but now agent at Hampton, Ia., was in Des Moines a Sew days ago, visiting relatives and friends. He same up and gave us all the glad hand while here.

Our trainmaster, Mr. H. J. Slayton, has gone back as engineer and was succeeded by our chief dispatcher, Mr. W. G. Hunter. Mr. A. C. Stevens, night chief, succeeded Mr. Hunter, and Mr. W. B. Harrison, first trick dispatcher on the north end; is now night chief. Our old friend, Eddie Vail, came back to fill the vacant trick caused by the above promotions.

Bro. Harry Hunter, owl man in the dispatcher's office, is off on a short vacation, and is being relieved by Bro. Redlingshafer.

A new man, Mr. Lucksinger, relieved Mr. M. J. Sullivan, second trick at South Des Moines, who resigned to take his old position with the D. M. U. here.

Mr. R. H. Hughes is holding down first trick at South Des Moines for Bro. Hunter, and Bro. Rice is on third trick.

Mr. A. D. Brittain, third trick man at Reinbeck. has left the service and was relieved by Operator L. A. Howe. Mr. Brittain also stood up near the top of the seniority list.

No one seems to want second trick at Kansas City Yard office, and they can hardly be blamed, when first and third tricks pay \$65.00 and second only \$52.50. This is not according to our schedule, but of course, as long as the company can get men to work for \$52.50 they are not going to pay more. This same thing exists at South DesMoines and Marshalltown, except there is not quite so much difference in the salary.

Bro. F. E. Whitchurch, second trick man at Savannah, was quite badly hurt Nov. 11 by having a milk can fall out of a baggage car on his head, cutting a gash about an inch long. He was relieved by Mr. S. O. Campbell, a veteran telegrapher, from Peru. We hope Felix will soon be able to work again.

"Bo Sx."

### Northwest Division-

Our chief, Mr. Wilhelm, was detained from his office duties a few days on account of sickness. First trick dispatcher Page occupied the chair during Mr. Wilhelm's absence.

Bro. Peterson, who has been working second trick at Rich Valley, has taken the agency at Boyd. Operator J. B. Duvall is relieving him at Rich Valley.

Your correspondent at South St. Paul was absent a few days on account of sickness, being relieved by Bro. J. A. Uder.

"13" Bro. Boyle, of New Hampton, has left the road. The report is miconfirmed, however. Operator Young is relieving him at present.

Bro. A. B. Cook, third trick at Coates, is taking a few weeks' vacation, being relieved by telegrapher T. F. Cain, a new man from the Milwaukee road.

Where are men at Dodge Center who promised to get a card? Have they forgotten their promise and are they waiting for the O. R. T. to get them another "raise?"

Bro. F. Briggs, agent at Empire, is again laying off. Mr. J. G. Weiler, storekeeper of that place, is relieving him.

If the south end wishes to be represented each month some one down that way will have to get busy and send me some items.

Several of the boys on the division, and in fact I believe that a majority of them all along the line, have some grievance or small complaint in regard to hours, work or wages, and are silently drudging along and doing nothing to bring about an improvement in present conditions. You should let your local chairman have the facts in writing af once. Do not wait until the chairman comes along and then try to tell him all about it during the thirty seconds the train stops at your station.

Bro. E. R. Dowell, agent at Rich Valley, has returned from his honeymoon trip.

A new fist is heard on the wire coming from the "X" office. Tife force behind it is represented by one of the fair sex; one who evidently finds more profit in "single-blessedness" or who has reversed the marriage agreement and is "footing the bills." We trust that she carries an up-to-date card, but if not, we intend to extend her a couteous invitation to go back to "salad-making" and "parlor-dusting."

There are many new men on the division, and we expect to have them all with the exception of two or three with us the first of the year. There are also some old hard nuts holding back, and we must keep everlastingly at them, boys, if we rope them in.

#### Eastern Division-

Bro. Jim, formerly at "BO," has left for parts unknown.

Mr. Joelman is doing third stunt at "KT."

Don't know where he came from. Mr. Boy is doing second stunt at Kent; formerly worked at South Freeport. Both will line up soon.

It is said that Stockton will be a three-man joint (that is, three operators besides the agent).

Since the last write-up they have made Byron eight-hour tricks, Bro. Stukenburg doing the first stunt, Bro. Masey second and Bro. Anderson third.

Bro. Hullett is back to South Freeport doing the agent and first trick stunt.

Who is the new second trick operator at "BO," and has he an up-to-date?

German Valley is a two-man station now; formerly one.

Notice the bulletins the "chief" is putting out; about a half dozen in the last week; looks like some of the boys are leaving us.

Bro. Lawrence is back from his visit up North, and has resumed work as first trick operator at 'RH." Bro. Semper is also working second trick at same place.

Have not heard from west end for two months. Boys, wake up and give us a line or two each month. It helps.

Several jobs on bulletin; business seems to be picking up; several stations opened two and threemen that were heretofore one and two-men stations.

Operator McGraw second trick at Gretna, working till job is filled by regular man. Gretna is among the many stations on bulletin.

Bro. Nelson has quit the relief agent's work and gets Lombard on bulletin.

Bro. Lamb, who has been doing some relief agent's work, gets South Elmhurst on bulletin.

Bro. McLaughlin, who underwent an operation

for appendicitis, is again back at work at "WD."

Bro. McLaughlin leaves Wilkinson and gets
Lily Lake third on bulletin.

Bro. Conroy, from Wasco, was seen on No. 8 bound for Chicago, it being his second trip this month.

I. C. towermen at South Elmhurst are making an awful kick on having to telegraph and block trains for C. G. W. If business gets good like we expect, we will not be able to keep a man there. This would make "PR" three men, as heretofore, giving room for two more worthy brothers.

A Mr. Mills leaves Lombard to parts unknown.

CERT. 211.

## S. A. L. Ry.

To Members S. A. L. Division No. 97:

When this notice reaches you through THE TELEGRAPHER, notices of dues for the term commencing January 1, 1909, will have been mailed to every member to last address furnished by them.

If any member has made a change since paying for the present term, I will be glad if they will furnish me at once their present address, also furnish same to Bro. L. W. Quick, Grand Secretary and Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo.

The new card is now ready for distribution. It's a beauty; surpasses all. Semi-annual dues (January 1 to June 30, 1909) is five dollars. If notice fails to reach you, remit me this amount at once, in order that you may get an up-to date card.

With notices mailed you will find letter from Bro. May, general chairman. It is asked and hoped that every member will comply with request.

Remember, convention meets in Atlanta May, 1909. Time will soon be here. We must be up and doing, "Forward, Success," being our mette.

Convention will bring into our midst hundreds who have never been south of the Mason-Dixon line.

To our brethren and sisters we extend a hearty welcome, that on your return praises may be given for the Southland and its hospitality. It is urged that every member get in line that you may have the right color and credentials to present.

It will not do for the boys of the South to be caught without an up-to date card.

Remitting direct to me will save delay, receiving your card promptly. Members are asked to send application for membership Dixie Twin Order

Telegraphers' Club; see Division Directory in Telegrapher. Sister Mrs. E. B. Smith, S. & T., Box 716, Atlanta, Ga., will be pleased to furnish you with all information.

"Do not delay; remit and get the new card at once."

F. O. CUMMING,

G. S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.

Third Division-

Our correspondent has been made local chairman Birmingham Division. It's up to me to do the best I can. If each member would send me a few notes we could have a nice write up every month.

As the time approaches when the membership will look to the General Committee to confer with the management for better working conditions, etc., those who have fallen delinquent are reminded to pay up and get right, and, by all means, stay right.

Both freight and passenger business picking up, for which we are all glad to see.

Quite a number of changes have been made in last few days.

Bro. Young, first trick Chester, resigned and accepted agency at Simpsonville, S. C., on C. & W. C. Bro. Orr, from second trick in place of Bro. Young. Bro. Youder, of Division 59, relieving Bro. Orr, Mr. Blalock remaining on third trick.

Bro. Blackwell, of Calhoun Falls, resigned; relieved by Bro. Deniston, of Gloster; Mr. Thomas, new man, who promises to make good, relieving Bro. Deniston.

Mr. Montgomery, of Lawrenceville, resigned to accept position in bank at Lawrenceville; relieved by Mr. Taylor, of Auburn. Bro. Cosby, of Dacula, to Auburn; relieved by new man, Mr. Wade.

CERT. 162.

## C. & O. Ry.

Mountain Division-

Can I not say something to impress upon you, good old brothers, that a good write-up from each division is necessary to let some of the other boys know what we are doing. We should not stop just because we have been awarded the nine-hour day. It is nothing more than we deserve and not half what we are entitled to, and if we work steadily along together and push along, we will still get more, for a majority of the general public is just now realizing the great responsibility that rests on the poorly paid and imposed upon operator.

In the November issue in 1904—just four years ago—I find articles from four different divisions, among them one from this division. Am anticipating the receipt of the November journal to see how many will appear therein.

If some of you boys will only pick up a few loads and shoot them down the line, Bro Quick will get them in.

Nearly everything on the Mountain is being double-headed now. Trainmen are almost a thing

of the past. Understand they have east off five crews since Oct. 1. Everything moving nicely.

Every week or two, on some fast train, the engine reports "unable for duty," and by the time they hunt up another one some time has been lost, and the company then docks her time. The public is doing a war dance and bombarding the operator because he can not tell them just how long it is going to take some office boy to hunt up another crew, and how long it will take another crew to get up, dress, eat dinner and get down there. By that time the dispatcher is electrocuting him because he does not go down and take a crowbar and push the engine up to the water column, coal, water and fire it up while the night watchman is oiling up. One spell of about two hours like this and the poor operator spends the next six weeks in the hospital with an attack of brain fever and hysterics. The chief will say, "Wish that darn fellow would hurry up and get out, we need him."

Bro. W. S. Good, of Mechins River, has been assigned to Charlotteville "MO" regular on third trick. Suppose he will go there as soon as an auditor can come his way.

Bro. Huckster checked in at Indian Rock Oct. 27th, Bro. Baden being off for thirty days.

Bro. "J." Cutler pulled Bro. Jones, first trick at "HD." Bro. Jones then routed Bro. Rodgers, third at "CL"

Bro. Andrews worked a few days at "MO" the latter part of October.

Bro. Smith is still around Staunton, looking for something to turn up.

Bro. Gilley relieved Mr. Sheppard at Fishersville Oct. 27, after being relieved by Bro. Cowan at Christians Oct. 26. Bro. Cowan has been assigned to Christians regular.

"Success Crowns Efforts." What do you know about it, brothers? All read it that understand it.

"First Bell," Green.

## Hocking Valley Ry.

Hocking Division-

There are very few men who have not embraced the golden opportunity and pledged their allegiance to the O. R. T. when they rightly understand the "Word of Truth" that all good orders should so earnestly uphold and advocate. Now, an appeal to you: If you are interested in the work of the Order, be good enough to talk Order to your first, second or third trick man, as the case may be, and create enough interest to keep things going for a while. Talk to your neighbor on the block, and if he is an Order man, talk Order to him, and if he is not, it is only a greater incentive to talk Order to him. Let's get up something that will start the ball moving. whother it moves us all or not. But it is up to you as to whether this division goes forward or retrogrades. It lies wholly with us as to the direction we go, and we all know how the dear fold company would like to be rid of us; so sit still and we will go back to a \$40.00 or \$45.00 maximum. Take your choice. For my part, I will say that I have under every circumstance impoved the opportunity to assist in the missionary work, but it is very discouraging to me to have someone, and in a part of the instances to which I refer it is not a non but some good (?) Order man, break in with "B. Ss" or "ham," and it reflects mightily the lack of unionism of the "butters-in." But I will still continue my part, re gardless of the opinions of others or the actions of those who should be with me in this work.

We have recently had some new men join us, but it is with regret that we chronicle the lapsing of the membership among the boys, especially among the younger ones whose membership, while very desirable to complete solidity, is not otherwise absolutely necessary, and about balances things. We lose the membership and they lose their standing and the respect of their fellow employes and our protection.

You are all doubtless aware of the increase of business on the Hocking, and many of our men have returned to work, but we have a great many new men on the pike from other roads. It is possible that quite a good many of them have up-to-date cards, but it is more than likely that they have not, owing to the financial stringency which seems to have stricken our local officers, as we haven't heard of them or seen them for a good while. It would be good policy to stop the course we are now pursuing and round up a few of these men. Think it over.

If there is any bad in a man it is sure to crop out in the place where it will do the most harm-

Bro. W. H. Warthman spent a few days last month with his parents and his wife's folks at Creloa. Relieved by Bro. C. A. Morris.

Floodwood is now a third trick job. Bros. F. E. Davidson, "Jimmy" Cox and Sid Mallen are holding the jobs down.

Mr. Bert Robison was at Kanauga for a few weeks, then was put in as third man at Hookers.

Bro. W. R. Ashby is now doing the owl stunt at East Clayton.

Our superintendent's scheme for installing 'phones is still in the creeping stage, but do not think it will be able to walk for some time to come, if eyer.

We "13" that the dispatchers at Nelsonville yard office are taking their vacation this month. Mr. Clark, of "CD" office is relieving them.

Hocking depot was broken into on the morning of the 21st and some few razors stolen. Bro. Pond says they had better cut it out, for the razors represented his earnings for the last twenty-two years.

Look out for the bogey man, or the H. V. will lose it. Almost solid line-up.

Bro. E. C. Lay took three weeks' vacation, spending the time in Toledo and vicinity. Re lieved by Relief Agent Bro. Morris and Operator Mr. O'Leary. "SAPHEAD."

CERT. 64.

### T. & O. C. Rv.

Bro. R. D. Orahood bid in East Liberty agency. Relieved at Bucyrus as copier in dispatcher's office by Mr. F. H. Young.

Bro. Simon, of Findlay nights, off four nights on account of sickness. Relieved by Operator Jones, a student from "MF" tower, Marysville.

Bro. E. B. Burdick bid in Fostoria first trick, leaving agency at Luckey bulletined.

Bro. A. L. Bearns has resumed duty as copier at Columbus dispatcher's office, after dispatching at Bucyrus while regular dispatchers were taking their vacations.

Bro. Chandler spent one day visiting friends at Mermille.

Some new man by the name of Stieth bid in Luckey agency. Understand he is from Columbus. Bro. Holder, second trick at Hickox, was off two days on account of sickness.

## Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway.

Winnipeg Division ---

How many applications have you secured and turned in to Bro. Paine in the past six months? Brother, is the man working in your office up to date? Or is he enjoying the shorter hours without a reduction in salary at your expense? Or, in other words, are you sitting idle and letting him spend your money? He is being benefited both by shorter hours of work and financially, which was brought about by the organization using your money to help bring these conditions to him, so go after him and have him dig up and help to pay the freight. He will feel much more like a man after he has become accustomed to the habit of helping pay for what he is enjoying. There are four or five men on the line who have nine-hour tricks and up to date have failed to make good, although they promised to do so long ago. We believe in giving every one a chance. We also believe in letting the brothers know who is low enough in principle to do this. We will give them one more chance to make good, and if they do not do so, we will publish their names in order that you all may know just who they are. They have no excuse whatever. They put up some trifling story, but no sound excuse can they, or do they offer. Did you ever listen to the flimsy excuses of a non? I will relate a few of them, so you can see how silly they are. First one is: "I am going out of the business soon or I would join." In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred the man that offers up that excuse has no intention of going out of the business, and you could not drive him out with an axe; for if he did go out of the business he could not find another legitimate business where he would not have to spend a cent and enjoy financial benefits at some one else's expense, same as he did when he worked on a scheduled road.

Second: "I am going to be married soon and can't afford it," but still can afford to rake in the coin that the organization has thrown his way and helped him to be in a position financially to be able to get married. I wonder if the girl he was going to marry knew that he was accepting all these benefits at the expense of his co-workers. would not decide that she wanted to marry a man and not a skunk of this stripe, for the stripe on a skunk of this kind is certainly decidedly yellow.

Third: "I have just built a house, or bought a piano, and can not afford to join until I get it paid for, although I will still continue to take the coin the committee may, or has, thrown my way, in the way of increase in salary that has helped to put me in a position to build the house or buy the piano, and let the other boys pay the expenses."

This is just a few of the excuses the poor non puts up. There are hundreds of them, but they are all of about the same silly type as the ones related. How many of you, who are now working nine hours instead of twelve, who want to go back to the twelve hours again? I venture to say very few; but unless you get busy, the time is not far distant when you may be forced to do this. Do you know that 90 per cent of the nons on this line now are working nine hours instead of twelve? A condition that was brought about by the organization at an expense of several thousand dollars. Let every single member get busy and turn in an application before February 1st. Your officers will all be pleased to have you do this and help them out, as they can not do it all alone and must have your help. Will you please be kind enough to do this and help them?

The brothers on the Winnipeg and Wheat Line, by chipping in, donated a very appropriate \$25.00 wedding present to Bro. Herrick.

Bro. Paine, our secretary and treasurer, is kept very busy now, during the grain season, his station turning over to the G. N. as many as seventyfive to one hundred cars per day. CERT. 212.

#### W. & P. Division-

There are nine boys on the W. & P. Division that have not yet paid their June dues. Don't let this run.

Keep the general secretary and treasurer advised as to any changes in your address.

December dues will be due next month. Don't let

The boys are not sending in many news items. I wish each one would take an interest in this and send the division correspondent any news of interest not later than the 18th.

Mr. Dowker, operator in the commercial office, "SD" at Manistique, has started a ham school and has three students now. Mr. Dowker helped the telegraph company out as much as possible during the commercial operators' strike. Don't forget this, boys, and when he calls up on the wire, den't forget this, "no card, no favors."

Bro. C. E. Price, agent at Hodson, has resigned and gone South. Don't know who relieved him.

W. R. Roberts was on the sick list two days. He is holding down first trick at Manistique. Mr. Roberts is still a non, and I guess he will stay a non for the rest of his life. Of course, the Order has never done anything for Mr. Roberts.

Bro. Griffin, agent at Cooks Mills, made a trip to Manistique last week.

The helper at North Escanaba has been transferred to night operator at that station.

Mr. L. A. Battin, agent for the Ann Arbor at Manistique, has resigned and gone to McBain, Mich., to work. Mr. Battin is on old-timer in the Order

Mr. Inman is now working second trick at Trout Lake.

Mr. Harris, of "GD" Gladstone, laid off for several days. Relieved by Operator Brazil, who has since left the service of the Soo Line.

Bro. Griffin, agent at Cooks Mills, figures on a trip to Minneapolis soon.

Bro. Messenger, agent at White Dale, made a trip to Manistique. He is figuring on a trip out West to purchase a new home for his family.

Bro. Bronoel spent last Sunday at Marblehead. Mr. Bronoel is holding down third trick at Manistique.

Mr. Blair was recently checked in as agent at Garnet. Unable to say who he relieved.

Don't forget the news items.

## "PI."

## C., R. I. & P. Ry.

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts, Missouri
Division—

Everybody wears a smile that won't come off. Why? Not only that Pete Hepburn is defeated, but because we helped do it. Some man has been bold enough to say that it was the "boozefighters'" vote that beat him, but you do not have to be bold to say that it was the organized labor vote that defeated him. The "booze-fighters'" vote was only a mite compared with the labor vote that was cast against him. Some men with up-to-date cards voted for him and claim to be union men. There is more Republican about them than unionism. Remember, Hepburn did more to crush organized labor than any man in Congress.

Bro. H. M. Underwood, agent Unionville, off for sixty days doing Colorado. Relieved by Bro. C. W. Hollis.

Bros. T. D. Hanlon and F. M. Smith, second and third tricks Washington, off few days; relieved by Mr. J. C. Stewart.

Bro. Wright, Paris nights, left service.

Bro. G. E. Hughes, Mercer nights, off few days on business; returns to work at Harvard nights. Mrs. M. O. Midsen relieving at Mercer.

Depot at Fairport destroyed by fire night of October 28th. Understand agent Carson got out of building just in time and was unable to save any of his personal effects.

Sister Pierce, Harvard nights, has resigned and gone to her home in Denver. She says, "Never again."

Montpelier depot was entered by robbers night of October 28th. Do not know whether they secured any plunder or not.

Sorry to state that the store owned by Bro. E. M. Smith, Columbus Jct., was damaged by fire night of October 29th. Damage to stock about

\$5,000, insurance \$2,500. Bro. Smith laying off few days; relieved by J. E. McColloch.

Bro. V. H. Byrd, Princeton third trick to Paris

Bro. Schilling has returned to work at Fruitland after being off several weeks with a game arm. Mr. Simons, who was relieving, returns to Princeton second trick.

The following offices are blessed (?) with nons: Buffalo, Fairport (2), Fairfield (2), Sixth District, extra (1), Eldon (3), Clio (2), Mercer, Princeton (2), Spickards.

In last month's items I mentioned J. P. Miller as brother. He used to be but isn't. Same with C. A. Lind. "TM."

Des Moines Valley Division-

Agent Brady, of Farmington, has returned from his vacation.

Douds station is again on bulletin. Bro. Swain, who is now there temporarily, says he does not like the position. Rumor has it that a brother from the Sibley Line will be awarded the station.

Bro. Henry, at Bonaparte, has resigned. Our local chairman, Bro. Brokaw, secured the position on bulletin. Bro. Henry has removed to Cannon City, Colo., and entered the grocery business.

Relief agent Bro. T. J. Stanley, late of the Iowa Central, is in charge at Manson until a regular agent is appointed there. It is rumored that Bro. B. B. Brown, of Royal, will be checked in as agent at Manson within a short time.

Bro. Manning has been transferred from Givin to Harvey. Givin is being looked after by Bro. Hill until a regular appointment is made.

It is noticed that all new men coming to this line of late hold up-to-date cards in the respective divisions from which they came.

A recent bulletin announces a vacancy in the position at Royal. Here is a first-class little station for some one. Good town; good revenue for the agent.

Bro. H. L. Failing, the "pear king" of Northwest Iowa, has returned to his old love, Hartley, after having been on the road for some time looking after the wholesale sales of fruits and vegetables for the largest firm in Hartley.

Bro. C. W. McCarty has been re-elected auditor of Wapello County, Iowa, with an increased majority as compared to his previous election. All of the Rock Island boys, particularly on this division, where he is perhaps best and most favorably known, will be pleased to learn of his reelection. It is simply a case of another O. R. T. man making good in some other line of work than pounding brass.

Our general chairman has recently issued a little booklet entitled "Report of the General Committee." All concerned should read this booklet through very carefully, and be governed accordingly. If you failed to receive a copy ask the local chairman for one.

I note time table No. 10, effective October 25th. page 7, item 33, names the working hours of all telegraphers at all telegraph stations in this divi-

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sion. Attention is directed to our schedule, Article II, Section A. If you are entited to overtime under the schedule, and the working hours assigned your station, as shown in the time table, put in your overtime. If you are not sure as to what your rights are in this matter, take up with your local chairman and get his ruling. Be sure you are right, then go ahad. Bear in mind our schedule is a working agreement. Be governed accordingly.

Being an up-to date member of the Order does not consist in merely paying your dues and assessments. You should render your employers the best possible service, and, at the same time, further the interests of the Order at all times. "O. R. T." and "first-class service" should be synonymous terms.

Our first trick dispatcher, Tazewell, is a very busy man. He has a "heavy stunt" to perform daily. Answer your calls as promptly as possible. He will appreciate your prompt attention.

A "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" to all. ('ERT. 1818.

#### Colorado Division-

Bro. Hansz, at Flagler, who has been off on thirty days' vacation, will be ready for duty again about the first of December.

Bro. Krause transferred to operator and assistant ticket agent at Pueblo; was relieved at Limon by Bro. McGrath, wlo has been working second trick since the nine-hour law went into effect.

Operator and extra dispatcher Pierce, who was relieving Bro. McGrath, second trick at Limon, was relieved by Mr. McClean (C. T. U. A.), from Colby nights.

Bro. Riddell, who has been at Limon for past two years, resigned. We are unable to say where Bro. Riddell is going. Bro. Riddell is relieved by Bro. Mulford. We are glad that a good man takes his place.

Bro. Edwards, agent at Brewster. Note it is Bro. now, not Mr., as formerly. Remember it is Bro. Winnegar also, he having sent in his application some time ago.

Bro. Miller back to Geroa; he relieved Mr. Nichols, who went to Bovina to relieve Bro. Annuson, but on account of unsat's factory service was relieved by Bro. Winnegar, from Kanorado nights. Kanorado was closed for ten days waiting for an operator, Mr. Echart, nights at Kanorado; unable to say whether brother or not.

It has come to our notice where some of the brothers on this division are showing unreasonable favors to some of the nons. This is something we are not asked to do, and some of these nons are among the hoggiest kind of humanity; they should be turned down flat. These same nons would not hesitate a minute to down you should opportunity permit. I do not mean to say that you should not favor some, for we have some among us that will be with us soon, and are helping us instead of downing the Order. But we have others that have been working against us and are hopeless as to ever getting their application. We are

thankful that we have but a few of this kind, but we have a few. It is not necessary to give any names, as they are too well known among the fraternity. Just remember it is "No card, no favors." Let us live up to it.

We received a letter from Bro. W. L. Woods (formerly local chairman Colorado Division), who advises that he is now located on his farm on edge of Harrisonville, Mo.; and everything lovely. He has three neighbors that are ex-operators and all doing well. He sends his best regards to all the boys on Colorado Division.

Bro. Reichards, at Ramah, busy billing spuds and carrying mail.

We are short items from Limon to Colorado Springs. Boys, whenever you hear of anything that would be of interest to the rest of division, please send same to Bro. Fletcher at Goodland. We wish to give a complete write-up for this division each month.

Mr. A. C. Horton transferred from Selden to Jennings nights. Miss Horton advises that since she was relieved at Selden she was through with the Order, although she did not state her grievance or cause.

Bro. Potts, who has been East visiting relatives, returned a few days ago and is relieving at Jennings until vacancy is filled. Mr. Flynn off for ninety days and Jennings up for bid.

Mr. Archer relieved Bro. Winnegar at Norton.

Operator Houston relieved Bro. McClean at
Colby; unable to say whether brother or not.

Bro. Fugate relieved Bro. Damar at Selden.

Dispatcher A. P. Michell working relief while Mr. J. S. Jones laying off for few days. Boys, are you doing your duty? Can we not land a few of the still remaining nons before the new year? Let us have our names appear in next journal on roll of honor, and show that we are all working for our Order.

CERT. 186.

### Minnesota Division-

Bro. J. Borschens received Cedar Falls second trick on bulletin, relieving Mr. Brown, who went to Grundy Center to relieve the third trick man there for a week or so.

Did any of you notice the names of any of the officials of the O. R. T. in the list of officers of the Railway Emp'oyes' Association just organized in Chicago? You will notice every other Order represented but ours, their representatives holding positions as trustees. This shows good sense in our officials: No man can serve two masters.

Understand that Bro. Berly, of "CR" office, has resigned and intends going to the N. P.

Mr. McGauen is filling the vacancy at "CR" office, caused by the resignation of Bro. Berly. Bro. Larry Halpin has been promoted to the second trick in the same office.

Mr. H. C. Hansen, relief agent, is relieving Bro. McConnell, agent at Glenville, who has gone on a visit to his home at Atlanta, Ga.

Bro. Guist, of "FN" tower, is on the sick list, and is being relieved on first trick by Mr. Johnson

Bro. H. D. Hasse is relieving agent at West Bend, agent Bickal having been promoted to Grundy Center.

Holland has been re-opened as a telegraph office. L. C. O'Kelly has been appointed agent at Linn; former agent C. A. Beiley has accepted a position as brakeman.

J. H. Shumake, formerly of Rock Island, is working a trick at Cedar Rapids.

Third telegrapher has again been placed at yard office Inver Grove.

Mr. F. G. Reese, agent at West Bend, has been appointed assistant agent at Waterloo.

CORRESPONDENT.

#### Cedar Rapids Division -

A grand meeting at Cedar Rapids, November 20th, about sixty brothers being present off the C., M. & St. P., C. N. W., Ill. Central and C., R. I. & P. The C., R. I. & P. was quite a bit in the minority, and we hope to be able to see more of the brothers in attendance at the next meeting. G. S. and T. Bro. Schooler was present and gave us a nice talk.

Bro. Hibbs, at station No. 2, Iowa City, is reported in poor health at this writing. He probably will have to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Bro. H. was the man held up at Station No. 1, at Iowa City, a few weeks ago by three masked men and relieved of his watch and a sum of money.

Bro. Brown, general chairman, advises us that he will resume work again December 1st, and wants any suggestions we may have for the work and best methods. If any brother has any to offer he will be glad to consider them.

Bro. Jenkins, of Elmira, is back again at duty, after an absence of several weeks on account of sickness.

The three men that robbed the Rock Island box cars at Brooklyn are getting justice in the Powe-shiek County Court. Two got one year and \$500 fine each on one count, while the third turned State's evidence and may get off a little easier.

Another robbery of the Rock Island depot is reported at Newton to have occurred Thanksgiving night. No other particulars. Boys, be careful and have very little of value for these night visitors to inspect. They usually sieze everything that is fit for their business.

Bro. Varner, at Kalona, is off a few days, owing to serious illness of his aged father.

We were sorry to learn of the "CR" office boys not being notified of our joint meeting at Cedar Rapids, the 20th. It would surely have been a pleasure to have seen their pleasant faces, as they always turn out well to our meetings. We will not let it occur again.

### Chicago Terminal and Illinois Division-

No meeting of Division No. 126 held at Chicago November 14th, on account of poor attendance, but a social meeting was held in the lobby of the Hotel McCoy. We are now doing train work over the new railroad telephone that has been installed by the Rock Island, but on several occasions our dispatcher has been compelled to go back to the "old reliable wire" on account of 'phone line in trouble.

Extra Train Dispatcher Teeters is spending two weeks' vacation in the East.

Bro. Lynch, third trick at Blue Island, has been transferred to third trick at Joliet, made vacant by the resignation of Bro. Breen, who went back to the C. & A. Did not learn who is holding down the trick at "BF."

First Trick Operator C. D. Wagoner has been elected local chairman of the Illinois Division. Peoria and Bureau branches, made vacant by the resignation of Bro. Kay. Any items of interest that you may have to tender, address him at 400 South Ottawa street, Joliet. Also, any complaints which you have been unable to get satisfactorily adjusted.

Quite a number of our brothers have neglected to pay up and secure their cards for the last quarter. Wake up, boys, this don't speak well. Try and make an extra effort to pay up, and go after the nons who are working along with you. There are quite a number of new men and we should do our best to have them file their applications for membership.

We are glad to note the good news that Congressman Hepburn, from the Eighth District of lowa, was defeated. His successor will be W. D. Jamieson, of Shenandoah, Iowa. Brothers, you will remember that this man was the only Congressman who voted against our nine-hour bill.

A good word now and then is being said about our journal. A conductor came into my office the other day and wanted to know if he could borrow my journal. "Certainly, with pleasure," was my reply. He said: "You fellows have the best journal of any labor organization and the stories are great."

He looked around and spied a package of tobacco which was lying on the table. He took it up and turned it over, as if he was looking for something. I asked what he was looking for. He said: "The union label." I said, "You will find that on the bottom of the package."

He said: "Don't you know there is not enough attention paid to that little tag."

There are lots of good union men that overlook this, but, brothers, we should be careful.

There is a suit being brought against the Western Union Telegraph Company, at Davenport, for the sum of \$500 by a man by the name of Edleman. His claim is that he sent a telegram which should have read: "Ship to Welton," and was sent, "Ship to Wilton." As a result he was compelled to sell the stock for \$500 less than if the telegram had been sent as written.

R. E. McGowan, second trick at Silvis yard office, has left the Illinois Division and taken a position in Cedar Rapids relay office.



Bro. A. J. Hallihan, who has been relieving C. A. Cartwright at Silvis depot, has been transferred to second trick at Silvis yard office.

Bro. A. W. Lamp, operator at the storehouse at Silvis shops, was a winner of 160 acres of fine land at the Rosebud reservation. Bro. Lamp had forty-eighth choice. From Nahant.

Bro. Girl, first trick at West Davenport, has returned from his vacation and is looking fine.

Understand Bro. Sumner has resigned and left for parts unknown.

Business seems to be on the increase, but we are sorry to note that trains Nos. 905 and 86 were not restored on the new card of the Northern District.

Bro. Cazel, at Nahant, was off duty a few days last month and went to Chicago.

Our worthy chief, Mr. Lafler, has returned from a two weeks' vacation. Mr. Litton was doing the day stunt in his absence.

We are informed by good authority that some operator soliciting alms struck the dispatcher's office, and was asked if he had a card. They were informed that he did not, and the answer was, "No card, no favors." We are glad to see our brothers take the stand they did, and this should be our motto, regardless of the way our hearts dictate towards such people.

Second trick at Ottawa made vacant by the resignation of Bro. Butterfield, and the second trick at Silvis made vacant by transfer of Mr. McGowan to the relay office at Cedar Rapids. Both places up for bid.

General Chairman Bro. W. T. Brown has again resumed his duties as general chairman, after a sixty-day leave of absence. LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

Nebraska Division --

Mr. J. Oliphant is relieving Bro. R. V. Mc-Kenzie, at Munden.

Bro. Caudy, of Otegois, is now living the life of a bachelor since his wife went to Kensington for a short visit with friends and relatives.

Bro. Beymer, of Rydal, laid off one day to attend to some business, being relieved by Operator Cronn.

Bro. Sleeper, at Mankato, is laid up on account of straining his back in lifting some heavy baggage a few nights ago. Operator J. L. Woolen is relieving him.

Bro. John Henry checked in as agent and operator at Powhattan, vice Mr. Young, who has been appointed agent at Berwick.

Mr. H. H. Hargis received the operator's job at Sabetha on bulletin.

Mr. O. Wickham, formerly of Berwick, bid in Rockford, and has moved his family to that point.

Bro. E. F. Chandler, of Steinauer, is very busy

billing corn meal and flour.

Bro. E. G. Wolford, formerly agent at Rockford, is now with the Grand Island at Sabetha, Kan.

Bro. A. B. Couch is agent at Ellis. I am unable to learn where he came from.

Bro. E. Miller, of Havelock, of on a vacation; relieved by C. W. Griffin, who has been out of the service for the past year.

Bro. Ray Wells has bid in first trick at Lincoln. We are a little short on items this month on account of your humble servant laying off, and being too busy enjoying himself to take time to give the write-up the proper attention. We have been able to get a write-up from the Horton Line this month, the first one for a long time, but by next month we expect to get things lined up for a good write-up. All members are requested to send items as follows: West end potes to Bro. G. D. Lee, at Formoso; east end send to Bro. Miller, at Havelock, and those on Horton Line send to Bro. C. E. Blauvelt at Fairview.

E. M.

Arkansas Division-

I know that most of the brothers that take interest in the work of the O. R. T. are busy with cotton and do not have time to give me any news, but there are a few who do nothing but telegraph, and I am sure you can find a little time out of fifteen hours to look after a little news and keep me posted as to the changes in your own office, if no more.

I suppose business will be picking up with us pretty soon, in the way of getting the Arkansas Division thoroughly organized, as I have had several non-members ask me for application blanks, which I have furnished promptly. If any brother knows of a non that does not think he has a reason to join the Order and help support it, try to point out to him the fact that if the O. R. T. did not exist that he would have been working for much less than he is.

I notice that there are several good stations being advertised. I hope that some of the O. R. T. brothers will get into these stations and stay, as they are having to be transferred every few days on account of nons going to them and falling down on them.

Mr. Easley, superintendent, and Mr. Quigley, chief dispatcher, have promised us to bulletin all vacancies in agencies and telegraph positions, and, as far as I know, they are doing this, but in case any vacancy comes to your notice that you have not received a bulletin of I will thank you to advise me at once, so that I can call the official's attention to the matter without delay and avoid any misunderstanding.

I want to call your attention to the hours-of-service law again. I understand that some of the brothers are being told by the dispatchers that "they did not think they were that kind of a fellow, to want to go right when the time is up." They don't exactly tell them to stay on duty, but they try to make it appear that you would be doing them a great favor if you would stay. I want to warn you that in case you are discharged for violating the hour-of-service law that you have no recourse, as you all know that we can not afford to have a law violated that we have worked so hard to get passed. In case you are asked to



work after your hours are up just refer the dispatcher to the general manager's circular, and if you are held on duty the hour you are allowed off, you must be relieved an hour earlier than your regular time of relief. I know you all understand this law and do not think you will be gulled into violating it, but I call your attention to this so if you have overlooked any part of the law or the superintendent's and general manager's instructions, you will post yourselves.

Operator R. L. Williams has been appointed agent at Gregory, relieving J. M. Johnson, who has been relieved for reasons unknown to me. I do not know whether or not either of these men carry up-to-date cards, if so I beg their pardon for calling them other than brother. If not, I wish some brother would show them the right way and tell them that we would like to have their names on our roll.

I am glad to note that Mr. L. E. McClure has been appointed trainmaster, and I think the most of the brothers will agree with me. Mr. McClure has served as chief dispatcher for our division for some time and I do not think any man can say that he has ever been done an injustice by Mr. Mc. knowingly. While we are sorry to give him up as chief dispatcher, we are glad to know that he has been promoted; and are also glad that we have a good man as his successor as chief.

James Roy has resigned as agent at Cotton Plant; relieved by Mr. C. H. Squires, who was formerly at Belleville. Roy was a non. I am not sure whether Mr. Squires is or not, but will know soon.

N. G. Williams has been appointed agent at Belleville.

Operator A. T. Holland, at Germania, is Bro. Holland now, having sent in his application with the price the 2d of this month. That is the only way to do, boys, "Do it now." For if you put getting an up-to-date off until next pay-day you will not feel any more able to join than you do now.

Bro. D. H. Nelms has been appointed agent at Adona. Bro. J. C. Allen off on vacation.

Bro. F. C. Porter has been appointed agent at Benton. Bro. Porter is from Division No. 31. Benton has been handled by nons so long that she has gotten to where no one hardly wants to work there. We trust that conditions will get better now, as we have an up-to-date brother there.

I visited "RK" office the other night and found there are several nons working there and several delinquent members. These men always receive more benefits at the hands of the General Committee than any others on the line, and seem to appreciate it less. Some of them have promised to get up-to-date next pay-day and I trust that they will do as they have promised.

Brz. H. E. Brown, who was at Haskell, is now braking, but he is still going to carry an O. R. T. card.

In taking up grievances you will be furnished a blank by your local chairman on application. I will do my best to have all grievances adjusted that are referred to me after you have taken all steps to honorably adjust them yourself.

Anything pertaining to our welfare that you wish to know about, such as the nine-hour law and our schedule with the company, I will be glad to explain to you. If I am unable to give you the information desired I will refer it to some one that can. I would like to get in touch with all the brothers and sisters on the Arkansas Division, so that we can work together.

T. M. NELMS, Local Chairman.

El Paso Division-

I am glad to see that everybody has plenty to do, and I have just as much, if not more than a great many of you, and especially those who are working eight- and nine-hour tricks. While I only work twelve and thirteen hours and have plenty to do during that time.

If you care to see these write-ups in the future you will have to assist in getting them, as I do not have the time to keep track of all that is going on over the division. Five minutes' work on the part of most all of you would give us a nice write-up each month, and if sent to me I will endeavor to get them up and mailed in time to come out each issue of our journal.

Bro. H. Wasserman is working first trick at Guymon; same on bid.

Bro. C. B. Penland was checked in as agent at Middlewater, on bid.

Bro. C. B. Johnson is taking the third trick at Naravisa, Bro. Saleway having resigned to go into other business.

L. F. Franks was appointed agent at Arkalon, vice Bro. Penland, transferred.

W. A. Armstrong has been appointed agent at Ramona, Bro. Notroff having resigned.

Bro. T. O'Connell spent a few days in Logan. visiting his family. He was relieved at Texhoma by a new man.

Bro. H. Moore, from the Nebraska Division, is now working second trick at Liberal, having transferred from the Nebraska Division to this division. We understand that Bro. Moore is the owner of a fine farm near Liberal and transferred to that place to be better able to look after his interests at that point.

Night Chief F. B. Rice, at Dalhart, is off on vacation; being relieved by first trick man, C. H. Young. F. B. Reynolds is relieving Young and Operator F. P. Flemming is working second trick.

E. L. M., L. C.

## R., F. & P. Ry.

Regular monthly meeting Division 125 called to order 7:45 p. m., Friday, November 13, by second vice-chief telegrapher Bro. Bowles.

Our attendance was somewhat larger than usual, and good will reigned supreme. That is what we want; that is what we need, hearty co-operation, both on duty and off duty.

I understand that a certain official of our line has said that the service at the present time was



above the ordinary; that is encouraging and appreciated by every one, yet we want to hear perfect used instead of above ordinary. That is a high mark and it is possible. I believe that a majority of us could improve on the impression we have made on our superior officers, as well as our friends, if we would but try. As a whole, we have a bunch of as good men as can be found anywhere.

It is the desire of every right-thinking member to better his condition, the condition of his family and his friends, to lift above reproach the emblem of the O. R. T. and make it a blessing to all who come in contact with it; to make it a proof of integrity and ability, then the road which was a path of thorns will become a path of roses instead.

Mr. R. H. Gemeny got first trick "RO" on bulletin; second trick bulletined.

Bro. N. M. Crismond bid in third trick "X" on bulletin; second trick on bulletin.

Bro. J. F. Cox, second trick "AF," on sick list, being relieved by Bro. Duncan.

Bro. G. E. Soutter, agent "HI," off for a few days, being relieved by Bro. W. L. Dodson, from "ND."

Bro. L. H. Riney, after doing the extra "stunt" in "K" for several weeks, is now back at Clopton on second trick.

Bro. C. L. Melton has returned to Acca on regular trick, after spending pleasant vacation with friends in Baltimore, Md. Cor.

## Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry.

Michigan Division-

Some of the boys have not paid their current dues. This should be attended to at once, before you are dropped. Several of the nons have promised their applications for the first of the year, and I hope they will make good. I know of no better way of commencing the new year. If we are to expect better working conditions and a new schedule, it is certainly necessary.

Bro. Carrell, of Grand Rapids, has resigned. He is succeeded by Mr. Southworth, of Adrian.

Mr. W. J. O'Hara relieved Mr. Southworth at Adrian.

Bro. Ed Gangwer, of Millersburg, worked second trick at Kendallville for two weeks, while Bro. Rudy Micklinburg relieved Mr. Boies, ticket agent at White Pigeon.

Mr. H. Forsch, agent at Middlebury, is on leave of absence, visiting in Ohio.

Bro. Hasbrook, of "B" tower, Elkhart, has returned to work after two weeks' leave of absence.

Mr. O. V. Andrews, who worked third trick at "B" tower, Elkhart, has left the service. Relieved by R. M. Waite. Mr. Waite has since taken second trick at White Pigeon, Mr. Earl Chilcote taking third trick at "B" tower.

I understand I. T. Smith, who began working for the company in 1866, has left the service. Mr. Smith was the oldest operator on the Michigan Division, and no doubt the oldest on the L. S. & M. S. system.

Bro. Batershall, of Coldwater, has resigned and has accepted a position with the Cement Co. at Coldwater. Bro. Gangwer succeeds Bro. Battershall.

Mr. R. T. Waite, of White Pigeon, gets Bro. Gangwer's place at Coldwater. I "13" Mr. Waite has since resigned, Mr. H. Oberlin succeeding him.

Our old-time Bro. Glascott is back at Hopkins again.

Bro. W. J. Beebe is now located at Sylvania. Pat Keefe has returned from Ireland, where he spent most of his time in and around Blarney Castle and investigating the beauties of the city of Cork. Pat says he would like to spend the rest of his life lying in the shade of Kilcoman Castle. "Quit your dreaming, Pat, and get an up-to-date card."

General Chairman Kipp has been visiting friends in Ft. Wayne, and called on a number of the brothers on the Lansing Division.

Bro. E. J. Boylan, who has been working the joint job at Findlay, has accepted a much better position on the Michigan Central, at Concord, Mich.

E. T. Munea is working third trick at Vickers tower, Toledo.

Mr. R. E. Squires, the ham, who worked third trick at White Pigeon for a few days, has been sent back to the factory at Batavia for polishing up. He certainly needs it.

Bro. C. H. Bell has returned to "HY," Kalamazoo, after having relieved Mr. Groble, who was sick, at Schoolcraft.

Mr. R. J. Monroe filled the vacancy at Allegan, caused by Mr. Bockus leaving the service.

Now, let us see how many nons we can cop before this year closes, and start 1909 with a stronger membership.

Remember, "no card, no favors." A good many of us will not have to go outside of the office to get hold of a non, and with the proof of what the O. R. T. has done for us, you ought to land him first thing. You will feel better for having tried, anyhow, so ginger up and let's show our committee a percentage they will use proud to represent.

DIV. COR.

### C. B. & Q. Ry.

It is perhaps known to all that the committee is arranging to meet in Chicago for a revision of the schedule during the month of December. It is to be hoped that a more favorable schedule can be secured for all. Inasmuch as there are many positions filled by telephone operators, and a majority of them are members of our Order, it will be quite necessary that those positions are included in the schedule, and above all, that these men be given the same wages as the men who telegraph. They are performing the same work, and there is no good reason why the pay should not be the same.

Did you ever notice how ready railroad officials are to reprimand an employe if he perhaps innocently commits some act he should not? But on the other hand, did you ever hear officials give



words of encouragement for your good work and attentiveness to business? Agents and operators are as hard working a class of men as there are on a railroad. No other class of employes put in longer hours and receive such a small amount of consideration. Strictly speaking, they are in a sense slaves. They are kept right at their work all the time, Sundays and holidays, and all they know is to work; eat and sleep; and when a man wants to make a visit down the road for a few hours, he is given to understand that he can't be allowed to run around to much. There is more in this world than working for a mere living all one's life.

All the necessaries of life have increased so greatly in the past few years that the men barely make a living, and if a man is taken sick, he has to run up a bill at the store and with the doctor.

What the men must have is better wages, not a reduction, as some are getting now, who are unfortunate enough to be 'phone operators. It is an injustice to these men to have to accept these positions at reduced wages and be known as unskilled laborers, when any one knows it takes a skilled laborer to handle trains, whether by telegraph or telephone. How slim a pretext to get around paying schedule pay to this class of men? These men do the same work, they eat just as much and it costs them just as much to live in every way. Why should they work for less? Look around you and see if you are being fairly treated.

On this system, where a man is sent to a certain place to work, he is only left there long enough to allow the agent to get him nicely broke in so the work can be agreeably handled, then a change is made and another man is sent. This upsets business at that station and causes the agent in many cases to work over the thirteen-hour limit in order to keep his work up. If he don't keep up the work, a change is made.

Under the present system there are but mighty few promotions for men on the Burlington, for the simple reason that most of the best positions or agencies are filled by men from foreign lines, or are being filled by men taken from the auditor's office. Under such a system is there any reason why employes should take more interest in the company's business? Or that the compay and its employes do not get closer together, or that their interests do not become more mutual?

What is needed to bring about a change? Nothing but fair treatment by the company. That will do it; nothing more, pothing less, and until they realize this fact, there is not likely to be much of a change.

Anything to keep the laboring man down, seems to be the watchword. This is their idea of a "square deal." Maybe it is a winner, but I doubt it. I want to see a more friendly spirit existing all around, and am willing to do all within my power to bring it about, but I do not like to hear the cry of a "square deal" to the men, when there is nothing fair about it.

I want to see the men do their work and do it well, make their services desirable at all times, but

I detest the manner in which telegraphers are used on some divisions, in different ways, and only considered to be on an equality with a "dago" laborer. I want to see our men given more freedom. Let them get out and meet one another, and feel as though they were men and not the lowest class of downtrodden laborers.

Rush in your information blanks, so the committee will have them when they meet. If you have not paid your M. B. D. to the end of 1908, do so at once. Let all take hold and do some missionary work. It must be done. Are you going to let the 'phone scare you to death' I guess not.

M. J. JOHNSON.

Ottumwa Division-

Bro. H. J. Rodgers, of Middletown, bid in New London second on bulletin, being relieved at Middletown by Bro. O. E. McBride.

You may call Mr. F. F. Vaughn, of Batavic. brother.

Bro. Keck, who was bumped at New London by Bro. Rodgers, bid in Avery.

Bro. E. L. Martin, West Burlington yards second, is taking a "hike" around the world for a few weeks, being relieved by Bro. L. S. Grabow. Bro. L. S. Grabow was relieved at Afton by Mr. Church.

Bro. J. W. Walsh, second at Burlington yard, off on a vacation, being relieved by Bro. R. A. Sanburg, of Lockridge third, he in turn being relieved by Mr. W. A. Schelmmer, a new man here. Before going to Lockridge Mr. Schelmmer relieved Bro. A. H. Ostrich at Danville second, for two or three days.

You can call Mr. L. A. White, Ackworth, and Mr. O. A. French, first at Albia, brothers by the time this appears.

There are four or five who were members for some time and have now dropped out, and our local chairman and others have been unable to get them to renew. If we can not get them to rejoin I shall give you a list of them, so you may know whom you are working with at the other end of the string. No offense could possibly be taken, for if they wish to stay on the side of the fence with the nons, surely they are not ashamed to be called a non, or they would become members. I know one that used to go so far as to tell every non what he thought of him in good, plain Eng lish.

All, with one or two exceptions, have paid their dues for the current term. There were quite a few that were very slow coming in, and some of these were good brothers who have always been rather enthusiastic, apparently. It seems strange that you should do this. It is, I think, unless in a case of prolonged illness in the family, possible for all to pay the small amount of dues the moment they become due. We should remember the many duties of our general chairman, general secretary and treasurer and our local chairman, and seek to help them all we possibly can, and not add to their duties by making it necessary for them to prod us up to get us to pay up. Bro. Johnson, our general chairman, and Bro. Henry.



our G. S. & T., are working hard for our interests, working more than nine hours per day, too, boys, and also our local chairmen all over the system are working for our interests. Then, surely, we ought to work for our own interests by keeping our dues paid up, if you can do nothing more.

We are going after the nons now, and intend to wipe every non off the list. Now, let's all lend a helping hand and work toward that end.

If a meeting were to be called at Fairfield, how many of you could get there? All of you write Bro. Shields, our local chairman, and tell him whether you could get there or not. There ought to be at least one man from every station. Those from the east could get there on No. 11, and those from the west on No. 4. Now, if you are a live member, do this. Don't put if off a minute; do it now. Bro. Henry is located in Fairfield, and he could be with us, and this should be an incentive for all to go. Let us have an awakening and make this the banner division of the system. Will you help? If you have a non working with you, don't let up on him until you get his application.

Bro. Keck, at Avery, is to have an operator. This is as it should be, and even at that, Avery is none too desirable a place.

I was to receive notes from several of the brothers, but did not receive the scratch of a pen.

('ERT. 283.

#### Beardstown Division-

The Beardstown Division will be regularly represented in the Journal from now on. Please send any items to the local chairman.

F. E. Kirkland, "The Katy Scab," who has been employed at Beardstown Re'ay office and at various stations along the line, has just been discharged for gambling and distronesty. He has been employed at Browning second trick for a few months past. A good riddance for our division.

C. A. Hickman is now second trick at Browning. Bro. R. O. Willett, of Adair, off for a few days, taking a vacation.

Bro. H. L. Schaffer reports attending Mr. Conlee's funeral at Rosevil'e on November 14th.

Bro. Phippens, of Jacksonville, has gone to work on the C. & A. at Jacksonville.

Understand that a student from Ada'r has been checked in as ticket agent and phone operator at Jacksonville now.

Agent at Christopher resigned and second trick man took his place, and a student from the L. & N. took the second trick.

Some student by the name of Barnett checked in at Atwater, vice Bro. F. Stehman, resigned.

Seems like all the old men on the Jack line are leaving. The 'phones are too much, with their student operators, for the old men to put up with.

I have it on good authority that the troubles with the 'phones on the Jack line are now five times as great as with the Morse system. And, too, the 'phones are new and the very best that there are. Line men tell me that they can not last through the winter; that they will, when the first snow-storm comes, be put out of business, and will not recover until all the sleet and snow is gone in the spring. Well, well, the lesson will be dear to the railroad, and we hope that it will teach them to leave well enough alone.

Mr. Cachen, our present traveling auditor, will be checked in as agent at White Hall, January 1, 1909. Have not heard who wil succeed him. At present he is just recovering from a three months' siege of fever.

Hagener and yard office Beardstown both now open again, the first time for months, three men each. They don't see how they got along without them for so long.

Boys, go after those nons now. Before this reaches you we expect to have been paid a visit by Bro. M. J. Johnson, and we want to keep the good work going after he has started it for us.

Any complaints or any positions not bulletined please take up with the local chairman for adjustment. Can not personally see all these things, but must have your help.

CERT. 1637.

Sheridan Division-

Mr. A. E. Engstrom, at one time a member and who has been assistant freight agent at Sheridan for the last year, has resigned and will take charge of Kirby station, relieving Mr. Pollard. Mr. R. L. O'Brien, clerk to the chief dispatcher, will take Mr. Engstrom's place in Sheridan. It has not been learned where Mr. Pollard goes yet.

Mr. Snyder transferred from Toluca third trick to Wyola nights. Bro. Hinman second trick Toluca to third trick Toluca. Bro. Pugh from Wyola nights to Toluca second trick.

A Mr. Bradley goes to Frannie as night operator; worked at Wyola a few nights. Don't know if he holds the necessary or not.

Mr. B. H. McClung, agent Greybull, off up in the mountains after game. How does he expect to catch anything without being up-to-date? Bro. Jack Vacek relieved Mr. McClung.

Understand Mr. Kissisk, agent at Cody for a long period, goes to Pryor as agent. This is quite a promotion, nit. J. F. Watson, formerly agent at Auburn, Neb., relieves him.

Bro. Pugh resigns at Toluca, being relieved by Mr. Burton, a C. T. U. & A. brother. Pugh goes East after a few days' hunt in the mountains.

Ballantine pit was closed down a week or so account of heavy business on the main line had to use work train crews in road service to move the traffic that's piling up.

Bro. W. S. Fox, agent Upton, is taking a three weeks' vacation, and Jchn Zebeder, of Kansas City, is relieving him.

Mr. W. A. White, of the dispatcher's office at Lincoln, Neb., stopped off at Sheridan Monday on his way home from Livingston, where he had been on business.

On account of the increase in business an extra dispatcher has been put on the east end from



4:00 p. m. till midnight, working between Gillette and Edgemont.

It is reported here that the N. P. is making arrangements to run their fast passenger train, "The North Coast Limited," over the "Q" from Chicago to Billings, then over the N. P. tracks to Portland. This arrangement, if put into effect, will shorten the train's running time sixty to seventy hour

Mr. F. B. Rosenthal, of Chicago, has been employed as operator at Wyola, relieving Chas. Lawerence, who resigned.

Geo. Feldberg has been sent to Osage as night operator, relieving J. F. Elwood, who has been appointed train and station inspector with head-quarters at Alliance.

Dave Knowles, night chief at Sheridan, has resigned to accept a position at McCook.

The third man put on at Crow agency; had only been working two men. Bro. Mallison, the regular night man, working second trick. Mr. Shriver, from Alger, goes to Crow agency third trick.

Mr. Snyder, formerly of Toluca third trick, has been working nights at Wyola, now working days there relieving Mr. Lawrence, who, we understand, resigned. Mr. Brosathnal relieving Mr. Snyder as night operator.

A Mr. Watkins from the Mo. Pac. relieves Mr. Kiesick at Cody. Kiesick goes to Pryor, relieving Bro. Trego. Bro. Trego goes from Pryor to Parkman, relieving Bro. Dietz, who resigned.

Sister Clare Shaughnessy returned from her vacation November 14 in good spirits, and resumed her position as second trick operator at Arvada. Mr. Jackson, who has been relieving her, was sent to Osage as night operator.

A new depot is being built at Dewey, and Bro. Essex says it is going to be the finest on the division for its size.

We are indebted to Bro. G. A. Hineman at Toluca for notes he sends in every month. Bro. Hineman has been on this division only a short time, and has taken much interest in the work. Can not we all follow him in this work and have the best write-up on the system?

The members of the Sheridan Division extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of Conductor Deisem, who was accidentally killed at the Ballantine pit November 10th.

The Ballantine pit has opened up in full blast with operator Gaylord in charge of the telegraph

C. C. Vaughn, cashier and operator Newcastle, has dropped the Order, or has been dropped for failure to pay dues; claims he distikes the way the O. R. T. runs things, etc. Guess he don't like the little raise the O. R. T. gets him now and then.

Bro. Diltz, agent at Parkman, has resigned and gone into the mercantile business at Parkman.

A cashier has been put at Basin account of such heavy business at that station. Bro. Ross is tickled to death. Think Sister Zada Norton got the position.

Mr. O. G. Norton has filled out the papers and will have the pasteboard in genuine colors before this gets on the division.

Our superintendent, Mr. F. B. Miller, has resigned, and was relieved by Mr. E. E. Young, understand from the McCook Division. He was an old-time conductor and yardmaster at Denver years ago. We understand Mr. Miller goes to Denver as general superintendent for some other road.

The information blanks will be mailed to you before this goes to press, and I hope every one will give it his personal attention, answer all questions, etc., and return them promptly to your local chairman. A man don't know how important his information blank all filled out with each guestion answered is until he gets before the officials and managers. We want to represent the whole division this time, if possible, so let us all combine and work in harmony in sending back our information blanks. Don't stick it in a pigeon hole and say "Oh, I'll fill that out tomorrow," or something like that. Do it as soon as you get it.

Another thing I wish to call your attention to is, when you are returning your blank, don't forget to state whether you are a member and give your certificate and division number also. This will ail us a great deal. It will enable us to learn who are members and who are not.

Another man has been added to the following places: Clifton days, Upton third trick, Dewey nights, Thornton days and Rozet nights.

Bro. Kesinger goes to Rozet nights from Oriva; Mr. Pollard, formerly agent Kirby, goes to Oriva. Bro. Burt, from St. Louis Division, goes to Thornton.

Operator Powers, from the St. Joe Division to Thornton third trick, relieving a Mr. Feldberg, who, we understand, was dismissed.

Mr. Dukes is relieving Bro. Fox as agent at Upton. Guess he is not up-to date.

Bro. Hazlett, Newcastle's genial second trick man hopes by December 1st he will be on a muchneeded vacation of four or five weeks. He expects to visit his folks back East and have a Xmas dinner with them.

Bro. Burnhard, Moorcroft second trick, has invested in a ranch at "MC."

I hope every one will try and give me his help this month, so we can have the division in a first-class shape and everything lined up. I expect to keep in touch with the General Committee as much as I can, and will gladly inform you how things turn out.

If any foreign members come on the division, be sure to get his certificate and division number, and send it to me so I can have him transferred before some other system gets his dues.

Let me thank one and all for your general support for the past year.

Wishing you a Merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year, I am,

Yours fraternally,

J. P. MEBHAN, Local Chairman.



Alliance Division-

Alliance relay office, "J," seems to have a number of new men. The dispatchers' force was increased three men, which certainly is a much-needed improvement. Prior to the increasing of the force, no where in the whole country was there such a roast for trick men to have to handle. Over 350 miles of track, all kinds of stock trains and extra business, and handicapped at night by only a few night offices.

Dispatcher Welch, alias "JO," alias "Dad," now working first trick on west end, Mosher, same old first trick east, Marvin second, and Joe Mifka third, Gregory and Helpbringer, of Seneca, working the second and third trick on the west end. Dispatcher Coleman, from Deadwood office, working as extra dispatcher; operator Irwin breaking in. Bro. Spradling relieved "Help" as agent at Seneca. Roberts, of Belmont, and Fred Litty, of "J" office, to Deadwood dispatcher's office. Have not learned who drew Belmont.

Operator Baldy Brown back at his old stunt at Hecla.

Bro. W. A. Keaton working second and operator B. W. Howe working third trick at Whitman. Bro. Fountain, agent Whitman, laying off.

Bro. Thompson working as relief agent was at Ellsworth, where he relieved Hancock, who has left the service to take charge of his father's ranch. Mr. Ellsbury, from the High Line, checked in as permanent agent Ellsworth.

Hemingford is to get a day operator.

Operator Knutt working nights at Ashby.

Operator Salisbury, third trick Ellsworth, relieved by operator McCarthy, from the C. & N. W. Operator J. R. McFadden, who has been working second at Seneca, has left the service and gone East.

Bro. Cheadle, agent Sweetwater, is off on a vacation; relieved by Bro. Williams, extra agent.
Bro. Jones returned to Litchfield from his vacation.

Operator Parkinson has been at Mason helping . Bro. Darrow.

Information blanks have been mailed to all and most of them returned. If any of you failed to get a blank, whether a member or not, be sure and write for one. Your committee expects to meet the managers about the middle of December for the purpose of negotiating for a new schedule. Without these blanks they can do nothing. We notice a unanimous verdict from those who have received the blanks that the 'phone is not considered safe. Also that none have been offered a relay position and that all would like to see those positions bulletined and in our schedule the same as they are on other roads. One brother says if the trainmen would stop using the 'phone the 'phone question would settle itself. They were requested to not use it for blocking purposes, especially from helpers and other than the operator in charge. If they, as they say, don't want to see the telegraph supplanted by the telephone, they can do more than any one else to stop it; it means as much to the train men as it does the operators; we can get a job threshing beans if we can not telegraph, and they will have to run the risk of using the 'phone for orders. One brother who has used a 'phone with metallic circuit, being the best there is, says it is absolutely unreliable, and is out of service half the time, and he denounces the 'phone emphatically.

There are a few nons left yet, quite a number of new applications from new men have been received, but none from the old-timers, who thought six months ago they would join as soon as they got on their feet. That's all right, fellows; that's your privilege. Don't come in if you don't want to; some day the rest of us will go to thinking like you do, and then where will we be? Do you suppose we will be sending out information blanks and sending a committee at a large expense to Chicago if we all thought like you do? You understand the situation as well as the rest of us, so there is no use taking up space to tell you of it.

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#### Burlington Division-

It is often said that it is hard to get blood out of a turnip. So it is; but I have began to think that it is about as hard to get the news of the Burlington Division branches as it would be to squeeze a little blood from the turnip. So please loosen up, boys, and help out with those items that I do not know about. Did you ever stop to think that a division correspondent was liable to get to telling things that were not exactly true, when you depend on him to furnish all the news of four branches, and no one attempting to aid him? As it is I have not fallen yet, but if you want to exercise your opportunities and help a brother that is threatened with such a habit, send me the news.

Bro. R. F. Alston has returned from a trip in the West.

Mr. J. E. Elsworth, assistant agent at Oskaloosa, is taking a vacation, and Bro. W. R. Sever, operator, is relieving him, while extra agent, Bro. Dale Ellis, of Hillsboro, Iowa, is relieving Bro. Sever as operator.

Bro. J. F. Frain, local chairman, was off a few days, and Bro. Ottler, extra agent, relieved him.

Bro. Hadley, of Pekin, has quit the service, and his station was bulletined until November 17th, with Bro. W. W. Wade holding the fort.

There was an O. R. T. meeting held at Des Moines, November 19th, but do not know what was done, as I did not get to go.

I have no doubt that if the telephone is put in that the business men will raise up against it with all power possible. The entire bunch of business men and the best citizens in this town would sign a remonstrance against it tomorrow. They say that the telegraph is the only trusted system that can be successfully used for such work as handling train orders, and important, as well as private business. I can not see how the railroad companies can expect a man to carry on his business, that must be private in many cases,

with such a system as the telephone. We have plenty of men who have a good business, which is strictly honest in every way, but could not be carried on with success if every one knew as much about it as they do. This being true, I am at a loss to know how we are going to handle private messages in a private manner, when the people come and go from a telegraph office at all times in the day, and the eaves-droppers will soon get on it and will be on tap to get anything that is supposed to be private, in order that they can tell it to their best friend. I suppose we will have to order everybody off of the right-of-way and make a run around the depot every time we have any private messages to send and see if there is any one on the watch, and if there was and he was a great big guy, then we would have to wait until he got ready to leave, to send the message and make the proper notation as to delay (delayed on account of eaves-droppers).

Mr. John A. Uhler, wholesale lumberman, of Burlington, Iowa, called at my ticket window the other day and said that he had heard some talk about the telephone scheme, and he asked me if it was true that they intended to take the telegraph out of the offices along the line? I told him that, as I understood it, we would no longer have a telegraph keyowhen the telephone system was once installed. You should have heard him roar, he said, "I am going in the office when I get in and tell some of those fellows what they are going to run up against." He said that what little influence he had was going to be piled up against such a loose system as the telephone, for many reasons, and one is, "That I would not trust one of those old trusty operators in the Western Union office at Burlington to telephone my messages to my house, which is only a short distance, for the fear of an error, for my messages are mostly code messages and a mistake of one letter would change the whole meaning, and, more than that, I send many messages every day on my trips over the country, and if I am compelled to rely on the telephones I can not do any business." See.

The laws of our country do not excuse an operator for any mistakes he makes in handling train orders, and I am strongly in favor of such a law, for the reason that it will compel strict attention to the work of handling human lives; but I do not think that we should be compelled to give up our old, reliable Morse telegraph, that is perfectly safe, and in its place be compelled to use one of the telephones, which is strongly the opposite, and work under the same law.

Our committee expects to meet the managers about December 15th, which will be before you see this, and our information blanks are out for all to fill out and send in at once, and I hope that it will not be necessary to have to ask any member the second time for his. blank. And I hope that every non-member who has not enough grit to fill out his information blank, gets his wages cut, and if I were on the committee and could do any other way, I would not utter a single word for them, in any shape or form.

DIV. Cor.

Sterling Division-

Have you all got your new tariff case fixed up? Better look after this or the law will get you. The work is not so complicated as it appears.

Bro. Fleming, of Angora, is visiting relatives and friends in Kansas during November, being relieved by a former member, W. S. Avery, from the Sheridan Division, who leaves us shortly for his old home in Mississippi.

Bro. Bodenstab, from "ST" office, at Sterling, is doing the night act at "SA" office, Sterling, while Clifford and Sells handle the other trick, with Delahoyd as clerk in the car department. This O. R. T. bunch is hard to beat for doing the work in proper style.

A new man, from the Union Pacific, is handling Grover station, relieving Bro. Newton, who took a trick at Bridgeport.

Bro. W. H. Winger has resigned at Loomis to engage in farming at Miamis, Tex., being relieved by Cashier Moore, of Bridgeport.

Bro. Bullock, at Madrid, reports that he has resigned.

Our old friend and "booster," D. O. Boyd, formerly at Dalton, is now located at Palisade, Neb., on the McCook Division. Whether permanent or temporary I have failed to learn

Some of us still have room for improvement in our work. How can some of us expect our committee to go up and ask for an increase in pay? While, on the other hand, many are being underpaid for the class of service rendered. Act well your part. Our Sunday rest and increased pay is surely coming.

Bro. H. P. Schroeder, formerly at Dickens, is now cashier and operator at Scott's Bluff, relieving Operator Herring, who takes third trick at Bridgeport. Operator Bryan handles the first trick, while Bro. Newton acts as cashhier, with a few hours as operator, during the rush.

Bro. C. H. Belding, formerly cashier at Bridge port, has returned to his old haunts on the Creston Division.

Since receipt of the blanks from him it is now Bro. Cuddy at Mitchell.

The question at hand is how can we secure a proper remuneration for our labor, proper hours of work and rest, our fifty-two Sundays per year, as we are commanded to observe, and to which every human being is entitled. Have we a right to Sunday rest? Why not? If not, you and I then who has this right? Get wise to your welfare, join us in this struggle for fair wages, and proper hours of labor, and instead of finding flaws, help to make our Order one to be proud of. Help to increase our strength by joining with us, and then help in every way you can your local chairman and general chairman to do the work they are trying to do for you.

I. T. MADDOX.

St. Joseph Division-

Bro. W. M. Allen, at Napier, transferred to this division this month.

Bro. C. E. Rosling, at Napier, has been off on a vacation to Gladstone, Ill.; relieved by Bro. J.



M. Cook, from Bigelow, who went to Hamburg when Rosling returned.

Mr. C. D. Noland discharged at Napier; relieved by Bro. W. M. Allen.

Bro. R. R. Field relieved Bro. D. D. Huartson at Council Bluffs.

Wm. Henderson, from nights at McPaul, to Bigelow nights.

Taft's election caused one good turn, at least: The factory at Hentons is closed for four years and then some.

R. R. Field is working relief for L. C. Dobbyns. Dobbyns from Craig to Corning.

Bro. A. E. Finch, Hentons to Craig nights.

Operator Boyle is working relief at Parkville, third trick.

C. P. Roney, nights at Island Park, hands in his resignation for December 15th. Understand he is going to Oklahoma to live.

Night ticket clerk at Breesford, at Francis street, is laying off sick.

Bro. W. W. Wornstaff, at Hamburg, is laying off the latter part of November. A man from "O" office is working relief.

You fellows who did not fill out the information blanks will please have no kick coming for at least six months.

Every member reading this should try to send in a few items for next issue. Any of you can turn in a few, if you will only try. Let us hear from all of you from now on, it makes it lots easier.

Mr. Cookey, ticket clerk, Francis street days, was listed among the lucky who drew a farm in the recent Rosebud land drawing, and says he is going to quit railroading and farm for a change.

Bro. O. C. Wallace, second trick at Parkville, is at his home in Maryville, Mo., on a short vacation, the latter part of November. Operator Boyle is relieving him. It is Bro. Wallace now.

Bro. W. L. Harper and wife, of Council Bluffs, ate Thanksgiving Turkey with Ex-Bro. J. Hays, at Watson, Mo.

A new schedule is in effect December 1st at Council Bluffs. The old schedule, first trick, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.; second trick, 3 p. m. to 12 midnight, and third trick, 12 midnight to 9 a. m., is now changed to first trick, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.; second trick, 4 p. m. to 1 a. m., and third trick, 1 a. m. to 10 a. m., with Bro. Harper working first, Bro. Huartson, second, and Mr. York, third. In this change Bro. Harper is made depot ticket agent.

Now, brothers, pick out a non some place and ju.t simply "squat" on him. But that is not all. S.ay there until you feel that victory is yours, and you know he is saved.

#### Aurora Division-

Owing to the extensive and increasing duties of his position, our former local chairman, Bro. E. F. Todd, of Sandwich, was obliged to resign the local chairmanship. We wish to hereby extend our appreciation of his services while acting in that capacity. It is doubtful if there can be found

another brother who will as efficiently fill the

The Aurora Division is one of the largest local divisions of the entire Order, and is so divided that it is almost impossible to keep in touch with the several branches. In addition to the hard and faithful work Bro. Todd performed, he also assumed the financing of a number of meetings and other matters that should not and would not have devolved upon him under ordinary circumstances.

Bro. Todd handled thirty-three grievances successfully since the adoption of our last schedule, having failed only on those of a doubtful nature, or where there was lack of evidence. Many of those successfully handled were, strictly speaking, not grievances in violation of the schedule, but personal grievances, such as would have to have been fought out by the complainant on other divisions.

Through his personal efforts Bro. Todd initiated some thirty odd members, and was a party to the initiation of some sixty. This, too, in spite of the fact that the division was considered as solid as it could be made, previous to his advent. He had much that was discouraging with which to contend, much that would have caused the ordinary human to "throw up the sponge." Again thanking him for his endeavor in our behalf, and soliciting what aid his time will allow us in the future, we wish him hearty success in all his undertakings.

The present incumbent accepts the local chairmanship under protest. Not through a lack of desire to be of service, but through the appreciation of his limited ability and lack of familiarity with the duties involved. However, he will put forth every effort to perform those functions, and respectfully solicits the help and advice of every member.

As long as he has your co-operation, there* is nothing that will cause him to "lay down," but this he requires in large abundance. One good way to show that you are "there," is to answer immediately all correspondence and not pigeon-hole it for some more convenient time until it is out of date. This thoughtlessness is one of the most detrimental features with which we have to contend.

"Jimmy" Knuckley, regular second trick man at Mendota, has just finished a little relay stunt at Aurora office. We should like to see "Jim" land this regular, but hope it will not furnish the excuse, as it has for a number of others, for abandoning the Order. There is even more need of organization among the relay men.

Bro. A. J. Johnson seems to be general utility man just at present, having relieved Knuckley at Mendota, or rather Bro. Higman, the regular third trick man, who relieved Jim; then to Princeton to relieve Bro. Wyberg.

Bro. Ranger spent the afternoon with the boys at Bristol the early part of the month.

Bros. Stein and Ranger, accompanied by the more important members of their families, attended the theater at the Grande, in Aurora, Thanksgiving night.



The boys at "SN" are now doing a nine-hour stunt, owing to the exceedingly heavy traffic at Somonauk station, which requires in addition to the agent and helper, three hours a day from one of the trick men.

Remember, brothers, if you do not see the things in our news items that you think should be there, you are responsible, inasmuch as you have failed to furnish us with your items. Our monthly writeup can be whatever you desire and deserve.

We want a correspondent on each branch, and each brother is requested to acquaint him with everything of interest.

It is evident, from the requests for application blanks, and general information about the Order, that the 'phoners are not slow to catch on to "Why is a 'phoner?" as propounded by the railway companies, and that they intend to protect themselves against being made a commodity of, in the "pit."

Stay with it, boys. It requires intelligence to railroad properly, and intelligence is bound to command at least a living wage. Experience is bound to teach the employers this, even though it may require it in large and expensive doses.

Everybody get in on the game.

A. J. RANGER, L. C.

Brookfield Division-

Bro. Withers, of Hunnewell is laying off, sick. Mr. Little is relieving him.

Superintendent W. F. Theihoff is spending Thanksgiving with the home folks at Hunnewell.

The information blanks have been mailed to all operators. Some are slow about returning them. I suppose they are entirely satisfied and do not care to be represented at Chicago.

L. Nolan, agent at Bevier, has just returned from a thirty-day lay-off. He visited California. Relieved by Cashier Watkins, who was relieved by Mr. Lyng.

Bro. Leaton, of Bucklin, gets first trick at Shelbina.

Bro. Dale, of Nettleton, got second trick at Callao.

Oliver Dye gets the recently created position as phone operator at Callao. Mr. Dye has decided to become one of us, and ere you read this he will be showing us the cardboard.

I should think the nons could now see the importance of organization, with the 'phone being installed all around us. They can not expect any help from us as they have never helped the Order any.

Bro. T. R. Crandall just returned from a vacation in Cole.

Mr. J. A. Reese, first trick operator at Macon, has gone to St. Louis for a trial of sixty days in the ticket office at that point. Bro. Rightmire is working first trick, Mr. Endicott second and Bro. Edsall third at Macon.

Bro. Kay, at Cameron Junction, off on account of the illness of one of his children. Relieved by Operator Pierron.

Bro. Alspach has been awarded second trick at Liberty, after some little delay and opposition.

Bro. Willams, of Kidder, off a few days. Re lieved by J. W. Yount.

Bro. Shockey has moved his household goods from Quincy and is now living at home.

CORRESPONDENT.

Galesburg Division-

Bro. Harland, who has been working extra, resigned to accept a position with the Northern Pacific, but before leaving Galesburg he was reemployed, and after relieving Mr. Jolly, at Graham, a few days, relieved Bro. Brothers at Seminary Street, Galesburg Yards.

Bro. O. J. Erickson relieved Operator Mercer seven days last month at "YD" office, Galesburg yards.

Bro. Errickson was relieved at Yates City by a student from Plymouth, fresh from the factory. Don't think he made good as I "13" he only stayed a few days. Bro. Novak relieved the student and is working from 4 p. m. to 12 m., Mr. McCleare, formerly on one of the night stunts, working from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Operator J. Mearer relieved Operator Dove at Peoria yards.

'Phoner German, of Seminary Street, Galesburg, is working extra on block job at Galesburg depot. Relieved by 'Phoner Allen's brother, from Maquon.

Bro. Gray, formerly at Quincy depot, on vacation. Relieved by Operator Clayton.

Bro. Fling, at Barstow, resigned. Job bulletined. Do not know who gets it yet.

Bro. Harris, of Bardolph is working extra a few days at Tennessee.

Bro. Adams relieved Bro. Fling at Barstow. Did not learn if he was there permanent or temporarily.

Bro. G. E. Long, at Quincy, off sick again a few days during the past month. We notice that Bro. Long has exchanged tricks with Operator Boyles.

With the help of the bulletin, Prof. Hendericks has taken La Prairie agency. Maybe he will get it through his "coco" after a while that a card is a good thing when some of his students take his job away from him.

Wonder why it is that we can not get any answers to letters we write to the operators at Golden? It seems like they should have interest enough in their craft to as much as answer a letter, at least.

Mr. Work, at Macomb, off duty two weeks. Relieved by Bro. Novak, who later went to Yates City. Bro. Novak worked at Lunn until the phones came in and then he called for a vacation.

Operators at Macomb changed tricks, beginning with Nov. 7, as follows: Mr. Work II p. m. to 8 a. m.; Bro. Peterson, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.; Bro. Armstrong, 2 p. m. to 11 p. m.

We understand that Bro. H. R. Gray will take a trip out through Denver and Billings during his vacation. He will probably be gone about two weeks. Mr. Kirkland, days at Rock Island, is yet on the outside, but there is no use to write to him as he will not answer your letter. Some one said he was "sore" because he got a raise in pay and his hours cut down.

Bro. Vancil, of St. Augustine, off on a vacation.

Bro. R. F. Brothers, of "PX" office, Galesburg yards, was on vacation a few days, visiting in Missouri.

Our chief dispatcher, Mr. W. E. Fuller, spent a few days in Chicago after pay day, working on the new time card that I suppose will be in effect by the time this appears in print. Mr. Fuller was relieved by Mr. Toburn, acting chief.

Bro. Harlan is working extra at "S" office, Quincy, relieving the day man there.

Understand Mr. Bridals, at Coatsburg, is off sick, but did not learn who relieved him.

Mr. Macleave, "YD" office, Galesburg yards, is laying off. Relieved by Bro. Erickson.

You know, when you ask a non to line up, the first thing he will tell you is that he is busted. Well, you notice that any time any of these nons want to lay off, they can afford that, don't you? This "can't afford it" is too old a spiel. I should think the nons would think up some other excuse after a while. We have a few men on this division that are really in hard circumstances, and would like to be with as if they could possibly afford it, and it hurts them to think that they are not with us; but men that have been working on the division for several years and then give you the same old spiel, I think it is a case of a cheap guy that is always willing to get what he can and never willing to give a thing. One of our nons, about six miles from Galesburg, came out plain and said he did not have any money for the O. R. T. I suppose he needs it all to have a good time on; but I notice he is mighty well pleased to get to work eight hours a day. DIV. COR.

#### Members Galesburg Division:

For the information of those who did not hear how the case of Bro. H. R. Gray was settled: Relieved at Quincy passenger station by Mr. Clayton, will spend two or three weeks on vacation through the West, and when he returns is to be placed somewhere on the south end of the Quincy Branch, but no certain station decided upon or promised. Mr. Fuller seems always willing to do the square thing by us and place each man where he would like to be as near as possible.

I have received numerous communications regarding stations bulletined and vacancies, and am very seldom able to answer definitely on account of information. I think it would be a good plan, as other divisions do, when making application for a position on bulletin, to make your application in duplicate and forward the duplicate to me when making application, in order that I may know who has applied and who has not.

Fraternally,

G. W. MALONE, Local Chairman.

McCook Division-

All members of the McCook Division are cognizant of the fact that we are short of a division correspondent without calling their attention to it. I would like for some one on the west end to volunteer to act as such. There is nothing transpiring on this end, and as the members do not seem to take enough interest to advise me of the changes it is very hard to do anything. Now, if some one in the "graveyard" district will proffer his services, I think it will prove beneficial to the Order.

M. U. L. Washburn, of Republican, is off on a two months' vacation; relieved by Bro. A. V. Anderson.

Mr. Z. T. Kemper returned to Alma after a month's pleasure and 'business trips to the west coast country. Ile was relieved by a Mr. Robbins, late of the Santa Fe.

There has been quite a few stations bulletined the past month, also several "swapping" of stations engineered by our minor officials, which is contrary to our working schedule signed by the officials "higher up." I presume they expect us to acquiesce to this in a subservient manner. The recent changes at Oberlin and Beaver City were not bulletined, and I, for one, would like very much to see this part of our schedule observed.

The company is gradually edging in all manner of ways to make our present nine-hour law a boomerang. Every few days you will hear the dispatcher wanting some one to stretch the time a little. Boys, they will stretch it to a finish when they install the 'phones.

The time is not far distant when we working mules will get wise and get into politics and elect our own friends to make our laws. We will reward our friends and punish our enemies, but will first find our friends and drop partyism.

When they install the 'phones our \$22 graduates will jump at the \$45 per like a bull frog does to a piece of flannel,

Bro. A. G. Rohn to Herndon extra, relieving Bro. E. S. Lohr, who takes Axtell regular on bulletin.

Bro. T. L. Darnell goes to Cowles regular, relieving temporary man there, Mr. McClintock.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN.

#### Wymore Division-

One thing that the boys on the Wymore Division should feel proud of is the fact that all who fail to make good prove to be non-members. The boys who carry a card are always able to deliver the goods; the solution is very simple: When a mangrows so narrow-minded he will not protect his own interest, he certainly should not be expected to protect the interest of his employers, and ninetynine times out of a hundred he does not. This proves conclusively that it pays to employ none but union labor.

Are you suffering with cold feet over the telephone? Well, don't worry over it, but sit down and figure how it can be overcome. No use of throwing up the sponge if it is bound to come,



but there is all the more reason why we should stick by each other in the future. Keep paid up and be found fighting in the front ranks.

Bro, J. T. Weatherhogg, agent Hickman, has been on a two weeks' vacation; relieved by Bro. A. F. Heskett.

Bro. A. H. Swan, agent Roca, recently spent a couple of days at Omaha taking in the big K. P. doings.

Bro. Sanders, agent Verdon, has been away account of his father's illness; Bro. Hartzell has been acting heavy man,

Bro. Diller, agent Wilber, recently had his money drawer broken open while working a passenger train, and about one hundred dollars taken.

Bro. VanHorne, agent Syracuse, has been off duty doctoring a carbuncle; relieved by extra agent Heskett.

. Mr. A. T. Watson, agent Diller, has returned from a vacation.

Mr. F. B. Fuller, agent Hanover, recently enjoyed a ten days' leave of absence. Failed to learn where he spent his time.

Bro. Young, agent Dunbar, is away on vacation; relieved by Bro. Reneau.

We are advised that Bro. Hicks, agent DeWeese, was recently absent account illness in his family. Failed to learn who relieved him.

L. O. Nash was recently heard working at Rulo. Trust he will make good again if he remains. Bro. R. C. Zink, Table Rock, is relieving agent Whitson and Bro. Grimes working Zink's tri k.

We are informed that Bro. Devitt, agent Filley, is to be transferred to DeWitt, and Mr. Jokers from DeWitt to Filley "13" DeWitt proved to be too heavy for Mr. Jokers.

Mr. Cassel, agent Guide Rock, recently absent account of sickness; relieved by Bro. Hartzell.

Bro. Martin, agent Angus, recently returned from a two weeks' vacation; relieved by a Mr. R. A. Johnson.

Bro. Charlie Glenn, of Nemaha, has transferred to the McCook Division for the benefit of his wife's health.

E. L. Money, at present working a trick at Pawnee, has filed his application and will be sporting a brand new card by the time this ap-

Bro. Allsman, Falls City, was recently called home on account of sickness; relieved by Bro.

Bro. A. C. Graves, Rulo, has been taking his annual vacation, but we failed to learn where he lived during the time away.

Bro. Ford is working a trick at Pawnee. This makes three men for Pawnee.

O. D. Samsell, agent Thompson, could not stand being out in the cold, cold world, and is again with us, having recently been reinstated.

Mr. J. D. Davis, from the C. & S., is working nights at Preston; "13" he will make good in the near future.

Mr. Murdock is now working third trick at Rulo, ·

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Bro. Will Henion, from the Wabash, is holding down Salem nights.

Trust we will be able to land another batch of items for next month. Wish all of you would hang a note around your neck and then mail the items not later than the 20th of the month.

Pay up and get in line. No card, no favor.

La Crosse Division, No. 130-

We wish to extend our thanks to Bro. Cooper and Bro. Sandlin for the few items that they sent in for this month.

It is to your interest to fill out information blanks so the committee can be well informed. They expect to be in Chicago about the 15th of December, and we trust all will put their shoulder to the wheel and keep the good work moving.

Some good positions on the bulletin at the present time: Day operator Dubuque, first trick at East Dubuque, second trick Maiden Rock, second and third at Lytle. Have failed at this writing to hear who has landed any of them.

Bro. G. L. Dederick, second at Victory, off for a few days on account the death of his grandson. Operator Dill relieving.

Bro. S. A. Fleming, second at Bay City, was off for a few days to attend the funeral of his brother, Dr. Fleming, who was burned to death by gasoline.

D. L. Hastings bid in the trick at Charme and operator Dill the second trick at Blanding. On account of extra business these two offices have been re-opened.

Entire trains of empty refrigerator cars have been going north daily for butter, potatoes and apple-loading. We are all glad to see the business picking up.

There has been a number of changes at South Jct. Bro. J. E. Flanagan, third trick man, went to East Winona for a few days, but is back at his old stand at the Junction as third man.

Bro. Sidney Kimball is back from the West, where he has been working the past few months.

Bro. G. M. Marks, third trick, is back at work again after his trip in the northern part of Minnesota. Before going back on his old trick be relieved Bro. M. J. Duffy as agent at De Soto for a few days while Bro. Duffy and wife visited with home folks at Winona.

B. L. Lane, agent at Trempealeau, is back at work again after a few weeks' lay-off.

Bro, M. A. Griffin, second trick at Maiden Rock, off duty for a few weeks on account of having an operation performed on his ear at Chicago. Glad to hear he is getting along O. K. "13" he will take third at Maiden Rock owing to the work being more light for him on account of his ear; he was relieved by operator Smeltzer.

Operator C. R. Rogers, at East Winona, away on a few days' vacation, being relieved by operator R. J. Morris; also Bro, J. W. Cooper, of East Winona, off for a few weeks' vacation, being relieved by Bro. Unangast.



We understand that Bro. J. Wittenberger, agent at Wyalausing, got the agency at East Dubuque on bulletin; net many of the old boys bidding on this exclusive agency account of not enough money for the work; operator Ned Brodt, of McCartney, going to Wyalausing as agent.

Bro. B. C. Harrison, day operator and ticket clerk at Dubuque, has resigned and gone to St. Paul.

The second trick at Cochrane is now on the bulletin.

Well, I hope all the boys will try and send in a few notes every month, as it is hard for one or two to know what is going on all over the division.

Bro. Brandendorf, of Crawford, secured Fountain City by bulletin.

Bro. Redeske, second trick Stockholm, spent two weeks' vacation in North Dakota; was relieved by operator Peterson.

Bro. Garber, second trick Diamond Bluff, was on ten days' lay-off; relieved by operator Strache.

Bro. Desmond, second trick "RA," was transferred to Galena Jct. temporarily to relieve operator Steadings, third trick.

Operator Smeltzer is doing second stunt Maiden Rock; Bro. Shanks on vacation.

UNION MADE.

#### A. C. L. Ry.

#### All Members Division No. 132-

You will have received notice of dues for the term ending June 30, 1909, ere this journal reaches you. Each member who has not contributed fifty cents toward the Convention Fund will also have received a notice that he or she is expected to contribute this amount toward that fund.

That each member may understand what this fund is used for I will endeavor to explain what other convention cities have done for conventions that I have attended.

At Buffalo the entire convention was given a special train of about ten cars to make a trip to Niagara Falls and return. A banquet was served to about 500 delegates and friends. A ball was given to the same number.

In Minneapolis, a trolley ride over the city and out to the various beautiful lakes and to Minnehaha Park, where are located the famous Minnehaha Falls. A tallyho ride for the ladies attending the convention, a theater party also for the ladies. A ball of magnificent proportions and a banquet that taxed the capacity of one of the largest hotels in the West. These things were given without one cent of cost to the delegates.

When the move was started to get the convention to come South, your division took a leading part, promising that a true Southern welcome would be extended the convention, and we pledged ourselves to see that this kind of welcome was extended. Your division officers look to you to redeem that pledge. I hope it will not be necessary for me to have to ask a single member again to send me this small amount.

The members of the other Southern divisions have agreed to contribute their share, and if they do we can show the members from entire North America that we will do what we promised them in Minneapolia.

Four years ago there were not a dozen delegates in the convention from the South outside of Virginia. Two years later we had about forty. We have a reputation to maintain. Will you help us to uphold it?

#### All Members Division 132-

With this issue of THE TELEGRAPHER the year 1908, which has been a very memorable one, closes. I am unable in the very short time allowed me to get up this article, to enter into any details of the work that has been done by our division. The close of the year will find us in about the same condition numerically as on December 31, 1907. This is gratifying after considering the large number of telegraphers who have been out of employment during the year.

Our division has not suffered in this respect as much as some of our near neighbors, still we have had to bear our share, as we have given places to a large number of telegraphers from other lines less fortunate, and some of our own members had to go in order for these new men to be placed.

The local chairmen have generally given me great assistance, and I wish to thank each and every one of them for the interest and zeal shown for the work. Some of them have not at all times shown as much interest as we would like, but some of the others have shown an unusual amount, so the account is about balanced.

I wish to express my appreciation for the loyal support given by the entire membership, but especially do I wish to thank a few members who have made a lasting impression upon me by their very effectual work in the interest of the organization. But for the work of these individual members our division would not stand where it does today. All the work of the officers does not and can not take the place of individual work of the members.

I wish to make a special request of each member of Division 132. I want every member of this division to try to secure an application during the month of January, 1909. A large number of non-members always make New Year resolutions that they will join the O. R. T. on the first of January. Will not each member of Division 132 see that each non on this system has the opportunity offered by or before that date? With every member on this system at work, there would not be a non left inside of two weeks. They would simply be unable to resist the tide.

The year 1909 promises to see a renewal of business in all lines. We can not but share in this returning prosperity if we take advantage of the opportunities offered. Will each member join with me in making Division 132 the strongest division of the Order?

Wishing each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,

Yours fraternally,

J. H. WILLIAMS, G. S. & T.

Montgomery District-

Operator Hodges has been placed at Grady nights. Operator Huey, formerly at this place, is working with the pile driver.

Bro. Davis, of Cowarts agency, is off a few days. Bro. Brantley is relieving him during his absence.

Bro. Bramlett, of Lela agency, is off a few days; Bro. B. H. Evans is relieving him.

Bro. Aligood, of Iron City agency, visited Bainbridge a few days ago on business.

Bro. Almon Strain, third trick at Bainbridge, has been sick a few weeks, but is now back at work. Bro. B. H. Evans is doing the relief stunt there.

Bro. J. C. Clarke, ticket agent at Bainbridge, is now off on a short business trip. Bro. Evar-relieving.

Bro. W. F. Thames, of Climax agency, has been off on a business trip; relieved by relief agent, Bro. Brantley.

Prof. Cook's students say they will not have to join the Order to get a raise now, as Mr. Taft has been elected President, and for this reason Prof. Cook says he thinks he can get a few more students. He only has one now, and that's hardly enough to pay him for his trouble. We only have two nons now, and they will soon be with us, but we have several "dead beats."

Now, boys, do not forget our motto, "No card, no favors," and stick it to the dead beats on all sides.

We were arranging to have a "solid O. R. T." picture made, and had erased from the bulletin board the train schedules, and had put in the place of this, "Solid O. R. T." An old negro employe of the road, passing by, stopped and read it, and said: "Cap, who do this road belong to now, I sees you got it marked sold out."

GEORGIA.

#### Lakeland District-

Another month of 1908 has passed and not a great deal of O. R. T. work cone on this district. Let us hope that December will show a larger number of new members than any previous month during the year 1908.

The telegraph service has been restored at Gardner, Fla., on the Charlotte Harbor Division, which is the first of the offices that was cut out on March 4th to be reopened. Mr. J. L. Brandon has been installed as agent there. We sincerely hope to see every one of the offices that were closed as telegraph stations opened up within the next sixty days.

Holder agency transferred, on November 3d, from Bro. J. H. Schopke to Mr. Frank Reid, Bro. Schopke leaving the service.

A change has been made at Inverness this month, but have not learned the successful applicants, or rather the new man, as there were no applications for this place, and a new man was employed.

This brings out the fact that some positions on the West Coast are not as desirable as is sometimes stated by those who do not want them.

Bro. J. W. Griffis has been appointed first trick at Trilby, vice Mr. W. A. McCord, transferred to St. Petersburg on the Gainesville District.

Floral City agency and Trilby agency now on bulletin. Understand that Bro. D. W. Grider, member of Division No. 46, who has been working extra, has applied for Trilby.

Bro. Brantley, local chairman, has been granted an official dispensation to teach his wife telegraphy. Of course every member understands under what conditions a dispensation is granted, but that no one may have cause to even think that our worthy local chairman is teaching students, this notice is published. No one can teach any one the art of telegraphy without permission of the President, and such permits are very limited. They have to be. Bro. Brantley does not expect his wife will ever want to telegraph, but he does not think he should give her any instructions without getting the required dispensation. He is correct. All our members should live right up to the spirit and the letter of the laws of the Order.

I have just received information that Bro. W. A. Weems, who we thought was retired from the business, is now working a trick at Trilby; also that Bro. B. W. Holliday is working a trick at the same place. Although Bro. Weems has been out of the service for a considerable time, he has always carried an up-to-date card, being very prompt to make his remittances.

#### Norfolk District-

Mr. Kirkman, second trick dispatcher, has left us and gone with the Tidewater Railroad.

Bro. Harvey Jones is holding down the second trick since Mr. Kirkman left.

Bro. R. M. Prince, Jr., agent and first trick at Hobgood, has been off for a few days, the following changes being necessary for him to be relieved: Bro. C. S. Smith, from second trick at South Tunis to Hobgood; Bro. R. L. Small, from Boone to South Tunis, and a Mr. Dyke, a new man, at Boone.

T. B. Capps is holding a trick at Hobgood. If he should ever come around do not forget him.

Bro. H. W. Gatling, agent at Aulander, is off for a few days; relieved by Bro. C. S. Smith, from South Tunis. It necessitated the doubling of Bros. Griggs and Winbonne at Whaley, in order to keep the South Tunis position open as a three-trick office. As Bro. Gatling was sick, we suppose this comes under the emergency clause of the nine-hour law.

Extra men are evidently much scarcer on the Norfolk District than some of the others with which the writer is familiar, or there would have been no necessity to double any one, unless there had been an epidemic of sickness, instead of one

It would not surprise me if Mr. Dixon did not have several applications for positions on file while this doubling was going on.

SOREBACK.

#### Waycross District-

Eight new members on the Waycross District within the last thirty days. We don't believe any other district will come anywhere near us, unless it was in the territory where Bro. Williams has been going, and he would have to hustle to beat that, especially with so little material to work upon. Several prize rings should come to the members on this district. Bro. Sasser will have so many he will not know what to do with them. Would like to give the names of the new members, but they might not like to be brought so prominently forward, and we do not wish to bring them out unless they so desire.

Bro. J. F. Rice, from Ruskin to Willacoochee, but found Willacoochee too heavy and was transferred to Alapaha, and Bro. Phillips sent from Alapaha to Willacoochee.

Bro. John Q. Wise succeeded Bro. Rice at Ruskin.

Bro. E. F. Goodrum, who bid in Sylvester clerk-ship, has again made a bid and landed at Pearson. Bro. Goodrum will have his hands full at that point, but it is our earnest desire that he show the officials that a good, live O. R. T. man can hold that position without going to the bad. It has been a graveyard for a number of men.

Environment is certainly a great factor in a man's life, and I think this same place, Pearson, is a good example. From outward appearances the air, even, is contaminating. With all this before him, Bro. Goodrum should strive very hard to keep everything in perfect order.

Bro. F. J. Mills, of several districts, is working extra over here for a while.

Broom L. M. Dixon bid in the second trick at

Bro. R. L. Hall goes to Wayeross yard, third trick, as soon as the changes can be made.

Bro. P. A. Nix, of Dixie, off on honeymoon. Bro. W. P. Horne is relieving.

Bro. Neal, of Nahunta, who came so near losing his life in attempting to protect the office, is again able to be about and is shaking hands with his friends, but it is feared he has lost the sight of his right eye. He is totally blind in that tye at present.

Bro. G. L. McCrary, of Albany, is off sick; relieved by Bro. H. E. Pearce.

Bro. W. J. Stubbs, formerly at Dupont, is now with the A. B. & A. at Beach, Ga.

Mr. Geo. S. Perry, well known on the district, is working the night trick at Hildreth.

Have you heard that Bro. J. S. Summersill has resigned at Marion, and is relieved by a Mr. P. A. Perry?

We want this district solid by December 31st.

Are you doing your part toward the work? If not, get at it now.

CRACKER.

#### Gainesville District

This district has been taking its usual summer snooze, but is waking up now, as evidenced by the fact that an application was sent in from the upper end this month, and several others in sight. We have got to get a double-quick move on us to catch up with our neighbors on the Waycross District

One of the best places shown in the schedule is now open, Ocala, which pays \$110. It takes a good man to fill this job, but we have them in our ranks on this district that are fully capable of doing it.

Have not been able to get many notes this month, but will try and make it more interesting next time.

Bro. C. W. Green, formerly of Palatka, is now located on the G. F. & A. at Hinson, Fla.

We also lose another good member in Bro. T. O. Chaplin, from Alachua, who is now located at Powersville, S. C.

Bros. Braddock and Collins, C. T. U. of A., are now the second and third trick men at Lake Butler, the force being increased on the 15th.

FLORIDA CRACKER.

#### Wilmington District-

When Bro. Williams came over the district from Pee Dee to Wilmington, this month, he made a note of the new names and faces he saw at the various stations, also went up the A. & Y. to Autryville.

Bro. J. P. Taylor has been appointed agent at Marion, vice Mr. J. W. Rainey, who was too light for the place. Order men are best, see.

At Chadbourn, Mr. McCall was sick and off; Mr. Birmingham was off at court, and Bro. Land is doing all kinds of stunts trying to keep business moving at "CH." Bro. W. J. Todd was working extra, and Mr. J. W. Cowan, from "D" office, Wilmington, also worked a short time there.

On November 1st permanent notice was sent out from the superintendent's office that A. G. Council was appointed agent at Lake Waccamaw. This appointment was in violation of the schedule, as the place had not been previously bulletined. Understand it is now under investigation.

Mr. E. C. Hardison, who has been working at Chadbourn for some time, and who carries a certificate of honor from the C. T. U. of A., is working one of the tricks in "D," Wilmington, during the absence of Mr. Cowan, who has been to Hot Springs for his health.

Mr. L. A. Wilson, who was a former brother, has left "D" and gone to a medical college in Charleston. This is the fifth telegrapher from the A. C. L. to enter this college, and we predict a bright future for some of them.

Bro. C. B. Barrus, regular relief agent, is working extra in "D" during the time he is not required out on the line. Bro. Barrus must feel lonesome in "D," as cards are scarce, but, from the present outlook, we think there will be several before long.



The only change noted between Wilmington and . Contentnea is at Black Creek, Bro. H. S. Robinson going to Wilson as first trick operator, while Bro. C. L. Pearson comes from Wilson to Black Creek as agent, there being no telegraph office at that point now.

On the A. & Y., Bro. Williams says the members are not as numerous as he would like, but hopes his trip over that line has stimulated the present members, and that they will see to it that the few nons have a chance to join before January 1st.

Mr. A. G. Strickland, of Autryville, and Mr. I. L. Vinson, of Steadman (non-telegraph station), have exchanged places.

When this article reaches you, the year 1908 will be nearing its end. The work undone at that time will almost certainly go unfinished until the year 1909, but it is the sincere wish of your correspondent that every member on the Wilmington District make the effort of their lives to get at least one new application before the year closes. We need them.

Yours fraternally,

DIV. COR.

#### Jacksonville District-

A good many changes on the line up to date.

Operator McCammy, from "MI," Plant City
nights, to "F," Orlando nights; relieving Bro.
W. E. Gore.

Operator H. W. Johnson is filling in at Plant City nights.

Bro. H. P. Horne, from Mulberry, resigned to accept a position on the G. S. & F. Ry. at Titton, Ga., being relieved by Operator Lampler, temporarily.

Mrs. Nickels, of Plant City, off on vacation, sisting in Georgia.

Agency at Altemonte Springs transferred from Mr. S. M. Hooker to Bro. J. C. Vick.

"13" the wires are to be cut in at Pierson and Pomona soon.

"BN," Auburndale, was cut in on the wires

Mr. H. Henschen is to be checked in as operator at Fullers.

Bro. J. E. Petris is contemplating a ten days' vacation to give the wild beasts of the Glades a check up.

We have a new operator at "KD," Lakeland, and one at "CD," Lakeland. Unable to learn their names at present.

The general agent's office on the W. & B. V., has been moved to a new location, and is now known as Prairie Junction.

Bro. D. M. Bedenbaugh, from "WN," Winston, is to accept a position as chief clerk and operator at this office on the 15th.

Our fast freight, No. 208, had a serious wreck, near Davenport, recently, causing a large loss of fruit.

Fire destroyed the plant at Prairie, on November 1st, causing a loss of \$200,000.

"13" that Dro. J. S. Johnson, our old reliable dispatcher, has resigned and will go to Detroit, Mich., to accept a position with a road there.

Mr. D. G. Wagner has been appointed trainmaster of the north end, Jax District.

Mr. R. L. Peck, our first trick dispatcher, succeeds him as chief dispatcher.

Brothers, we have a first-class local chairman now and we should all chip in and help him all we can, as he is working hard for the Order and its welfare, especially on the Jax District. If you will take note, he is the only man that has got his name on the roll of honor from this district.

You all know where to send your items, so let them come. If you only have one line, it will help. I wrote several of the boys on the north end to get up some items for me, and not a single brother has responded.

One good old boy on the Trilby Line sent me a good bunch and they are appreciated; so let them all come along to me at Box 332, Lakeland, Fla.

The following jobs on bulletin: Plant City nights, Orlando nights, Orlando ticket agency, Green Cove Springs agency, and relief agency.

CERT. 1206.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call home to his flock little Barney, the beloved son of Bro. and Mrs. B. L. Stephens, and in manifestation of our sympathy for the bereaved parents; be it

Resolved, By the members of A. C. L. Division, No. 132, of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, that we extend to the bereaved parents our most sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved parents, a copy be spread on the records of the division, and a copy furnished THE TELEGRAPHER for publication.

THOS. SASSER,

E. B. LARYS,

J. B. RAY,

Local Board, Wayeross District, A. C. L. Division, No. 132.

#### Savannah District-

Bro. Shuping, of Burroughs, is off on account of sickness of his baby. We all hope the little one will soon be all right again. Bro. H. C. Cox is working first, Bro. S. T. Strong second, and Bro. C. C. Lamp third while Bro. Shuping is away.

A new office has been opened up temporarily at Black Swamp on account of pile driver work. Understand a non of no standing is at present holding the position.

Understand two nons, Messrs. Dubberly and Coleman, are holding first and third tricks at Savannah Junction. Boys, get after them and let's show them the right way is the O. R. T. way. We want to see that office solid once more.

It is reported that Bro. E. F. Hull will soon be relieved at Offerman, and will go to some other

point on the district. Understand that Bro. J. B. Simpson, of "DE," Savannah, was up there a few days ago to look around and size up the job.

The A. B. & A. brothers have not secured any schedule on that line, not having a division yet, and some of them are up against the overtime question, just the same as we are on this district.

Sister Mrs. W. R. Barnett was relieved temporarily a few days ago. Very sorry to see her out.

Bro. Barnett is working first at McCullough, Bro. W. W. Henry second, and Bro. C. C. Lamb third, for a few nights, but succeeded by Mr. S. M. Jackson, of Columbus, Ga.

Bro. J. G. Zander, third trick at Jesup, is now in possession of all the credentials, and should be welcomed by all the brothers.

Boys, to pay your dues is just as important as to sign the pay-roll.

Bro. Nicholls, second trick at Offerman, as again at his post.

I am sorry to have no notes from the south end of the district this month. We have some very lively members down there, but they seem to be kept so busy they do not get time to send any notes to Bro. Porter.

The third week in November was court week in Blackshear, Bro. Porter's home, and he reports quite a number of our members present, either as witnesses or jurors. Among them was seen Bros. C. G. Hunter, of Bristol, on the A. B. & A.; R. F. Donaldson, agent at Patterson; Ef. Hull, agent at Offerman; H. B. Moore, agent at Hoboken, and others. Bro. Porter should have called a meeting of the O. R. T.; perhaps he did.

Quite a number of the boys attended the auto races in Savannah on Thanksgiving Day and repost a "fast" time. Do not think any of them "fasted," however. They never do in Savannah.

Now is the time to begin to line-up everything for the next conference with the G. M. next spring. You will each have to do your part well to accomplish what we are after.

Hope to have something better for our journal next month.

Best regards to all. HARD WORKER.

#### Richmond District, South-

We believe we have one of the best local chairmen on the system, as he keeps well up with what is going on on his district, and is prompt to bulletin every position, no matter how small it is. There is a necessity for this, too, because the rule requires it; also because he never knows what man at a larger office may have a special reason for desiring a position paying less wages. This was well illustrated by one of our members who was at a position paying \$60 per month, asking for a third trick position paying only \$50. He had a special reason for this. He wanted to make the change so he could get the benefit of a special course at one of our Eastern North Carolina colleges.

The above shows how very necessary it is that the rules be observed strictly at all times. Since last write-up there has been added a number of members to our list, but, for obvious reasons, their names will not be given here. Any one desiring their names can get them, or can look around and see the new buttons prominently displayed.

Bro. Williams, general secretary and treasurer, was over the district during the month and reports same in very good condition from an organization standpoint. We hope, however, to see it in much better shape before long.

Among the changes that have been filled upon bulletin, we note the following:

Micro agency transferred from Bro. L. M. Ausley, resigned, to Bro. S. V. Ellis, formerly third trick at Four Oaks.

Bro. K. G. Kennedy assigned to second trick at Kenly. Bro. Kennedy formerly at Winona, S. C.

Bro. N. F. Lewis assigned third trick permanently at Kenly, having been working first trick since the death of Bro. W. L. Hooks.

Bro. G. P. Jones, assigned to third at Smithfield, was formerly at Elrod.

Bro. S. W. Brown goes to Four Oaks, third trick, from Smithfield extra.

Bro. F. A. Truitt, of the Columbia District, has been assigned permanently to second trick at Benson. Bro. Truitt has been working extra for some time, and we are glad to see him permanently located on our district.

Bro. R. E. Wall, formerly with the Southern Railway, but who has been with us for a couple of months extra, has been assigned to second trick at Smithfield. Bro. Wall has been working extra on the position to which he has been assigned.

Mr. L. M. Durham has been assigned to first trick at Pembroke. Mr. Durham comes to us from the Seaboard, at Durham, having been in agent's office at that point.

We note that one of our former brothers, J. R. O'Daniel, is working at Pembroke extra.

Bro. M. S. Bradshaw, of Wilmington Division, No. 58, comes to us extra, and is now assigned to Hope Mills, third trick.

Bro. S. J. Hood goes to Parkton, third trick. This makes Parkton strictly up-to-date, or in other words, solid O. R. T.

Mr. Adams, second trick at "CO," South Rocky Mount, is again able to be out. Mr. Adams has been sick with typhoid fever for several weeks.

It takes more than moral support to keep a large division going. A man working on a rail-road with a commercial card is giving only his moral support to the division, and that does not pay expenses. We hope that every commercial man seeing this will realize at once his position and send in his application for an O. R. T. card before the end of the year.

Bro. E. C. Moseley, second at Wilson, has been off for a week or more. We understand because he went to supper on Sunday night wi hout permission from the dispatcher. He has been relieved by Mr. P. S. Pender.



If line-ups were permissible we could make some interesting remarks between Wilson and Florence yard. Suffice to say, there are a large number of solid O. R. T. offices, and some that are not. I am glad to say, however, that there is not an office on the district that has not an Order man in it. I do not believe there is another district that can say the same. With this record, can not we make the district solid? Will you not try?

The latest information out is that W. B. Keys, formerly agent at Pembroke, has been appointed agent at Hope Mills to succeed Bro. D. J. Brock, removed.

Bro. J. E. Morris, second trick at Pembroke, has left the service.

Div. Con.

#### E. P. & S. W. Ry.

Eastern Division-

The E. P. & S. W. Ry. system is a little but important road running through New Mexico, a corner of Texas and part of Arizona. Down here in the sand hills and mountains with the deer, cyotes, mountain quail, prairie dogs and cartus.

Let me state to the brother readers that we are very near solid here. Only have six or seven nons on this entire road. And I am positive that we will be able to reduce that sum before December 31st. However, I am very sorry to say that there are one or two with us that we do not want to call brothers. They are not true blue.

Business is picking up here considerable, and we hope it continues.

Organizer J. A. Brandon was down to see us. lle was well pleased to find us so well organized and we were certainly very much pleased to see him.

What we need here is a good schedule, and there is no reason why we can not have one. We are very near solid, and we have exceptionally good men here. I guess all we need to get the schedule is the nerve to ask for it. We can not blame the officers of the O. R. T. for not having a schedule on this road. If we do not do our part they can not help us.

This system of bringing new men in here and giving them the good day positions and allowing us to continue to work nights, when we know we have men who are capable of doing the necesary, is getting to be a joke. Now, boys, for heaven sake, let's nerve up and get a schedule. Have your rights and some object in view to work for.

I will not attempt to quote all the changes or give the names of the different brothers at the different points, but if the boys enjoy seeing a little write-up from this little division I will try my hand again and try and give more news.

CPPT 16-

Western Division-

Have been reading THE TELEGRAPHER ever since I've been a member, and have never heard a word from any of the boys on this road. Most of the boys carry up to-date cards but do not take enough interest to get together and get a schedule. Used to be pretty well organized when it was the E. P. & N. E., but since the road has changed hands we have got the worst of it. Seniority is not worth a cent, and we work wherever the chief dispatcher sends us, regardless of our rights or anything else. It is our own fault and we must get together and demand a schedule.

Why should we not have one? Most of us have cards, but no one seems to take enough interest to mention the subject or make any move whatever. The trouble with most of us is that we are afraid of losing our jobs if we open our faces in favor of the O. R. T. Let us get busy and get a schedule, as we won't receive any justice until we do. Get busy.

DON QUIXOTE.

#### Big Four Ry.

The Banquet at Terre Haute, Ind .-

A glorious good time, a fine supper and everybody happy. This tells the story of the banquet given at Terre Haute, Ind., November 19th, by the Big Four, C. & E. I. and Vandalia membera. It was our first attempt at anything of this kind, and we are more than pleased with results, and hope to be able to give another in a short time. A few more like this one and there won't be a non left in this vicinity.

We met at Redman's Hall at 7:00 o'clock in the evening and by 7:30 a counting of noses showed fifty-five present. First Vice-President Newman arrived about 8:30. After getting acquainted with each other, discussing things of mutual interest and having a flashlight picture taken of the group we adjourned and proceeded to the Northern Hotel, where a fine supper was partaken of.

After the banquet we again met at the hall, where Bro. Newman made a fine speech on the student question, which was of great interest to those present. Fruit, candy and cigars were served in generous quantities.

EDW. WHALEN.

Cairo Division-

Business is getting better. Telegraph station at Norris City will be opened both day and night within a short time, as the interlocking plant is very near ready for service. It was turned over for inspection to the company inspector and refused on account of bad work. It is undergoing a complete overhauling.

On October 23d a night office was opened at the north end of the north lead from Harrisburg yard, known as "HB." Hours are from 7:00 p. m. until 7:00 a. m. Operator Hays present operator.

Bro. C. E. Morlan is laying off on account of sickness in his family, and we hope to hear his familiar "fist" on the wires again soon.

Bro. Wm. Allen, who has been working in Missouri for last six or eight months, was visiting his home at Texas City several days ago.

We "13" Bro. L. D. Drake, third trick at "YD," is going on an extended vacation to Colorado some time soon.

Bro. C. Cherry, first trick at "YD," has been summoned to Tennessee as witness in a case for the I. C. R. R.

Bro. R. A. Gibbons is now working for the I. C. R. R. at Arcoal, III.

Our extra dispatcher, C. F. McDowell, was compelled to step aside and give up his extra work to a man who was sent here from the P. & E., who, we "13," is a member of the family, but did not last very much longer than one or two weeks before he fell down on the work and was compelled to return whence he came. I fear the boys on Division 138 are very timid, or the nons are more abundant than I have been led to believe for permitting anything like this when it is deliberately going against our schedule. Our chief does not pay any more attention to the schedule than if there were none.

Our monthly meetings are a thing of the past. We have had no meeting for several months, and I think something should be done to awake the boys to the fact that it is very advantageous to all to meet every month and discuss business and other topics.

If you should ask one of us when business will pick up, very likely you will receive this answer: "When it rains." The coal mines are tied up to some extent on account of the long-continued drought, and the company has to haul water to Harrisburg and Texas City for yard engines and those that are turned at Harrisburg.

Mr. C. C. Bell, of Evansville, is doing the night work at Harrisburg dispatcher's office.

A STAUNCH MEMBER.

Chicago Division, East-

Well, this is the last write-up before the first of the coming year, and am very sorry to say that I am disappointed in the line-up of the Chicago Division, but hope that the first of the year will see the boys in better circumstances, and that then they will wake up and do the right thing.

It seems that some of the brothers thought that the committee would not go up after a new schedule for some time, so they failed to come over with the necessary for the last term.

Would just like to say that some of the exbrothers are making the mistake of their lives. It is a cinch that a few of us can not keep the ground we have gained in the past few years if we do not all put our shoulders to the wheel and keep shoving, for we are never at the top.

In likening the different organizations to cars, we might say there are several B. of L. E., O. R. C., B. of R. T., etc., and our car is one of them now and we want to keep it there. The best way to do this is to make yourself a Christmas gift of an up-to date card bearing the dates January 1, 1909, to June 30, 1909. I can assure you that you can get no better gift than this, for it will be one to last you for all time.

I trust that all brothers will present their Telegraphers to the non nearest him to read, and that they will not only read but profit by the reading.

Supposing that all of we telegraphers would have joined the Order along about April of some year and secured a card good until June 30. Well, June 30 rolls around and we have no chedule benefiting us, so we say, "They did not do anything for us, so what is the use to pay our money for something from which we get no returns?" I am satisfied that is what some of our agents said, but did they stop to think whether they received any returns or not? If they did, they are satisfied in their own minds that they were indirectly, if not directly, benefited by having a card in the Order.

Rome was not built in a day. I carried a card for four years before we secured a schedule on the Big Four, and there were brothers who even carried them longer than this. If there had not been, would the Big Four be organized today? I should say not. The committee does all they can for you in the way of trying to get you included in the schedule, but all agents know the situation the past year, not only in railway lines but all other lines as well, and all fairminded men will agree with me when I say that we did exceedingly well to hold what we had previous to this year.

We will say the committee is up after a revision of schedule. You all know that it takes money to keep up a committee. Well, there is not an agent on the division belonging. Gentlemen, whose money is that committee up on? The telegraphers. Now, is it fair to the telegraphers to hold that committee up two to four weeks trying to get the management to include the agents in the schedule when there is not an agent on the system taking enough interest in his welfare to help to secure better conditions? I think you can but agree with me that the telegraphers would have a strenuous kick coming. You must realize that the General Committee is but a representative of the labor which it represents the same as our law-making bodies. What kind of a kick would we make if our Congressmen held an extra long session of Congress legislating for England? Our case is the same, and will state again, as I stated before, I can only trust this will be the means of leading some of the agents to see the

A few days ago there came to my ear the report that a certain ex-member, who has been promising to get in line for some time, comes out with the excuse that he will not get in line now, until some of the brothers get rid of their students, accusing myself, the brother at Hyde and the agent at Fernbank. This is certainly a good excuse and the boy seems to know whereof he speaks, as there is no student at "BY," Hyde, and, understand, none at Fernbank.

For that gentleman's benefit would like to ask him if it should make any difference with him becoming a member if I had six students? I am

not the Order. You are not joining me but the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and the proper caper for you to cut is to get in line and then prefer charges against any brother laving a student; there is the only place you have a kick coming. Your excuse would be the same as if I were a criminal belonging to a certain church, and you refuse to join that church simply because I belong. My belonging does not in any way make that church bad and your case is the same.

A great many of the brothers taking short vacations at this time, the latter part of Nov meaning order to blow in their hard-sarred coin

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Bro. Darling's smiling countenance was seen around our diggins last week one day.

Bro. Dupps failed to appear couple days this week.

Sister Andrews, we "13," has again resumed slinging milk cans at "KI."

Bro. Hornung has resumed work at "GB," after being off some length of time owing to ill h:alth

Bro. Pinson at the Grand this week, he relieving Bro. Dupps on second trick at "BY." One day we hear him at Dix and the next at "RD."

Bro. Weber, at "CD," off few days; relieved by Grandpa Livingston.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and hoping to see you all blossom out with an up to-date card on January 1, 1909.

W. O. BRINKMAN.

#### Chicago Division, West End-

On Sunday, September 27th, the thermometer registered at Lafayette 92 degrees; Monday 28th a cold wave struck us and 46 degrees was recorded, a drop of 46 degrees, which was indeed a gentle reminder of the approach of winter, and, no doubt, found many of us to:ally unprepared for the surprise which was handed us, and dare say the query of "Why didn't I save my summer wages?" was impressed upon the minds of many.

Comparing our block with those of even date two and three months previous, show somewhat of an improvement in the number of trains handled, however, not sufficiently so to justify the reopening of the several offices which have been closed during the summer. Ere another month has passed men will be scarce in this section, as cold weather will then be in evidence.

Although apparently pleased with the reduction of hours from twelve to eight, some of the boys are not showing their appreciation of this fact; a decrease of 120 hours per month should be something we all should strive to maintain.

W. S. Brier, first trick at Swanington, spent a few days in Kankakee; relieved by operator H. C. Shaw, formerly third trick at Earl Park; he in turn was relieved by Bro. M. S. Mohr.

Relief operator Crawford, second at Swanington, to Earl Park third.

Bro. Butler is at present doing the stunt on third at Rex, that trick having become vacant through the retirement of Bro. Nicewander.

Bro. Tricks, at Rex, Donovan and St. Anne appear on October bulletin,

Mr. W. O. Sappenfield, second at Donovan, spent a week's vacation in the blue grass State; relieved by extra operator L. S. Oldendorf.

W. S. Brier, first trick at Swanington, is spending his annual vacation in the Windy City; relieved by extra operator J. L. Crawley.

Operator C. W. Brown has taken charge third at St. Anne tower, a stiff lever job, relieving extra operator Crawford.

Bro. M. S. Mohr, who has been on the extra list, has bid in first trick at Sheldon.

Operators Wiley, third at Earl Park, Seng, of Augusta, and Walls, of Kankakee yard, have made application and have been furnished with the necessary papers.

CERT. 794.

#### Michigan Division-

Bro. H. S. Walters has resumed his duties at Morison as night owl, after taking a vacation of about seven weeks.

Some time ago, just before election on November 3d, I overheard two operators talking about the general welfare of the laboring class of our country. One of these fellows has worked on the Big Four almost all his lifetime, and in his conversation he called the attention of operator No. 2 that he "was getting better wages now than he ever did;" something like \$15 more than in 1893. Now, while I think times are a great deal better now than in 1893, he did not think that a great deal of credit should be given to the O. R. T. This man, only two years ago, got a \$5 raise on account of the O. R. T. committee being in seasion and the railroad knew they had to do it, so they did it before they were compelled to.

"13" the railroads are contemplating a 3 per cent advance in freight rates. Wonder who will be the first to get a 10 per cent raise on this.

I would be very much pleased to hear from some of the boys, and be rewarded with at least one note. It is a rather hard task to do this by myself, boys. Can't you spare me a few minutes?

Would not those nons kick if we members should get a \$55 raise and leave them out in the cold. They profit with us, but refuse to help get that raise. "Oh, what fools we mortals be."

I understand from a reliable source that the students of telegraphy at the Marion Normal College, Marion, Ind., have gotten on their ear and have quit the business on account of the professor promising one student to secure him a position as soon as he had taken the course. The course has expired three months gone and no position.

If things are not going right, don't blow about it to the men along the line, and at the same time do nothing to prevent it. You are the first to run under cover when you have a knowledge of a violation of your agreement. Don't take to your heels, but put it in the hands of your local chairman, and then stay with him and fight side by side with him.

Business is picking up to the extent that foreign cars are being loaded almost as soon as they reach the division. Bro. Ed, division correspondent, was down and paid Bro. Grant, at Marion, "F" office, a short visit, a few days ago.

Well, boys, try and send me a note for next journal, get busy after the nons, pay up your dues, and we will all receive the benefit. "73" to all.

DIV. COR.

#### Indianapolis Division-

Monday, November 15th, marked the retirement of A. J. Anderson, commonly called "Alex," from the train dispatcher's office, after a service of over twenty-five years running trains on the Indianapolis Division. He has accepted the agency at Union City. "All sing."

The election in these parts was exceedingly quiet, and while we were "handed a few lemons," we succeeded in landing a few "friends of labor."

Ex-Dispatcher Harder has accepted second trick at Raleigh.

Bro. Newfarmer has taken Harrisville.

Several new members this month.

Local Chairman Bob Cook represented this division at the Governor Harmon banquet at Columbus, October 22d. Nearly every road in Ohio was represented and the C., H. & D. boys did themselves proud. They sure do think a lot of Gov. Harmon.

Bro. Booker King visited "OC" the other day. Bro. Harry Miller is back at "JM," after fifteen days' rest.

There are plenty of extra men.

Bro. Doane, "OC," is in the Northwest visiting. Bro. Burkett left McCook to work second trick at "F" office, Bellefontaine.

Mr. Rhoads, who has been holding down United States army post job, bid in second trick at McCord.

Bro. "Skinny" Thatcher off a few days. A. Judy, new man, relieving him.

Bro. C. Mortz, Mix, off day or two, R. D. Slogle running the joint.

Bro. Bell Bodenmiller, third trick at Spofford, off fifteen days. Shaffner relieved him.

The interlocking inspector was around the other day peeping at the lamps and testing the plant. Lucky to have been in good shape.

O. L. Rickey now a brother. GEEWHIZ.

#### Cleveland Division-

I wish to ask the membership to kindly help me in rounding up the nons on this division. It appears to me that I have been wasting my time and postage to get them in the Order. The general result is a hard-luck story and a promise. We have a pretty good percentage, but we are looking for all we can get, and to get it we must go after it hard and strong. We will have to show up the necessaries when the committee goes up for a new schedule, which time is drawing near. Now, boys, all work together. There is that non next to you who is only out in the cold because there is not some one to coax him in.

Bro. Erickson is off for a few days; relieved by an unknown.

Bro. Smith, dispatcher's office, off for one day. Operator Stine is working in his place.

Third trick at Galion is filled by Operator Smith.

Bro. Akins, of Ridgeway, has taken second trick at Galion.

Understand that M. F. Hayes will be back with us the 1st of November. When M. F. Hayes returns J. R. Kelley, now acting chief, will go back as first trick dispatcher.

Operator Ellsworth is doing the third trick stunt at "DI," Cleveland, until the change is made.

Third trick at Edison is open for application.
This place is all right for a married man.

Mr. Bunnell was over our division lately and said that this division was A No. 1 on block rules. Glad to hear it; just keep it going, boys.

The water trains are still hauling water from Linndale and Cardington, but have not seen any personal injury reports filed.

The green and white flags certainly look good to us on the front end of engines.

LOCAL COR.

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank the members, and particularly the officers of the Cleveland Division of the Big Four System, Division No. 138, for their kind remembrance in the form of financial aid, on account of sickness.

To say that we appreciate it is but putting it mildly. It is a godsend to us. May the O. R. T. receive its full share of prosperity forever, as a reward for its kind and charitable deeds.

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in the time of trouble."

(41st Psalm, verse 1.)

C. A. GOODEN.

MRS. C. A. GOODEN.

#### St. Louis Division, West of Mattoon—

Bro. Lancaster is laying off for a few days. Operator Fitzgerald, from "DI," is working second trick at "NK," in Bro. Lancaster's place.

"RK" has been opened up, and Bro. Yourt, from "BI," is working first trick, the first, second and third tricks are on bulletin. Do not know who will bid in the jobs, as yet.

Bro. Fitspatrick is working second trick at "BI." relieving Bro. Yourt, who is holding down first trick at "RK" at present.

Bro. Flemming, "DG," Twelfth street, Mattoon, off on vacation, visiting in Houston, Tex. Bro. Cross, of Gays, is now doing the second trick stunt at Twelfth street in Bro. Flemming's absence.

Ex-Bro. Montonye, Twelfth street, has bid in Pana, third trick.

Bro. Andy Leitch has bid in "NS," Hillsboro, third trick.

Twelfth street, third trick, and "JA," third trick, are on bulletin.

We have received the application of J. A. Fling, of Windsor, "WN" office, and he now is as good as the best, as he holds the proper credentials.

Ex-Bro. Welch, Witt, third trick, is back at work, relieving Bro. Cross, who is now working at Twelfth street, Mattoon.

Bro. Whalen, "NS," Hillsboro, off a few days; relieved by Bro. Fitzpatrick. Fitz now laying off sick.

Bro. Lindley was supposed to return to "NS," Hillsboro, for duty, but seems as though something has happened. He never returned, Bro. Leitch getting the job.

Bro. A. S. Davidson, from Wabash, who recently joined our ranks and worked at "MX," I. C. crossing, Mattoon, is now working at "DI" office, Mattoon.

Bro. E. Busby, of "BR," Butler, is off on vacation, which he is spending in South Dakota. He is relieved by Operator Dennison.

Bro. I. L. Maxey, who worked second trick at "Z," Venice Junction, has resigned and gone to the Wabash. He is now located at Granite City, first trick, for the Wabash R. R.

Mr. Haynes, third trick, relieved Bro. Maxey, second trick, Venice Junction, Mr. Haynes being relieved on third trick by Bro. A. R. Thurston.

Bro. A. H. Stegar, second trick at "KS," Granite City, resigned; relieved by Bro. A. R. Thurston, third trick, Venice Junction. Bro. Ricketts relieving Bro. Thurston.

"13" the company is thinking of putting the hanging up of mail at "KS," Granite City, on the operator at that place. What is the matter with the clerk or the agent doing this job? Looks to me like from 80 to 100 trains per day for five roads is about enough for operator to do. I think it would be a good idea for us to fix this little matter in our next schedule.

Lots of times there are ladies working at these points and it would be impossible for them to handle a heavy bag of mail.

Mr. Smith, agent and operator at "DK," Lake View, has returned to work. He was relieved by Mr. Mise Gades, of Alton.

Mr. Cole, of East Alton, second trick, has also returned to work after a few days' vacation. He was relieved by Ex-Bro. Campbell, of "DK," Lake View, who was relieved by Bro. Stealey. Mr. Cole holds a C. T. U. of A. card.

Bro. M. C. Robbins, third trick at "M," Lenox tower, was off a few days on account of his mother's illness at Mattoon. We are very glad to say that Mrs. Robbins is improving very rapidly

Bro. J. D. Nutt, at "DK," worked third trick at "M," Lenox office, for a few days, relieving Bro. Robbins. Bro. Nutt was relieved by Operator Misegades, of East Alton.

Miss Lizzie Carrol, third trick at "KI," Nameoki, has resumed her duties after a long spell of typhoid and malarial fever.

Bro. W. W. Brown, second trick at Lenox, "M" office, has also resumed his duties, after being off on account of malarial fever.

Bro. M. C. Robbins and a lady friend were in a serious street car wreck, a head-on collision between Granite City and Edwardsville, Ill. We are very glad to say Bro. Robbins escaped with slight injuries, but very sorry to say his lady friend's injuries may prove serious, on account of getting hit near the eyes, as she has just had them operated on.

"13" the company intends to open up "SI" office. This will be two offices since election, the other, "RK," now open.

Operator Sam Howel, third trick at "DI," Mattoon, is laying off. Gone to Hot Springs for his health.

Operator Fitzgerald is now working in "DI" office, second trick. Mr. Fitzgerald promises soon to be an up-to-date mechanic of the key.

The company had a bad wreck at "NS," Hillsboro, Friday morning, November 6th, at about 3 a. m., during the shortage of water. During the dry siege the company has had to haul all or most of the water used at Livingston and Hillsboro, for which they detailed a special crew, engine No. 6605, Engineer Souter. They backed out of round-house track to make ready for their trip for water. The switch engine was pushing some cars ahead of them and sideswiped engine 6605. Souter started to jump and fell, the engine turning over on him and killing him almost instantly.

Bro. Dunbar, a new man in our midst, is working second trick at "KA," Mattoon.

Operator Stine is acting as agent at "NA," Mitchell, in the absence of the regular agent. Mr. Stine relieved by Bro. Dunbar, from the C. & E. I.

Bro. Flemming has returned from Texas, and has bid in first trick at "DG," Twelfth street.

Mr. L. Hamilton has bid in first trick at "KA,"

Bro. Link, "MX," Mattoon, is laying off; relieved by Bro. A. S. Davidson. Recently from the Wabash Railroad.

Bro. Chas. Hill, of Windsor, second trick, was called to Shelbyville Monday, November 17th, on account of being a witness for the Big Four in a law suit.

#### The Pennsylvania Ry.

Amboy Division-

I don't see why the first trick men especially do not turn out a little better to the meetings. They have no excuse now. Brothers, come and boom the things along; the W. J. & S. always show up with a good crowd and there should be the same on the Amboy Division. Where are all of you Brothers above "BO?"

Things are beginning to boom on the Amboy Division. Freights are running heavier every day, also the passenger traffic is a great deal heavier.

They are putting the latest improved electrical signal system in at Delanco Draw and connecting the tower with it on bridge.

Bro. H. G. Austin, who has been holding the relief job down on the C. & B. Co. R. R., has bid in first trick at "JN," Medford, Junction, Mt. Holly.

The block system is being extended from Birmingham to Lewistown, and several new signals are being put in at Lewistown Jct., and the station has been moved about 500 feet east, which makes a big improvement, and the block will also soon be extended from Lewistown to Kinkora.

Bro. H. M. Smith, of the extra list, is holding first trick at "KI," Riverside, down, while Bro. J. T. Wests is acting agent. Agent Ballangers was injured very badly by being shot at Edgewater Park.

Bro. H. L. Woertz, who has been working last trick in "CF," has landed first trick at "MJ," East Burlington.

There seems still to be lots of nons. Come, let us be solid by the end of 1909.

Brothers, if you have any notes, please send them in; it will be put in. Make a good showing for No. 84, and let them know we are alive.

Brothers, don't delay to get your new cards for 1909.

The F. & J. branch has been opened with block system and is working very satisfactorily, also making a few more good jobs.

Bro. W. V. Abdill, the good old stand-by of "CF," Camden, is having his house, which he purchased on Broad Street, Burlington, N. J., all newly-remodeled and equipped with all the latest conveniences that is needed in comfort in the line of house-keeping, and it is a very fine place, now.

Again I ask the brothers to please try and come out to the meetings. This is the only way we can get anything to benefit us all.

Election of officers this meeting. Wonder who the good brothers are going to be?

Bro. Maitland, of "CB" tower, Pavonia, is right on the job as councilman in the city of Bordentown.

There seems to be some brothers that are not paid up. Come now, brothers, and pay up to date. Bro. Claypool, of "JN," Medford Jct., Mt. Holly, has bid in "FH," Camden, freight trainmaster's office.

Brothers, each and every one, as this is the close of the year 1908, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and may you all see many of them, and may you and the division 84 see nothing but prosperity and success from now on.

I. A. M. DEADSROKE.

#### Allegheny Division-

The many friends of Bro. J. J. Burns will be very glad to know that he is rapidly recovering from the effects of an operation for appendicitis. Congratulations are due him for the splendid nerve he displayed during the trying ordeal.

Bro. C. W. Golden was the successful applicant for the second trick at "DU," Du Bois. He was off duty a few days recently for a short visit to his old home.

Bob Filson has been transferred from the train service to the telegraph department; he is a member of the O. R. C. and will soon also be a member of the O. R. T.

Bro. D. B. McCracken, from Brookville, filled in at "BN," Pittsburg, for a short time recently; relieved by Bro. Marsh. Bro. H. W. Black returned to duty recently after having spent his vacation with the old folks in York State. Was relieved, while away, by Bro. H. A. Corbett.

H. G. Corbett has been promoted to the position of agent at New Bethlehem, vice J. M. Corbett, retired

Sister Yost, at Sabula, has transferred her membership from the C. T. U. A. to the O. R. T. We are glad to welcome her to our ranks, as she has proven herself to be of the right stuff, and holds an "Honor Card" issued by our sister organization for her loyalty in 1907.

E. J. Stanley, at "RK," and W. L. Johnson, at Lawsonham, now hold up-to-date cards, making the two offices solid. A. A. Cogley, at "MD." has also entered the fold, and E. J. Hons, at Benezette, will probably be a brother before this reaches print.

It is with deep regret that I notice the large number of suspensions. While we all think our present superintendent is rather severe in this respect, it can not be denied that when an operator works only eight hours he should be attentive to business and on the job at all times. We are, of course, very much dissatisfied that the wages and relief day have not been restored; we must bear in mind that by giving poor service we are not bettering our chances a particle, and I want to say right here that it behooves every one that makes a living at the key to see to it that he keeps up his membership in the organization and does his utmost to render efficient service, and never miss an opportunity to speak a word of encouragement to his brother or sister who may be losing faith. We are laboring under a combination of events that is very discouraging, to say the least, but surely, there is a brighter day in store for the telegrapher. Business is getting better on this division and there is really no good reason why our former wages should not be restored at an early date. Let us all bend every energy with the one object in view; better the service, thus bettering our chances for recognition in a material way. Get after your local committee, render them what aid you can and don't leave everything for them to do. Remember, they have to work the same as you do and are not paid for their services. Their work is a labor of love and the reward is too often a knock instead of a boost. BRIGHAM.

#### Belvidere Division-

After scanning the pages of THE TELEGRAPHER for three months I have been unable to run across any news from this district. Can't say whether I am interfering with division correspondent's write-up; if I am, I wish to ask his pardon for this intrusion.

Twelve new block jobs bulletined. All eighthour tricks. Can not say at present writing who all the lucky applicants may be. I understand Mr. Hill, third trick Martins Creek, gets first, and a Mr. Warren, day signalman at "RX," gets third trick. Can't say who is second.



Brother Palmer back on his old trick at "P" tower after an illness of over a month. Bro. Smith working first trick and Bro. Buss, regular first trick at "HU," working second trick during this change. Mr. Kennedy working first trick at "HU." Here is a good chance for some brother to do a little "Good Samaritan" work, as I think he would make a first-class brother.

At present time am unable to state who are successful applicants on third trick Frenchtown, Flemington Jct., and Niece, first, second and third.

Brothers, don't you think it about time we wake up from the trance we have fallen into and get out of the rut, or do you think a minimum of \$54.45 enough for eight hours after doubling the work on us by adding the block wire. There is talk of doubling tracking from L. & H. Jct. to Hudsonyard.

We are averaging twenty to twenty-five trains in eight hours on second trick between "P" and "G." We have a number of new men on here coming from the Lehigh Valley carrying up-to-dates. Our gain.

What is the matter with some ambitious brother calling on Mr. Kays, second at "MC," and Mr. Wire, second at "G" tower. I think a little talk in the right line would bring them to our way of thinking.

With an increase in business all over the division and the addition of the block from "P" to "FH," don't you think it looks more promising for better conditions?

I would like to see notes from some wide-awake brother down the line, as I think we have a few live ones in that direction. Let us make this division one of the strongest divisions on the "Pennsy," and keep it that way.

CERT. 2516.

#### The Trinity & Brazos Valley Ry.

We have lots of ardent members on our line, and yet I have seen only one write-up from this line. I wonder how we ever expect to do anything. We are now working in a disorderly "mess," and see very little chance for any improvement unless we wake up to a sense of our duty and get to doing something.

How many of us are satisfied with what we are getting for our labors? How about you, night operators, are you satisfied? I am a station agent myself and I draw the same measly \$55 that my night man draws.

Boys, when I read this journal and see what others have done, I can not help but call you to get together, if it can be done. Wake up, now. We are doing business for the company and we are only wanting to receive a fair return for our labor. Every man to the wheel now and we will win. Start in to win and success is sure.

We have a few ham stations along this line, I must admit, but it is lucky there are not more, considering what a disorderly "mess" we are.

We can excuse ourselves only on one ground, i. e., we are new, and if I'm not mistaken, after all is said, we are about as near in perfect work-

ing order as the road is. However, the best is none too good.

Agent Boyd, of Navarro, is also off for a New Mexico frolic.

A new agent with an up-to-date card at "RN." This is good news.

"JR," of "CH," off on a furlough, visiting relatives at "RD."

Operator "C," of "HN," is now moved to "NO." to do the night act while "MX," of "BJ," relieves her.

I hear the big chief "X," of "DI," is considering a trick on the S. L., B. & M.

Operator "KC," of "GO," has accepted a position with S., L. B. & M.; relieved by "FA," of some unknown point.

Agent "DN," of "HU," reports sick ones much improved.

Boys, there is a Katy scab on this road. Signs "D." Who knows about him?

No more now. CERT. 6033...

#### Chicago, Indiana & Southern Ry.

I see in the October journal an item from the C. & E. I. that pleases me greatly, and I think that division correspondent has hit the nail on the head, when he says, "Wouldn't the nons kick if the O. R. T. boys on the line got a \$5 raise and they got none." That sentiment suits me to a dot. Some of them say how about it when we put an Order man in that job that pays less than scheduled job. It is easy to explain. Just think it out and you will see that when those jobs are filled with O. R. T. men they will pay O. R. T. money. Just think of what a grand scheme it is. It means a solid O. R. T. all over this United States, and everywhere the grand old Order is.

I see another item from Cert. 321 on this pike. Boys, you all know who your local chairman is. Help him and you will find that he will not fail you. All he wants is your help. If any of you are interested in this grand work and want better working conditions, just take off your coat and jump into it and help.

I do not agree with Cert. 321 as to our headquarters. It is just where we want it at present. The membership on this division of the road is not large enough at present for us to have a division of our own, but if you would turn in and help your local chairman to get the nons into the fold it would not be long until we would have our own division. Write your local chairman, and he will tell you who are the nons, and you will be surprised.

I see Bro. Detweiler and Bro. Driscoll are working on the I. C. C. B.

#### Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Ry.

Since our line has not yet been placed on the scheduled list and, consequently, we have no regular correspondent. I will, at least, let Bro. Cert. 13 know that there is another who is looking forward to that schedule which he so thoroughly showed the need of in October TRLEGERPHER.

As you all know, we have an excellent system of accounting and improvements are being added almost every month, and also business steadily increases, bringing with this increase the necessity (more than ooccasionally) of eating cold meals on account of not being able to go at regular time without letting business suffer. Unless we happen to have an extra quarter to pay a boy to bring it warm on a waiter and I, for one, do not have those extra quarters to spare.

CERT. 1163, DIV. 59.

Atlantic Branch-

Since the new time-table, No. 6, went into effect, there has been a lot of changes.

Wages are increasing gradually. Hope that the brothers will get together and organize as soon as possible. Some of us are having a very hard time now and drawing a very small salary.

I have been with the O. R. T. for nearly thirteen months, and it has been of a good deal of value to me. We do not have but two nons on the branch, and I hope all of the brothers are taking as much interest in them as myself, trying to get them in the Order. All that is necessary is to stick to each other, and there is something better for us in the future.

CERT. 5608.

#### Colorado & Southern Ry.

Seems as if the boys on this road do not want to have their salaries increased. If they do, why not get lined up? The officials are not going to come around of their own accord and offer to increase salaries. Why should they, when the operators are willing to work for the present salary? And they surely must be content with the present scale, else they would demand an increase. Wake up. Get up-to-date, and send a committee to present the officials with a new scale of pay at an increase of ten per cent or more. Even that would not be near what we are worth to the railroad company. It occurs to me that a man who has seen five years of service on nine different roads as clerk, operator and agent should be worth more than \$55.00 per month. That is the salary I am drawing at present on the C. & S. The first position I held as operator paid \$63 per month, so at the rate we are getting on this road in ten years we will be working for \$45 per.

Who is directly responsible for the nine-hour law? The railroads or the O. R. T.? There is but one answer, and those who are civilized do not need to be told. Those who are not, would not comprehend after explaining, so we will let that stand as it is.

Why is it the boys on the S. P. are enjoying a minimum of \$83.25? "High living," some one says. Mistaken, I say, for I have worked at various points on that road, and can say, as a rule, living does not corre near as high there in proportion to the salary as in other parts, and but very little higher than in Colorado.

The Order has accomplished all this through the never-ceasing efforts of the loyal men and the officers of the Order. There is no need to go into further details. Pinch yourself and see if you are alive, or merely dreaming. There are quite a number of good, up-to-date men on this division, but there is plenty of room for improvement. The Order has secured numberless benefits for the operators, and it is no more than right that they should help to "keep it going." Application blanks may be had from Bro. Quick or the local chairman. Now, nons, think it over and see if you can not see some benefit for you in this.

All who read this and are up-to-date, try and get all the nons you know of to join, or furnish Bro. Quick a list of any nons you may know and he will go after them, and those who are not up-to-date hurry and get fixed up.

We do not like to start out with a "big stick" or a gun, but if no other way will bring results, then it's a club we will arm ourselves with and go after them.

Not being acquainted here, will make no attempt to give a write-up of the changes, but " will not some kind brother who has been here longer undertake the task?

Now, boys, altogether; let us make a cleaning up of nons on the C. & S.

Yours for success,

CACTUS, CERT, 174.

#### Lehigh Valley Ry.

Auburn Division-

I note with regret that many of our brothers on the L. V. R. R. do not take sufficient interest in their own welfare to make a stir towards making conditions better on the L. V.

They blame the officers because the good things are not brought in to them on a platter of gold, but if they are asked to stand up for the O. R. T. and all it stands for, "shaky knees" would be prevalent on the L. V. R. R.

About one year ago we had two organizers at work on the L. V. getting the boys in line. What success was attained I never have been able to find out, but I think the work would not be in vain if more spirit was shown by the operators themselves.

Let the operators get moving, institute meetings, arrange for divisions, etc. When the proper spirit is shown I do not think the Grand Officers will be found in the "back seats." The Grand Officers can not work to any advantage unless the proper spirit is shown by those in whose interest they

Of course, we must not overlook the fact that hard times struck us and the railroads were all placed on hard lines by the falling off of business. Even so, we should not "kick up." Everybody should do the very best they can and have everything in readiness for better times. Be ready to ask for what is right and just to all, what should have been asked for long ago.

Take up your Telegrapher for October and read what Mr. C. C. Field, of the Pennsylvania Lines, says in regard to a situation the same in which we find ourselves. Note carefully all he



says, then turn over a few pages and under the heading "Leetonia Ry," you will see something which has direct reference to you and all L. V. agents and operators.

"Individual effort" amounts to more than "legislation." Individual effort is the "corner-stone" of the eight-hour law. Let all of the men who were benefited by the eight-hour law come forward and help those who were not.

How much better are conditions for the fellow away out in the woods on some branch working a "one-man station". The law is a starter and no doubt more benefits will follow, but it should have been more sweeping. The railroads would not lose anything if they were compelled to let the lonely "one-man" out in time at night to go somewhere for amusement to turn his mind from the dreariness and drudgery of the quiet "one-man office."

If the railroad can afford to pay a "foreigner" who. can't read or write or spell his own name properly the same as they pay us now, why can't they afford to pay us more when it is known that we are held responsible for everything connected with our office and must do things correctly or bear the consequences? Then again, the "foreigner" works ten hours to our thirteen or fourteen hours. Before the sun sets we can see them hiking for the tool house, but we must stay on duty long after bed-time.

When the hand-car passes your office window tomorrow morning glance up and note the array. How many of those intelligent-looking fellows could come in the office and do one-thousandth part of your work? They work ten hours and then are at leisure to do as they please, while we work thirteen and fourteen hours and receive no more than the "foreigner," who knows scarcely enough to do as he is told.

We must notify the C. D. where we can be found after office hours, so in case of anything happening or an engineer wants to borrow a monkey wrench they will know where to go to call us back to the office. There is no extra time allowed for that. Why?

Now, brothers, if you have succeeded in getting on good terms with the crew of that "local freight," just ask them about the pay in that department. You will be informed that they are getting good pay and some recognition as human beings (yet I doubt if some of them are). They don't show it towards the poor "devil" cooped up in the office, anyway. They are also politely inform you that the operators are "fools." Now, are they? In the way it is meant the operators are fools. They are educated ones of the highest order. I, myself, have had many a conductor or trainman tell me we are a whole pack of fools. And are we? If conductors, engineers, trainmen and firemen can get recognition, why can't we? We can, but we must not let the railroads get us down.

"Putty knees" are all right for those who reap the harvest from the work of others, but every man who has to support himself and family by his labor needs knees of iron. We might try to make ours a trifle stiffer. We might try to cut out some of this continual rubbing, rubbing, rubbing, and if we must be the "under-dog," why should we not get more out of it? Everybody from the general manager to the general public is our "boss." We are entitled to more than we are getting, and you know it. Don't be continually kicking about something that could be remedied if you will get busy and try some of that "in-dividual effort."

I presume you have all read the story in the October number, "How a Wreck Was Prevented." How would you like to go through the same experience? Yet you might. Even worse. Who can tell? Long hours do queer things sometimes. A. E. M.

#### New Jersey and Lehigh Divisions-

After reading articles in the October TELEJRAPHER by "An Encouraged Member," and a former Lehigh Valley man, under the heading, "Lectonia Railway," which I think are very interesting and explain the situation to all brothers on this line of road. With a little effort on every one's part and with the efficient assistance of Bro. Pierson, second vice-president, I think we can see some hope of getting together.

I just received a circular letter from Bro. Quick saying that Bro. Nelligan, of Wilkesbarre, has been one of the officers selected to bring the Lehigh up with the best of Eastern roads. Give him your earnest support, and I think it will be a step in the right direction. I also received a slip to be filled out for local chairman for this division.

I hope to see in a very short time notice of a division room, located in Easton, and a full set of officers installed, which will be a credit to all men on the Valley.

Boys, try and land at least one non-member and try for the second. Bro. Nelligan will be pleased to furnish application papers. Let some of the younger men start the ball rolling and the older men will fall in line. I have this assurance from one of the best men in "Q" office, and a true blue of the "93" affair. There is hope ahead. So let us do our best. I hope to see some activity from now on.

CERT. 2516, DIV. 124.

#### Twin City Telegraphers' Club.

No meeting of the club was held in November, but one is planned for the near future, and card notices will be mailed all members. I think after the holidays are over that we can stir up enough interest to have some good meetings again.

Bro. Mack, who has been working for the Soo Line at Shoreham, is back on the Pacific as car clerk at Park Junction.

Bro. Glick, formerly of the Omaha, at various points, has located on the Great Wetsern, holding down second trick in dispatcher's office at St. Paul at present writing.

Several offices on the W. C. Ry, that were closed when the nine-hour law went into effect. were opened again November 1st. Guess they were needed badly.

Bro. R. A. Preston, of the Soo Line, at Calloway, was a Twin City visitor for a few days.

Bro. Lapham spent a few days at Bethel, hunting ducks. We did not hear the results.

A Wisconsin Central football special was wrecked at Clarendon on its way back from Chicago, November 2d, and a number hurt.

Bro. Martin, of Division No. 34, spent several days in St. Paul. Is visiting at Detroit, Minn.

Bro. Sterne passed through the cities on his way to the Canadian Southwest.

Mrs. Dodge, of Mazomanie, is visiting her son, Bro. Dodge, of the Northern Pacific general office.

By the time this is in print it will be time to pay our dues for next term. All members are requested to forward same to our secretary and the new cards will be forwarded promptly. I understand several members are back on last dues, and hope to see all square up.

Bro. Thoner, who has been working for the Canadian Pacific for the last couple of months, returned to St. Paul. Understand that he will go on the Chicago & Great Western soon.

#### Dixie's Twin Order Telegraphers' Club.

At the meeting of the club on Saturday night, November 14th, the resignation of Bro. A. L. McDaniels, as president of the club, was received giving as his reason the distance he must come to meetings and the press of work on his division at this time, and thinking a brother closer Atlanta would be better, on account of being able to attend meetings more regularly. His resignation was accepted and Bro. Chas. H. Livsey, of the Central of Georgia road, was elected president. This

leaves a vacancy of the chairman of the Atlanta General Committee on Convention Arrangements, which will be supplied upon the next meeting of the General Committee.

The time and place of meeting was changed from 907 Austell building to Federation Hall, 143/2 North Forsyth street, and will hereafter meet at 7:30 p. m., instead of 8 p. m.

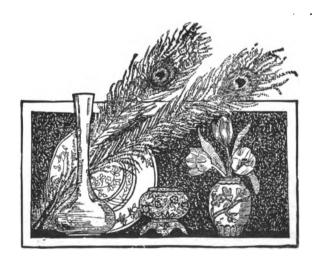
Bro. B. H. Harkins, of the Southern Railway, was elected as a fraternal delegate to the Atlantic Federation of Trades, and hereafter the Order of Railway Telegraphers will be represented among the other trades of the city.

The ladies are taking a great interest, the large number being very much in evidence the last two meetings of the club.

Hotels in the city are commencing to bestir themselves in regard to making endeavors toward unionizing their forces, so the O. R. T. Convention will be entertained in strictly union surroundings. The Hotel Committee are working hard toward bringing these hotels around to these condition., and it is to be trusted that the larger hotels of the city will make good. If not, arrangements will be made with a number of the smaller hotels, where better conditions of employment are in vogue.

The next meeting of the club will be on the second Saturday night in December (December 12th). On the second Saturday night in January the selection of badges will be made, and it is trusted that a large delegation from every road will be on hand.

Any communications with regard to the club will be gladly answered by addressing the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. E. B. Smith, P. O. Box No. 716, Atlanta. Ga.





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Assessment No. 117 is due DEC. 1, 1908. Time for payment expires JAN. 81, 1909.

#### · AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS.

On	\$ 300 00 (Series	A)20 cents each
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#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT-MORTUARY FUND.

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Acceived on Assessment Account November, 1906	4,363 7/
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disbursements.	
Death Claims paid to October 31, 1908	459,606 47
Death Claims paid in November	10,700 00
Assessments refunded, account rejected applications	1,109 %
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No. 1—Division covers the Grand Trunk Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Bell, Gen'l Chairman, Callander, Ontario; D. L. Shaw, Gen'l S. & T., 769 King st., London, Ont.

No. 2, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Meets first and third Mondays each month at 8 p. m., Small Hall, South Side, 3d floor Masonic Temple (Odeon Building), Grand and Finney aves., St. Louis, Mo. L. W. Quick, Chief Telegrapher, 7th floor, Star Building, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. La Fever, S. & T., 39402 St. Louis ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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- No. 9, LANCASTER, PA.—Meets 3d Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., in Central Labor Union Hall, 2d floor, No. 22 South Queen st., Lancaster, Pa. W. W. Shope, Jr., Chief Telegrapher, 1429 Zarker st., Harrisburg, Pa.; A. B. Hambright, S. & T., Landisville, Pa.
- No. 11, OLD TOWN, ME.—Meets 4th Sunday each month at 1:30 p. m., Royal Arcanum Hall, 116 Main st., Bangor, Me. Burton A. Brackett, Chief Tel., 32 Coombs st., Bangor, Me.; E. E. McPheters, S. & T., Great Works, Me.
- No. 12, SUNBURY, PA.—Meets 3d Monday in months of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., at 8 p. m., and in months of Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec., at 10 a. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, S. W. corner Market and 3d sta., Sunbury, Pa. Bruce McCrocken, Chief Tel.. Riverside, Pa.; W. D. Grant, S. & T., 225 Fairmount ave., Sunbury, Pa.
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- No. 21.—Division covers the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. E. F. Stenger, Gen'l Chairman, R. F. D., No. 3, Miamisburg, Ohio; A. C. Bushwaw, Gen'l S. & T., 55 Samuel st., Dayton, Ohio
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- No. 26, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Sunday each month at 3 p. m., 2744 8th ave., New York City. F. J. Ryan, Chief Tcl.; 228 W. 1418t st., New York; A. L. MacBain, S. & T., 2744 Eighth ave., New York City.
- No. 27—Division covers the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad System. Meets on the 15th of each month in the Mayor's office, at Green Castle, Ind. C. H. Wilson, Gen'l Chairman, Smithsboro, Ill.; C. R. Shortridge, Gen'l S. & T., Coatesville, Ind.
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No. 33-Division covers the Baltimore & Ohio Railway System. Meets subject to call of the Chairman. E. N. Van Atta, Gen'l Chairman, Box 36, Newark, O.; W. Edgar Frasher, Gen'l S. & T., 814 W. 9th st., Wilmington, Del. Philadelphia Division meets in the hall at Cowenton, Md., 3d Wednesday evening of every other month, at 8 p. m., and meets in Landis Hall, 63d and Woodland ave., 1: iladelphia, Pa., 3d Saturday evening of every o her month, commencing Saturday, September 19th, at 8 p. m. Thus alternating between Cowenton and Philadelphia, Pa., every other meeting. C. W. Hill, Folsom, Pa., Local Chairman. Eastern District of Baltimore Division meets on second Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p. m., at 609 Fremont ave., near Franklin st., Baltimore, Md. C. B. Pierce, 2021 Eighth st., Walbrook, Baltimore, Md., Local Chairman. Western District of the Baltimore Division meets third Friday of August, November and February, at Washington Junction, Md., at S p. m.; third Friday of September, December and March at Typographical Hall, 423 G st., N. W., Washington, D. C., at 9 p. m.; third Friday of October, January and April at Woodstock, Md. D. M. Wright, Jr., Brunswick, Md., local chairman. Pittsburg Division, River, Pike and P. & W. Districts, meets every third Thursday night of each month at Hotel Wilson, No. 10 Smithfield st., Pittsburg, Pa.; W. C. Safford, 515 Washington st., McKeesport, Pa., local chairman. Eastern District, J. T. Williams, Mars, Pa.; Local Chairman. Western District, Cleveland Division, meets on third Monday of each month in Snyder's Hall, Exchange st., Massillon, Ohio. G. H. McCoy, 92 Wooster st., Massillon, Ohio, Local Chairman. Chicago Division meets on third Friday night of each month in B. of L. F. Hall, Garrett, Ind.; O. J. Prouse, 550 College ave., Fostoria, Ohio, Local Chairman Eastern District; A. P. Webster, Kimmell, Ind., Local Chairman, Western District. Newark Division, including all its subdivisions and branches, will hereafter meet in Newark on the third Monday of each month. The meetings will be held alternately in the afternoon and evening, beginning with an evening meeting on December 21st.

- No. 34—Division covers the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railway System. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. V. Phillips, Gen'l Chairman, Wellington, Ill.; S. M. Rittenhouse, Gen'l S. & T., Sidell, Ill.
- No. 35, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month in Swarts Lodge, Odd Fellows' Hall, 96 Westminster st., Providence, R. I. David M. Callis, Chief Tel., Touisset, Mass.; R. A. Brown, S. & T., 75 Cedar ave., Riverside, R. I.
- No. 36—Division covers the Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburg. Meets subject to call of the chairman. J. W. Burch, Gen'l S. & T., 319
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- No. 37, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Meets 2d Friday evening each month, 8 p. m., Bank's Hall, over postoffice, New Rochelle, N. Y. F. J. Maher, Chief Tel., Harlem River station, New York, N. Y.; Jos. A. Hannan, S. & T., P. O. Box 140, Rye, N Y.
- No. 38, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Meets 3d Saturday each month, 8 p. m., at 33 Lyman st., Springfield, Mass. Art. O. Betters, Chief Tel., 216 Summer st.., Springfield, Mass.; John R. Cardinal, S & T., Box 1417 Springfield, Mass.
- No. 39—Division covers the Pere Marquette Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Knister, Gen'l Chairman, Coatsworth, Ont.; Charles I. Mead, Gen'l S. & T., Smyrna, Mich.
- No. 40-Division covers Chesapeake & Ohio Railway System. A. W. Holmes, Gen'l Chairman, Lowell, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, Gen'l S. & T., Guyandotte, W. Va.; A. W. Holmes, chairman, Allegheny & Greenbrier Districts, Lowell, W. Va.; J. W. Kiser, chairman Huntington Division, Guyandotte, W. Va.; C. D. McGehee, chairman Peninsula & Piedmont Districts, 2803 E. Clay st., Richmond, Va.; L. G. White, chairman Rivanna District, Warren, Va.; D. H. Scott, chairman James River District. Big Island, Va.; L. E. Hicks, chairman Mountain District, Craigsville, Va.; G. N. Hancock, chairman New River District, Montgomery, W. Va.; H. O. Irwin, chairman Lexington & Big Sandy Districts, Olympia, Ky.; J. W. Mathewson, chairman Cincinnati District, Vanceburg, Ky. Meets subject to call of chairman.
- No. 41, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 2d Saturday night each month, Engineers' Hall, 164 Canal st., Boston, Mass. T. J. Fogarty, Chief Tel., 71 Clarendon ave., West Somerville, Mass.; John A. Tuck, S. & T., upper station, Wakefield, Mass.
- No. 42—Division covers the Erie Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Joint meetings of the Meadville and Mahoning Divisions will be held at Warren, Ohio, corner Park ave. and Market st., every third Saturday of each month. Frank N. Hall, Gen'l Chairman, 35 Clinton st., Salamanca, N. Y.; C. L. Bridge, Gen'l S. & T., Deposit, N. Y.
- No. 43—Division covers Canadian Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. E. J. Willis, Gen'l Chairman, Roland, Man.; E. G. Skelding, Gen'l S. & T., 531 Victor st., Winnipeg, Man.
- No. 44, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Meets 2d Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Fraternity Hall, 22-24 Harriman ave., Jamaica, N. Y.; C. B. Van Nostrand, Chief Tel., 31 Aberdeen st., Brooklyn, N. Y.; A. F. Heller, S. & T., 1441 Bushwick ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.



- No. 45, WOODVILLE, N. H.-Meets 3d Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., K. of P. Hall, Woodville, N. H. B. C. Berry, Chief Tel., South Barton, Vt.; F. P. Learned, S. & T., Plymouth, N. H.
- No. 46-Division covers the Central of Georgia Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. C. H. Livsey, Gen'l Chairman, East Point, Ga. O. S. Travis, Gen'l S. & T., Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. System meetings held at O. R. C. Hall, Macon, Ga., subject to call of General Chairman. Macon Division meets with Dixie Club, Federation Hall, Atlanta, Ga., every second Saturday night; O. S. Travis, Local Chairman, Route 68, Atlanta, Ga. Savannah Division meets at Macon, Ga., subject to call of Local Chairman, J. E. Boyd, R. F. D., No. 4, Macon, Ga. Chattanooga Division meets at La Fayette, Ga., every second Sunday; Local Chairman, W. D. Stewart, La Fayette, Ga. Sout'iwestern Division meets subject to call of Local Chairman T. J. Mills, Smithville, Ga. Columbus Division meets at Opelika, Ala., subject to call of Local Chairman A. H. Warlich, Opelika, Ala.
- No. 47, CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—Meets 3d Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at B. I. S. Hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I. A. D. Lawson, Chief Tel., Hunters River, P. E. I.; J. J. Trainor, S. & T., Bedford Station, P. E. I.
- No 48—Division covers the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Ann Arbor Railways. Meets subject to call of chairman. H. J. Tobin, Gen'l Chairman, 315 E. Exchange st., Owosso, Mich.; A. F. Weist, Gen'l S. & T., 930 Oak st., Springfield, Ohio.
- No. 49—Division covers the Denver & Rio Grande Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. A. H. Wasson, Gen'l Chairman, Amethyst, Colo.; F. W. Aiken, Gen'l S. & T., Cotopaxi, Colo.
- No. 50—Division covers the Georgia Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. T. W. Duffy, Gen'l Chairman, James, Ga.; W. P. Hubert, Gen'l S. & T., Crawfordsville, Ga.
- No. 51—Division covers Bessemer & Lake Erie Railway System. Meets furth Thurs:ay of each month, in Eagle's Hall, Greenville, Pa. C. V. Patton, General Chairman, Keister, Pa.; W. B. Risley, Gen'l S. & T., 96 Marshall st., Conneaut, Ohio.
- No. 52, PIITSBURG, PA.—Meets 2d and 4th Saturday evening each month at 8 p. m., at 204 Fifth ave., 3d floor, Pittsburg, Pa. J. J. Standley, Chief Tel., 3508 Mellwood ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; H. K. Klingensmith, Secretary, 243 Grandview ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. C. Campbell, Treasurer, 605 Arlington ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

- No. 53—Division covers the Southern Pacific Railway Lines. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. H. Lester, Gen'l Chairman, Weimar, Tex.; D. W. Koppikus, Gen'l S. & T., 1220 12th ave., East Oakland, Cal.
- No. 54—Division covers the Northern Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Sam Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, North Branch, Minn.; I. N. Holmes, Gen'l S. & T., 1015 10th st., Olympia, Wash.
- No. 55—Division covers the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Wabash, Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt Railways. Meets third Saturday evening of each month at 8 p. m., in Trades and Labor Assembly Hall, Massillon, Ohio. J. O. Peoples, Gen'l Chairman, Bolivar, Ohio; C. R Guthrie, Gen'l S. & T., Box 71, Jewett, Ohio.
- No. 56—Division covers Georgia Southern & Florida Railway Systems. L. D. Hamilton, Gen'l Chairman, Tifton, Ga.; O. H. Watson, Gen'l S. & T., Tobesofkee, Ga.
- No. 57—Division covers the Houston & Texas Central Railway System.
  Saturday at 8:30 p. m., in Labor Temple, over 401 Main st., Dallas, Tex.
  Chairman, H. & T. C. yard office, Dallas, Tex.; J. A. McKey, Gen'l S. & T., 43 N. Benge st., McKinney, Tex.
- No. 58, WILMINGTON, DEL.—Meets third Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Red Men's Hall. 517 Shipley st., Wilmington, Del. H. W. Kennedy, Chief Telegrapher, 305 N. Van Buren st., Wilmington, Del.; F. C. Melvin, S. & T., Newport, Del.
  - No. 59—Division covers Southern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. J. Gregory, Gen'l Chairman, Chase City, Va.; A. L. McDaniel, Gen'l S. & T., Forest City, N. C.
- No. 60, WASHINGTON, D. C.—Meets third Friday of each month at 8 p. m., at Typographical Temple, 423 "G" st., N. W., Washington, D. C. J. E. Blades, Chief Tel., 1529 East Capitol st., Washington, D. C. J. E. Vandegrift, S. & T, 936 "B" et, S. W., Washington, D. C.
- No. 61, CAMPBELLTON, N. B.—Meets 4th Tuesday evening of each month in Engineers' Hall, Campbellton, N. B. J. W. Morton, Chief Tel., Campbellton, N. B.; R. A. McMillan. S. & T., Charlo Station, N. B.
- No. 62—Division covers the Queen & Crescent (North). A. B. Willison, Gen'l Chairman, Box 85, Science Hill, Ky. K. C. Gardner, Gen'l S. & T., Box 333, Williamstown, Ky. J. W. North, Local Chairman Cincinnati Div., High Bridge, Ky. W. E. Hines, Local Chairman Chattanooga Division, Somerset, Ky. Meets 4th Saturday night each month at Somerset, Ky. B. D. Stone, Local Chairman A. G. S. Division, care Central Depot, Chattanooga, Tenn. Meetings on Cincinnati and A. G. S. Divisions subject to call of General or Local Chairman.

- No. 63, MONCTON, N. B.—Meets 3d Saturday of each month, alternately at Moncton, N. B., and St. John, N. B. H. W. Jones, Chief Tel., Moncton, N. B.; R. M. Gross, S. & T., Boundary Creek, N B.
- No 64, LEVIS, QUE.—Meets third Tuesday of each month. Place of each following meeting to be chosen by a majority vote of members present at each regular meeting. A. Dion, Chier Tel., 38 St. Louis st., Quebec, Que.; Wm. Parsons, Secretary, St. Pierre, Co. Montmagny, Que.; Ed Roy, Treasurer, Aston Junction, Que.
- No. 65, ROCHESTER, N. H.—Meets at 8 p. m., second Saturday each month in G. A. R. Hall. Rochester, N. H. E. J. Scott, Chief Tel., West Ossipee, N. H.; H. L. Jones, S. & T., Fremont, N. H.
- No. 66, TRURO, N. S.—Meets third Wednesday each month, McKay's Hall (B. R. T. room), Inglis st., Truro, N. S. W. A. Harris, Chief Tel., Windsor Junction, N. S.; Geo. O. Forbes, S. & T., Spring Hill Junction, N. S.
- No. 67, WILKESBARRE, PA.—Meets on the third Friday each month at 8 p. m., at O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 31 W. Market st., Wilkesbarre, Pa. E. O. Sherman, Chief Tel., 331 S. River st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.; J. Nelligan, S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 68—Division covers Washington County Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. James F. Desmond, Gen'l Chairman, Eastport, Me.; Wm. C. Myrick, Gen'l S. & T., East Machias, Me.
- No. 69—Division covers the Queen & Crescent Route (South). Meets subject to call of chairman. J. A. Shields, Gen'l Chairman, Morton, Miss.; J. C. 'Ialley, Jr., Gen'l S. & T., Poplarville, Miss.
- No. 70—Division covers the Great Northern Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. A. Post, Gen'l Chairman, 206 W. 34th st., Minneapolis, Minn.; P. M. Abbott, Gen'l S. & T., Logan, Mont.
- No. 71, OSKALOOSA, IOWA—Meets second Saturday in each month at 8:45 p. m., in Clingman Hall, over Pike's Drug Store, Oskaloosa, Iowa. H. W. Landfear, Chief Tel., Wright, Iowa; O. L. Davis, S. & T., Richland, Iowa.
- No. 72, ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Meets 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m., 623 Mt. Mora Road, St. Joseph, Mo. F. E. Berry, Chief Tel., Box 432, South St. Joseph, Mo.; W. E. Reese, S. & T., Box 682, St. Joseph, Mo.
- No. 73, MAUCH CHUNK, PA.—Meets second Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m., on the 4th floor Odd Fellows' Hall, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, Pa. William M. Butler, S. & T., Room 11, Court House, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

- No. 74—Division covers B. & O. S.-W. R. R. J. M. Peck, Gen'l Chairman, Farmingdale, Ill.; A. W. Morrow, Gen'l S. & T., 425 Jefferson st, Greenfield, Ohio.
- No. 75—Division covers Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville Ry. System. G. W. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Losantville, Ind.; F. K. Harter, Gen'l S. & T., Jonesboro, Ind.
- No. 76—Division covers the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad System. Meets subject to call of chairman. Jas. Troy, Gen'l Chairman, Jewell Junction, Iowa; W. J. Liddane, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, 227 W. Central ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Ira R. Kempkes, Gen'l S. & T., Nevada, Iowa.
- No. 77, DENVER, COLO.—Meets 1st Monday evening in each month at 620 14th st., Denver, Colo. C. M. Worth, Chief Tel., 620 14th st., Denver, Colo.; C. L. Cheney, S. & T., 935 17th st., Denver, Colo.
- No. 78, ALBANY, N. Y.—Meets 3d Saturday each month at 7:30 p. m., A. O. U. W. Hall. 82 S. Pearl st., Albany, N Y.; B. M. Nichols. S & T, Altamont, N Y.
- No. 79.—Covers G. & S. I. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of Gen'l Chairman. J. O. Bolton, Gen'l Chairman, Mt. Olive, Miss.; W. L. Yeates, Gen'l Sec. & Treas., Box 69, Maxie, Miss.; E. W. Wooten, Ass't Gen'l S. & T., Maxie, Miss.
- No. 80—Diesion covers the M. J. & K. C. Ry. System. W. C. Longmire, Gen'l Chairman, Union, Miss.; J. W. Spivey, Gen'l S. & T., Merrill, Miss.
- No. 81—Division covers the Colorado Midland Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of chairman. Guy Salling, Gen'l S. & T., Florissant, Colo.
- No. 82—Division covers Western Maryland Railway System. R. E. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Smithburg, Md.; C. E. Marker, Gen'l S. & T., Smithburg, Md. W. Va. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman. Md. Div.—Meets subject to call of Local Chairman.
- No. 83—Division covers the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. A. W. Sherburne, Gen'l Chairman, New Sweden Station, Me.; F. J. Crozier, Gen'l Sec. and Treas., Abbott, Me.
- No. 84, CAMDEN, N. J.—Meets 2d Friday at 8 p. m., at Morgan's Hall, Fourth and Market sts., Camden, N. J. J. W. Diffinderfer, Chief Tel., 610 Park ave., Collingswood, N. J.; I. W. Newkirk, See'y, Pitman Grove, N. J.; T. J. McCabe, Treas., 1014 Spruce st., Camden, N. J.
- No. 85, TRENTON, N. J.—Meets 3d Friday at 8 p. m., at Concordia Hall, 33 West State st., Trenton, N. J. Chas. R. Carty, Chief Tel., 308 Wood st., Bristol, Pa.; Chas. Parker, S. & T., 494 West Hanover st., Trenton, N. J.

- No. 86, ALTOONA, PA.—Meets 2d Wednesday at 10:15 a. m. and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., in Lee Building, E. 12th st., between 8th and 9th aves., Altoona, Pa. John Oakes, Chief Tel., Hollidaysburg, Pa.; J. L. Franks, S. & T., 325 Beech ave., Altoona, Pa.
- No. 87, SCRANTON, PA.—Meets 1st Monday evening of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Main st., Archbald, Pa. W. F. Davenpert, Chief Tel., Archbald, Pa.; M. G. Grennell, S. & T., Carbondale, Pa.
- No. 88—Division covers the Texas & Pacific Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. W. E. Sledge, Gen'l Chairman, Keithsville, La.; J. E. De Souza, Gen'l S. & T., Chamberlin, La.
- No. 89, BOSTON, MASS.—Meets 1st Saturday each month at 8 p. m., in Pilgrim Hall, also 3d Saturday each month at 10 a. m. (daylight meeting) in Pilgrim Hall, 3d floor, clevator service, 694 Washington st., Boston, Mass. Leonard J. Ross, Chief Tel., No. 14 De Loss Et., South Framingham, Mass.; J. W. Finn, S. & T., 22 Milton ave., Dorchester, Ctr., Boston, Mass.
- No. 90—Division covers Coal & Coke Ry. of W. Va. Meets subject to call of chairman. J. J. Shawver, Gen'l Chairman, Walkersville, W. Va. J. A. Arthur, Gen'l S. & T., Blue Creek, W. Va.
- No. 91, CHICAGO, ILL.—Meets 4th Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., at Hall, 912 Masonic Temple, State and Randolph sts., Sicago, Ill. G. Dal. Jones, Chief Tel., 1760 North Lawndale ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. F. McDonald, S. & T., Room 550, 263 La Salle st, Chicago, Ill.
- No. 92—Division covers the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. H. R. Childs, Gen'l Chairman, Warsaw, N. Y.; J. T. Simmons, Gen'l S. & T., 901 W. Long ave., DuBois, Pa.
- No. 93—Division covers the Illinois Central Railroad System. Meets subject to the call of the chairman. C. A. Mulhall, Gen'l Chairman, Clarkson, Ky.; G. E. Chance, Ass't Gen'l Chairman, Mounds, Ill.; W. P. Moore, Gen'l Chairman, Y. & M. V. Lines, Lula, Miss.; R. L. Shannon, Gen'l S. & T., Anna, Ill. Chicago Terminal holds regular meetings on 3d Saturday each month at 8 p. m. sharp, in Vicinity Hall (3d floor), N. E. cor. 35th and Cottage Grove ave., Chicago, Ill.
- No. 94, MERIDIAN, MISS.—Meets 4th Wednesday night at 8 p. m., in Young Men's Benevolent Association Hall, S. E. cor. Dauphin and Jackson sta., Mobile, Ala. J. E. Jones, Chief Tel., Oak Grove, Ala.; R. L. Howell, S. & T., 18 South Catherin st., Mobile, Ala.
- No. 95, PORTLAND, ME.—Meets third Thursday of each month at 5,46½ Congress st., Portland, Me. H. G. Adams, Chief Tel., R. F. D., No. 2, Cumbersand Center, Me.; C. A. Ford, S. & T., East Waterboro, Me.

- No. 96—Division covers the Chicago Great Western Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. W. L. Albright, Gen'l Chairman, Fredericksburg, Iowa; E. C. Hodges, Gen'l S. & T., Readlyn, Iowa.
- No. 97—Division covers the Seaboard Air Line Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. D. May, Gen'l Chairman, Carlton, Ga.; F. O. Cumming, Gen'l S. & T., Seaboard, N. C.
- No. 98—Division covers G. V. G. & N. Ry. System. Meets subject to call of chairman. R. W. Smith, Gen'l Chairman, Thatcher, Ariz.; J. W. Arnold, Gen'l S. & T., Solomonville, Ariz.
- No. 99, COBALT, ONT.—C. D. Chaterton, Chief Tel., North Bay, Ont.; L. C. McBride, S. & T., Latchford, Ont.
- No. 100, ELMIRA, N. Y.—Meets second Tuesday at 10:30 a. m., and fourth Tuesday at 9 p. m., each month, in Red Men's Hall, 164 Lake st. Elmira, N. Y. C. M. Weeks, Chief Tel., Stanley, N. Y.; C. R. Elliott, S. & T., 381 South Main st, Elimra, N. Y.
- No. 101—Division covers the Northwestern Pacific Ry. John A. Bondeson, Gen'l Chairman, Port Reyes Sta., Cal.; W. E. Hicks, Gen'l S. & T., Geyersville, Cal.
- No. 102, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Meeting place subject to notice from Secretary and Treasurer. H. O. Mennig, S. & T., Conshohocken, Pa.
- No. 103, STELLARTON, N. S.—R. Sutherland, Chief Tel., Box 297, New Glasgow, N. S.; W. McLeod, S. & T., care I. C. R. R., Stellarton, N. S.
- No. 104, AYER, MASS.—Meets third Sunday of each month at 9:30 a. m., in the ante-rooms of Pierce Hall, third floor, Clinton, Mass. F. H. Willard, Chief Tel., Lancaster, Mass.; John F. Mullen, S. & T., 28 River st., Marlboro, Mass.
- No. 105, CONCORD, N. H.—A. Walters, Jr., Chief Tel., Penacook, N. H.; H. M. Clay, S. & T., North Boscawen, N. H.
- No. 106, HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p. m., in G. A. R. Hall, Market House, Hagerstown, Md. C. V. Larrick, Chief Tel., Mason-Dixon, Pa.; J. K. Snyder, S. & T., Box 46, Hagerstown, Md.
- No. 107—Division covers Toledo, Peoria & Western Ry. C. M. Finch, Gen'l Chairman, Watseka, Ill.; O. L. Lang, Gen'l S. & T., El Paso. Ill.
- No. 108, ADDISON, N. Y.—Meets second Sunday each month at 11 a. m., in C. M. B. A. Hall, Addison, N. Y. F. J. Taylor, Chief Tel., Hamburg, N. Y.; L. D. Jacobs, S. & T., Elkland, Pa.
- No. 109, CRESSON, PA.—Henry D. Border, Chief Tel., Portage, Pa.; Louis Biter, S. & T., Wilmore, Pa.

- No. 110, RENOVO, PA.—Meets third Wednesday of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, 4th st., Emporium, Pa., and first Wednesday ot each month at Corry, Pa. J. E. O'Leary, Chief Tel.. East Emporium, Pa.; H. S. Getchell, S. & T., Emporium, Pa.
- No. 111—Division covers San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway System. Meets subject to call of chairman. L. R. Tuttle, Gen'l S. & T., East San Pedro, Cal.
- No. 112—Division covers the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Ry. Meets subject to call of chairman. James P. Wilson, Gen'l S. & T., Newberry, S. C.
- No. 113—Division covers the Ulster & Delaware System. Meets subject to call of Chairman. F. W. Bishop, Gen'l Chairman, Arkville, N. Y.; H. Krom, Gen'l S. & T., Hunter, N. Y.
- No. 114—ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, N. S.—H. A. Jaques, Chief Tel., Middleton, N. S.; Stanley Tavener, S. & T., Tupperville, N. S.
- No. 115, QUEBEC, QUE.—Meets first Monday each month in I. O. O. F. Hall, Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que. T. Pelletier, Chief Tel., Ste. Anne de Beaupre, Que.; J. E. Potvin, S. & T., St. Cote des Peres, Que., Can.
- No. 116—Division covers the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railway System. Meets second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December in places designated by General Chairman. J. H. McLean, Gen'l Chairman, L'Anse, Mich.; C. Reif, Gen'l S. & T., Lake Linden, Mich.
- No. 117, SHAMOKIN, PA.—Meets third Saturday in months of January, March, May, July, September and November, at 7 p. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall, Mahoney City, Pa., and on third Saturday, at 8 p. m., months of February, April, June, August, October and December, in P. O. S. of A. Hall, Shamokin, Pa. A. F. Wallaner, Chief Tel., Quakake, Pa.; H. M. Michael, S. & T., Quakake, Pa.
- No. 118—Division covers Toledo & Ohio Central, Kanawha & Michigan, Hocking Valley and Zanesville & Western Railway System. H. E. Arnold, Gen'l Chairman, Nelsonville, Ohio; R. M. Henderson, Gen'l S. & T., Marysville, Ohio.
- No. 119—Division covers the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway System. G. W. Lewis, Gen'l Chairman, Orleans, Minn.; F. C. Paine, Gen'l S. & T., Erskine, Minn.
- No. 120—Division covers Lake Erie & Western Railway System. C. E. Estabrook, Gen'l S. & T., Springport, 1nd.
- No. 121—Division covers Wisconsin Central Ry. System. G. A. Harsh, Gen'l Chairman, Dorchester, Wis. O. R. Barber, Gen'l S. & T., Allenton, Wis.

- No. 122, WHITEHALL, N. Y.—Meets subject to call and at place designated. F. H. Keeley, Chief Tel., Crown Point, N. Y.; H. G. Stevens, S. & T., 27 Center st., Fort Edwards, N. Y.
- No. 123—Division covers Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway System. H. S. Vogler, Gen'l Chairman, Young America, Minn.; Robert Hamilton, Gen'l S. & T., Belview, Minn.
- No. 124—Division covers Lehigh Valley Ry. System. J. Nelligan, Gen'l S. & T., 30 Newport st., Wilkesbarre, Pa.
- No. 125—Division covers Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railway System. Meets ad Friday night each month at K. of P. 1. all, 3d floor, 825 Main st. (opposite postoffice), Fredericksburg, Va. R. M. Graham, Gen'l Cha.rman, 619 7th st., N. E., Washington, D. C.; S. R. Gentry, Gen'l S. & T., Fredericksburg, Va. J. A. Crowley, chairman, L. B. of A., North End, 329 Pagnsylvania ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. C. B. Butterworth, Chairman, L. B. of A., South End, Milford, Va.
- No. 126—Division covers Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway System. Meets Maccabee Hall, Rock Island, Ill., 4th Saturday evening of each month at F. O. E. Hall, El Reno, Okla. Meets second Saturday of each month at 8 p. m., in room 638, McCoy's Hotel, Chicago, Ill. W. T. Brown, Gen'l Chairman, Whiting, Kan.; M. E. Schooler, Gen'l S. & T., 1115 Throop st., Topeka, Kan.
- No. 127, VIRGINIA, MINN.—C. J. Keenan, Chief Tel., Kelsey, Minn.; J. F. Kenney, S. & T., Alborn. Minn.
- No. 128—Division covers Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. System. L. A. Tanquary, Gen'l S. & T., Box 328, Pueblo, Colo.
- No. 129—Division covers Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway System. G. E. Kipp, Gen'l Chairman, Blasdell, N. Y.; C. D. Hull, G. S. & T., 1029 Central ave., Sandusky, Ohio.
- No. 130—Division covers Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad System M. J. Johnson, Gen'l Chairman, Anselmo, Neb.; W. A. Henry, Gen'l S. & T., Fairfield, Iowa.
- No. 131, TRING JUNCTION, QUE.—C. A. Bilodeau, Chief Tel., Beauce Jct., Que.; Patrick Doyle, S. & T., Tring Junction, Que.
- No. 132—Division covers the Atlantic Coast Line Railway System. Meetings, Florence, S. C., 4th Saturday night each month. Rocky Mount, N. C., bi-monthly, February, April, June, August, October and December, on 2d Saturday night. B. F. Wheeler, Gen'l Chairman, Oviedo, Fla.; J. H. Williams, Gen'l S. & T., Wilson, N. C.
- No. 133, SYDNEY, N S.—M. A. J McDonald, Chief Tel., Iona, C. B.; Archie B. McDougall, S. & T., Grand Narrows, Cape Breton, N. S.

No. 134, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Meets 3d Sunday each month, at 136 East Bay st., Herkimer Building, Jacksonville, Fla. L. R. Funderburk, Chief Tel., care Jacksonville Terminal Company, Jacksonville, Fla.; N. C. Hall, S. & T., New Smyrna. Fla.

No. 135, OLEAN, N. Y.—Meets third Tuesday evening each month at Rafferty's Hall, second floor, Tower Building, Olean, N. Y. A. D. Mathewson, Chief Tel., Ischua, N. Y.; E. L. Bronold, S. & T., 112 N. 9th st., Olean, N. Y.

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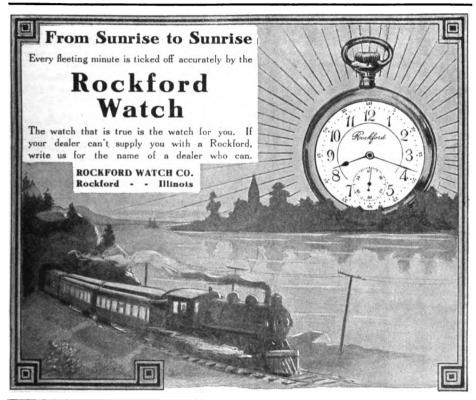
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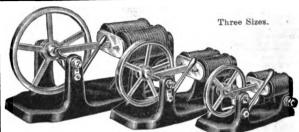


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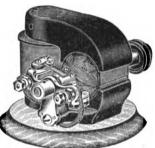
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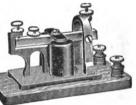
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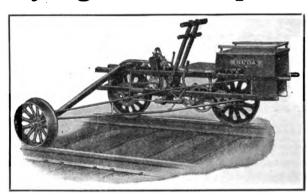
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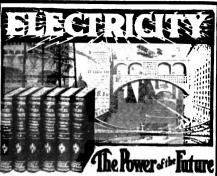
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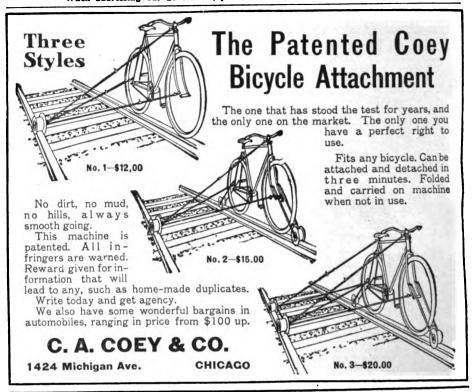
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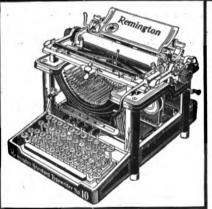
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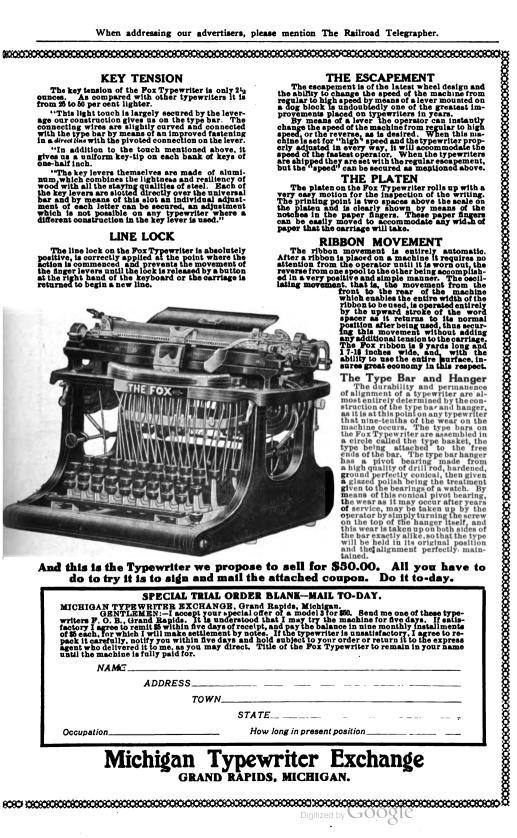
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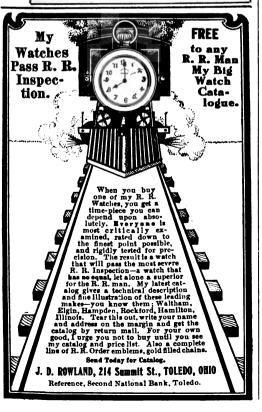
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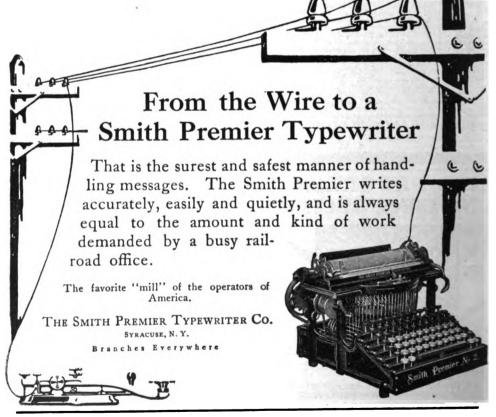
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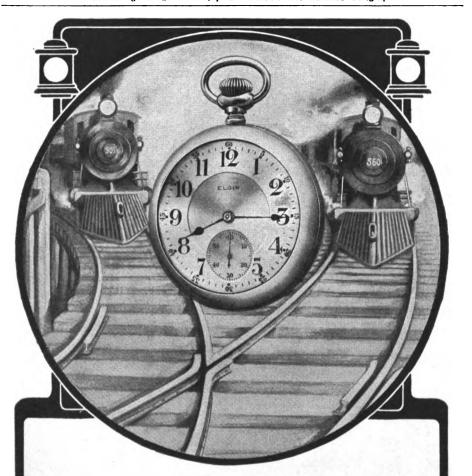
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